

Cleaning of the Church: Cleaning of St. Joseph's Church on Monday 12th February after 10am Mass. Please join in if you can. New rota is available. Anyone willing to help please contact Eleanor on 0752 6526052.

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.

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.

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. Please note there are no baptisms during Lent.

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

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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 160, 10th & 11th February 2018

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Psalter Week 2, Year B

Weekly Mass Times and Intentions

Sat	10th Feb	10:00	Maura Gray, RIP
		18:30	Raffale Gruerini, RIP
Sun	11th Feb	08:00	People of the Parish
		09:15	Carmel Ingram, SI
		10:45	Francis Flynn, RIP
Mon	12th Feb	10:00	Mothers Prayer Group
Tue	13th Feb	10:00	Josie Dooley, RIP
Wed	14th Feb	10:00	Gonda, Albert & Nico Neville, RIP
		19:30	Kevin Sharkey, RIP
Thu	15th Feb	10:00	Michael & Mary Carrigan, A
Fri	16th Feb	10:00	Holy Souls
		12:00	Requiem Mass, Mary Larazarus, RIP
Sat	17th Feb	10:00	Maria Dsouza, RIP
		18:30	Maria Razada Fernandes
Sun	18th Feb	08:00	People of the Parish
		09:15	Peter Wyles, RIP
		10:45	Lily Faria, A

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

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

10.00am St Joseph's Church, Maidenhead

7.30pm St Elizabeth's Church, Cookham

7.15am, 9.30am, 7.15pm in St Edmund Campion, Maidenhead

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

Sunday 11th February 2018



Mark 1:40-45

Moved with pity, Jesus said to him, "I do choose. Be made clean!"

Thought for the day

To us, leprosy or any serious skin condition is a medical and perhaps a cosmetic issue. In Jesus' day, by contrast, such things entailed social exclusion and sufferer became literally untouchable. Hence the shock in the Gospel: he touched him. Before congratulating ourselves for not being so "primitive," it might not be any harm to ask who are the marginalised and excluded in our own time and culture? The categories are wide: socio-economic groups, ethnicity, orientation, religion. Are there people I never encounter?

Prayer

Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found; Brought here together by Christ's love, by love are we thus bound. No race or creed can love exclude, if honoured be God's name; our common life embraces all whose Father is the same.

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.



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; Josie Dooley, RIP and Josephine McCann, RIP, Maura Gray, RIP, Douglas James McLaughlin RIP who are recently deceased.

Maureen Lazarus RIP, Requiem Mass, Friday 16th February, 12 noon 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 altar, and they shall be included.

Offertory Collection: Last week's collection was £1,035. Thank you.

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.

Safeguarding Courses for 2018: This years' 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, please do contact Louise Wood with any queries.

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

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

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

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.

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

Governor Update – St Mary's Catholic Primary School

We continue to work as a school to ensure we educate and nurture the whole child. We are delighted with the academic results attained by our children, led and ably supported by our excellent teachers and teaching assistants, who we are blessed to have in our community.

Our children are skilled, resourceful and independent learners. The latest results reflect the significant progress made in all departments as the children leave St Mary's ready for secondary education. The new school development plan continues to build on developing the attainment and progress of all our pupils over the coming academic years.

Results for July 2017 – Key Stage 2 (Year 6)

We are above national levels for both Age Related Expectations (ARE) and Age Related Expectations+ (ARE+) across all areas at Key Stage 2 (Year 6).

In 2016/17 our Key Stage 2 results place our school in the **Top 10%** of all 25,000 primary schools in England **across all subjects** and within subjects our school places as below:

Top 6%	Reading	Top 7%	Writing
Top 3.5%	Maths	Top 2%	SPAG

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 13th February in Dedworth Green Baptist Church, Smiths Ln, Windsor, SL4 5PE. The topic for this discussion is WHAT IS TRUE STRENGTH? Please see the notice board for dates in January, February and March or visit the website: www.wamcf.org

The Great Big Fun Quiz in aid of the **LENTEN PROJECT** takes place on Saturday 24th 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 is on Friday 23rd February. Please can you give up a meal or eat simple meal and then put what you saved in the CAFOD family fast day envelope to help those who go hungry every day. 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. Please collect your Fast day envelope from your church on 17th / 18th February. Many thanks for your support

Lenten Project - Film Schedule: A variety of films have been selected as an aid for reflection during Lent, which will be shown in St Joseph's Hall at 4.30pm each Sunday. A separate schedule is available with a short description and rating for each film. All proceeds will go towards this year's Lenten Project.

St Marys School: Our school needs our support. If any parishioner has a spare few hours and can come in to listen to the children read, please contact the school

Urgent help needed in the Repository. Please contact the Parish Office if you can spare time on a Sunday.

The Women's World Day of Prayer is taking place this year at St. Edmund Campion Church, Altwood Road, on Friday March 2nd starting at 2pm. The school choir will sing as an introduction to the service. All are welcome to come including men.

For our families (especially primary aged children): Lent is a time to think about how we live our lives, and to consider changes that could help us to live a better life with Jesus. We have created a Lenten Calendar for our families, with a different suggestion for every day. This is a great way to celebrate Lent with your children, and you are welcome to collect a copy as you leave today. Enjoy journeying with the ideas this Lent!