

**Cleaning of the Church:** Cleaning of St. Joseph's Church on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 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.**

#### Contact Us:

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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, Françoise Rogoszewski, Gloria McQueen, Norma Machray, Anthony Marques, Yvonne Piekut and Don Leauge

##### 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 158, 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> January 2018  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Psalter Week 4, Year B

### Weekly Mass Times and Intentions

Sat	27 <sup>th</sup> Jan	10:00	Doreen Kearsley, A
		18:30	Juliano Perera, A
Sun	28 <sup>th</sup> Jan	08:00	People of the Parish
		09:15	Terry Webb, RIP
		10:45	Joyce Healy, RIP
Tue	30 <sup>th</sup> Jan	10:00	Sr William Pillion
Wed	31 <sup>st</sup> Jan	10:00	Clive Whitrod, RIP
Thu	1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	10:00	Frank Hunt, RIP
Fri	2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	10:00	Mass of the Sick and Housebound in St Joseph's Church.
Sat	3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	10:00	James Buckley, RIP
		18:30	Lou Owenby, RIP
Sun	4 <sup>th</sup> Feb	08:00	People of the Parish
		09:15	Marianne Groom, RIP
		10:45	Sr Kathleen Sweeney, RIP

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

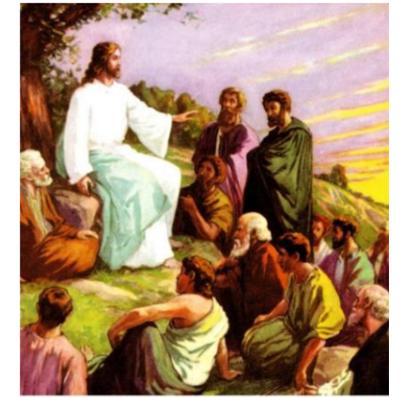
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place before the 10:00am Mass Tuesday to Saturday. Confession - Saturday immediately after 10:00 Mass and later between 17:30 and 18:15.

**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 28<sup>th</sup> January 2018**



**They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.**

Mark 1.22

**Mark 1:21-28**

**What is this? A new teaching— and with authority!**

#### Thought for the day

How often do we meet people whose words and deeds match? Sometimes at least, but it may be rare enough. In the old expression, when all is said and done, more is said than done. Jesus is a teacher with authority — not the authority of position or force but power from within. This is suggested by the Greek word for authority *exousia*, from within (my) being. Even today, there are religious leaders who speak from within, whose word is genuine, whose deeds match what they say. These are the one we listen to; these are the ones we would love to be like.

#### Prayer

Loving God, you love us wholly and your desire is that we become both whole and holy. Help us to take the Good News to heart. May we become fully mature in Christ, so that our inner and outer selves are one.

**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 Leauge, 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 6<sup>th</sup> February, 10.00am in St. Joseph's Church  
*Douglas James McLaughlin RIP*, Requiem Mass, Friday 9<sup>th</sup> 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 £1,143. The crib collection this year raised £212 for Friends of the Holy Land

**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.

**Safeguarding Courses for 2018:** This year's training calendar is now up on the church noticeboards. Local venues include, 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.

**Lent 2018:** Please note that the season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February. Please note that Ash Wednesday is a day of Fasting and Abstinence.

**A parishioner** would like paid home help for 1-2 hours per day on several days per week. Simple tasks only such as shopping, clothes washing etc. No housework required. Morning or afternoon. Please contact the Parish Secretary for more details.

**Reminder:** There are no flowers to be placed on any of the altars during Lent.

**Goan Community Retreat in Konkani:** Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.maidenheadlions.org.uk)  
**LADIES – GET THIS DATE IN YOUR DIARIES FOR YOUR MEN**

**Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction:** 9 weeks course. 28<sup>th</sup> January to 25<sup>th</sup> March from 1.30pm to 4pm in St Edmund Campion School, Maidenhead. For more information contact Greg Scott at [mindfulnessmaidenhead@gmail.com](mailto:mindfulnessmaidenhead@gmail.com) or visit [www.mindfulnessmaidenhead.co.uk](http://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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

The Great Big Fun Quiz in aid of the **LENTEN PROJECT** takes place on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 7.30pm in St. Joseph's Parish Centre. Tickets are £10.00 each and includes a Ploughman's Supper. Tickets obtained from: Parish and Centre Office, Gerry Tekerian – 07770423688 - Eddie Piekut – 07786114332. Bar and Raffle are available on the night.

**CAFOD's Family fast day** this Lent is an opportunity to support our brothers and sisters who don't have enough to eat. On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February family fast day can you give up a meal or eat simple meal and then put what you saved in the CAFOD family fast day envelope. This Lent your donation will make the double the difference. For every pound you donate the UK Government will also donate a pound up to total of £5 million meaning twice the number of lives can be transformed. So please give generously and help us raise £5 million.

#### **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 18<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:lmattthews63@gmail.com) or phone 07912622503. Group and family discounts are also available. Email [a440tickets@gmail.com](mailto:a440tickets@gmail.com)

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Your Weekly Newsletter.**