

Cleaning of the Church: Cleaning of St. Joseph's Church on Thursday 25th January after 10am Mass. Please join in if you can. New rota is available. Anyone willing to help please contact Eleanor on 0752 6526052.

Food share: Thank you to those who continue to contribute food for The Homeless. At the start of the New Year donations are needed now more than ever.

Are you thinking of getting married? Please note that twelve months' notice is required before a wedding can take place. This period of notice is necessary for the completion of paperwork. Also, this notice period allows plenty of time for the couple to engage with a marriage preparation course. In the first instance please contact the Parish Office for an appointment with Fr John.

Baptisms: Baptisms are celebrated on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month at 12.30pm. Parents are expected to take part in a two evenings preparation programme held on the 2nd and 3rd Thursdays of each month, 7.45pm to 9.30pm. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

House Masses: Fr John Lee is more than happy to celebrate a House Mass for any family or group of families who would like one. If you are interested, please email Fr John or telephone the Parish Office.

The Parish Website: <http://www.stjosephsparish.co.uk/> is being updated regularly. If you would like to update any existing information, please do so via the Parish Office.

Notices for next weekend: should be posted or emailed to the Parish Office by 12.00pm on Wednesday.

If you wish to speak to the Parish Priest in confidence on any matter, please contact Shauna at the Parish Office for an appointment. Fr John is always happy to visit you at home if so desired.

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Parish Pastoral Council

Andrew Strowbridge (Chairperson) Eleanor Chinkondenji (Vice Chairperson) Shauna Hamilton (Secretary), Fr John Lee, Fr John Chadwick, Andrew Adamson, Francoise Rogoszewski, Gloria McQueen, Norma Machray, Anthony Marques, Yvonne Piekut and Don Leavage

Safeguarding Team

If you have any queries on safeguarding then please speak to one of the team, Louise Wood, George Lam and John Lynn. Contact Louise on 07783 684281 or get in touch with the Parish Office.

If you have any concerns / issues that you feel should be discussed, please contact the office.



PARISH NEWSLETTER FOR ST. JOSEPH'S, MAIDENHEAD & ST. ELIZABETH'S, COOKHAM

Number 157, 20th & 21st January 2018
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Psalter Week 3, Year B

Weekly Mass Times and Intentions

Sat	20 th Jan	10:00	Joan Pauline Horwood, RIP
		18:30	James, Kitty & John O'Shea, A
Sun	21 st Jan	08:00	People of the Parish
		09:15	Margaret Philip, A
		10:45	Private Intention
Mon	22nd Jan	10:00	Mothers Prayer Group
Tue	23rd Jan	10:00	Ian Noble, A
Wed	24th Jan	10:00	Terence Hanrahan, RIP
Thu	25th Jan	10:00	Hanrahan Family, SI
Fri	26th Jan	10:00	Anne & Pat O'Connor, SI
Sat	27th Jan	10:00	Doreen Kearsley, A
		18:30	Juliano Perera,
Sun	28th Jan	08:00	People of the Parish
		09:15	Terry Webb, RIP
		10:45	Joyce Healy, RIP

Sunday Mass times: 6.30pm (Saturday vigil), 8.00am & 10.45am at St. Joseph's, Maidenhead; 9.15am at St Elizabeth's, Cookham.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place before the 10:00am Mass Tuesday to Saturday. Confession - Saturday immediately after 10:00 Mass and later between 17:30 and 18:15.

The Rosary will be prayed after each weekday Mass.

The intention: For an end to terrorism, conflict and violence of every kind and for Peace in the World

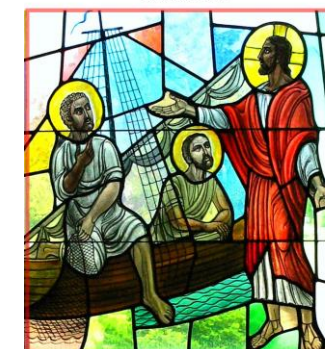


St Joseph's Maidenhead and St. Elizabeth's Cookham are part of the Great Park Pastoral Area of the Diocese of Portsmouth which includes: St Edmund Campion - Maidenhead: St Edward's - Windsor: St Mark's - Dedworth: St Thomas More - Twyford: Our Lady of Peace - Wargrave

Sunday 21st January 2018

And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people."

Mark 1.17



Mark 1:14-20

The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near

Thought for the day

The journey of life inevitably brings up the question what should I be, who should I become? Is life a maze or a labyrinth? Is it just round and round or is there a way out? How will I be as a spouse, a parent, a partner, a church member? Within the Christian project, do I feel myself called to "activate" my baptism is some particular ministry or contribution? Such discernment will take in the grateful acknowledgement of my gifts as well as an examination of my inner generosity of spirit. In reality, we are all called by the Lord to build up the body of Christ. It is not a question of if but rather of how.

Prayer

God of surprises, take me by surprise once more and let me see how my special gifts could be part of your project of the Kingdom in Jesus.

Please pray for all those who are sick or housebound within the Parish, including: Mary Toovey, Johnny Pereira, Tony and Rosa Ruffolo, Lena Watson, Margaret Gallagher, Josie Dooley, Cecilia Leavage, Betty Buckley, Alexandra Donaldson, John Webb, Maria Wiggins, Denis Sullivan, Veronica Heaver, Vincent Ray, Sakunthala Thillainayagam, Joan Lennarz, Moira Erskine, Ray Whealing, Pauline and Frank Allen, Derek and Bernadette Clarke, Alf and Joan White, Christopher and Catherine Browne, Catherine Josephine Lee, Helen O'Donovan.

If you know of anyone who is sick and/or housebound please let Shauna know in the office as soon as possible so that a visit can be arranged. Thank you.

If you are going into hospital or know someone that is, please inform the hospital chaplain on arrival. Please also let Fr John Lee know so that arrangements can be made for a visit. Please note that under the Data Protection Act, hospital staff cannot disclose patient information. We rely on Parishioners to keep us in the loop.

Please pray for the souls of; Mairanne Groom, RIP and Doris Eleanor Pinel RIP who are recently deceased.
Maura Gray, RIP, Requiem Mass, Tuesday 6th February, 10.00am in St. Joseph's Church
Douglas James McLaughlin RIP, Requiem Mass, Friday 9th February, 10.00am in St. Joseph's Church

Please pray for all the Holy Souls who still need your prayers. Just one short prayer will earn you their Eternal gratitude. Imagine what you could do with two prayers. Have you tried this yet? Or are you too busy?

The Thursday Evening Prayer Group to pray for the Parish of Saint Joseph's and its parishioners has resumed for 2018. If you are attending for the first time, please make your way to the alter-side entrance doors and let us know you are there. For anyone not able to attend our 7 to 8pm prayer hour, you may pray in unison with us from wherever you are. Please feel welcome to add any prayers of petition to the red book on Our Lady's alter, and they shall be included.

Offertory Collection: Last week's collection was £1,092. The second collection for the White Flower Appeal for the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children was £497

Many thanks for your offerings. If you would like to make your donation go even further and you are a tax payer, then please Gift Aid your offering. Contact our Finance Officer, Louise or call in at the Parish Office for a form.

Mother's Prayer Group: Meet every Monday in the Church. You are invited to leave your petitions in the Blue Book on our Lady's altar and they will be prayed for on a Monday.

RCIA: The Journey of faith – meeting takes place each Wednesday evening at 7.30pm in the presbytery. If you or if you know anyone that wishes to find out more about the Catholic faith, please call the Parish Office for more information.

Prayer cards for those who sponsored flowers at Christmas can be collected from Our Lady's altar. Thank you for all your kind and generous donations.

Safeguarding Courses for 2018: This years' training calendar is now up on the church noticeboards. Local venues include, on Saturday 20 January at St Edward's Windsor, a Child Protection Awareness course and on Saturday 24 March there are both Child Protection Awareness and Vulnerable Adults courses at St Edmund Campion. Details of how to book are on the notice boards and on our website, but do contact Louise Wood with any queries.

Please Take Me Home! I have lots of useful information that you can read during the week. Many Thanks Your Weekly Newsletter.

Veronica Heaver would like to thank everyone for all their prayers and the good wishes she has received over the past year and she wishes everyone a happy and blessed New Year.

Goan Community Retreat in Konkani: Saturday 17th February from 2pm to 6pm in St. Joseph's Church

This year's Lenten Project: Fr John invites all our parishioners to submit suggestions for this year's Lenten Project to Shauna in the Parish Office by 4th February by phone/email.

Windsor And Maidenhead Community Forum 2018 Dialogue Programme, all dialogues are FREE and start at 7pm and end at 8.30pm with refreshments. Next meeting in on Tuesday 30th January in Maidenhead Gurdwara, 31 Rutland Road, SL6 4HZ. The topic for this discussion is WHAT MAKES A GOOD FRIEND? Please see the notice board for dates in January, February and March or visit the website: www.wamcf.org

Maidenhead Lions invite all males aged over 45 to come for a FREE Prostate Cancer check; a simple blood test. When: Thursday 1st March 2018. From: 5pm to 9pm. Where: Desborough Suite, Town Hall, Maidenhead. No need to book an appointment. For more information visit our website www.maidenheadlions.org.uk
LADIES – GET THIS DATE IN YOUR DIARIES FOR YOUR MEN

Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction: 9 weeks course. 28th January to 25th March from 1.30pm to 4pm in St Edmund Campion School, Maidenhead. For more information contact Greg Scott at mindfulnessmaidenhead@gmail.com or visit www.mindfulnessmaidenhead.co.uk Please see the notice board for class topic. Total cost of programme: £200

UCM: All friends of Maura Gray RIP, a stalwart member of the UCM are invited to remember her at a meeting on Tuesday, January 23rd at 7.45pm in the bar area. Maura collected spare cash over the years for a Lourdes Fund This money we wish to donate to the local HCPT for their forth coming Pilgrimage. Do come to celebrate her life.

Open Morning at St Bernard's Preparatory School for prospective parents on Thursday 1st from 9.30am to 11.30am and Saturday 3rd February 10am to 12 noon.

Open Day at St John's Beaumont. Tuesday 30th January 2018. St Johns is an independent day and boarding school for boys ages 3-13. It is a Catholic and Jesuit school. Please see our website for more information. Sjbwindsor.uk

Award-winning Berkshire choir collaborates with dancers for Earth, Sea & Sky show

The show explores the beauty of our natural landscape by bringing together singers, dancers and photography in an ambitious new project and takes place in Maidenhead on February 18th at 4pm in The Desborough Theatre

The award-winning Reading A440 Choir is pushing the boundaries of normal concerts by bringing together singers, dancers and photography in an ambitious choral show 'Earth, Sea & Sky' celebrating the beauty of our natural landscape. The show is built on the belief that performances by choirs can be just as exciting to watch as to listen to and promises to appeal to a broad audience with plenty to awaken the senses and music spanning different centuries and genres.

Tickets in advance from Lisa Matthews at a discounted price of £10. Please email lmattthews63@gmail.com or phone 07912622503. Group and family discounts are also available. Email a440tickets@gmail.com

Please take home the Annual Financial Report for St Josephs and St Elizabeth's Church.