

Cleaning of the Church: Cleaning of St. Joseph's Church on Monday 12th March at 11am. 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.

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.

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 but do contact Louise Wood with any queries.

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

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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.



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

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4th Sunday of Lent, Psalter Week 4, Year B

Weekly Mass Times and Intentions

Sat	10 th Mar	10:00	Deceased members of Reina Family
		18:30	Tom Mulligan, A
Sun	11 th Mar	08:00	People of the Parish
		09:15	Judy Carroll, RIP
		10:45	Mothering Sunday
Mon	12 th Mar	10:00	No Mass - Mothers Prayer Group in Church
		19:30	Ann McCaffrey, RIP
Tue	13 th Mar	10:00	Requiem Mass, Mary Bridget Christodoulou, RIP
		19:30	Ann Rice, SI
Wed	14 th Mar	19:30	Bridie McMahan, SI
Thu	15 th Mar	19:30	Charles & Pauline Van de Verve, FM
Fri	16 th Mar	10:00	St Marys School
		19:30	Private Intention
Sat	17 th Mar	10:00	Henry & Renee De Souza, Eric & Edna Valentine, A
		18:30	Antonio Perera,
Sun	18 th Mar	08:00	Alice Swales, A
		09:15	Michael Philip, A
		10:45	People of the Parish

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

Please note the changes in Mass times this week.

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.

Sunday 11th March 2018



John 3:14-21

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son

Thought for the day

What does it mean to be saved? We have the secular sense of being rescued or spared somehow. The root meaning of the word in Greek and Latin is to be healed. So, the beginning is some recognition of need, of something fractured, unwell in my life. It includes faith in God who wants us to be both whole and holy, fully alive. The big "sickness" is death itself— from which we are saved/healed through God's love to us in the lifting up of Jesus in death into resurrection.

Prayer

Heavenly physician, heal whatever is us is dead or wounded or unfree that we may know the wholeness, freedom, life and joy of the Gospel.

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

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.

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, Cecilia Leavage, Betty Buckley, Alexandra Donaldson, 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; Maureen Lazarus RIP and John Webb, RIP who are recently deceased.
Mary Bridget Christodoulou, RIP, Requiem Mass, Tuesday 13th March, 10.00am in St. Joseph's Church

Please pray for all of 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 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 £1,244. Last Sunday's Film evening raised £146. We are still taking the CAFOD envelopes and last week we received a further £167. Thank you to all of you for your generosity to all these charitable causes.

Thanks to all those who have used the white envelopes to donate through the second collection to the Lenten Project. This enables us to add a further £36 to the total, by way of claiming gift aid on these.

Clergy Assistance Fund second collection will take place on 15th April 2018 instead of 10th / 11th March.

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 March in Maidenhead Maidenhead Mosque, Holmanleaze, SL6 8AW. The topic for this discussion is IF YOU COULD CHANGE ONE THING ABOUT THE WORLD WHAT WOULD IT BE? Please see the notice board for dates in March or visit the website: www.wamcf.org

SMALLS FOR ALL! A fantastic charity which helps women and children in Africa meet their most basic hygiene or security needs by collecting brand new pants as well as new and gently worn bras. Ladies - do you have any of these items no longer needed in your drawers or going spare? If so bring them along to St Joseph's - boxes available - and posters in the centre with more information. This Lent we can make lives better. Thanks for your help! Queries to Claire 416968.

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.

Folksongs for spring: New Maidenhead Choir (NMC) is promoting their spring concert at Windsor Arts Centre on Sat March 24. Also appearing are, The Halyards Shanty Group and Bristol based Hands of the Heron folk group. The concert starts at 16:00 hours and tickets are available from Anthony in St Joseph's choir or email anthonybenfield@gmail.com. Phone 01628 629613 or 07973 792614. The price is £8 on the door or £7 from Anthony.

Room to rent: A new Parishioner from Bangladesh, India has been assigned to work in Maidenhead with Three needs a room to rent for approximately six months. Please contact Jino on 07438568121.

Music for the Easter Services

If anyone would like to be involved in the music for the Easter Services we would love you to join us.

The Easter Triduum consists of the three most important services in the church calendar:

The Mass of The Last Supper on Maundy Thursday (March 29th), The Passion on Good Friday (March 30th), and The Easter Vigil (March 31st).

We will be rehearsing in the church after the 10:45 Mass on Sunday March 11th (after 10:45 Mass): 12-1pm, Sunday March 18th (after 10:45 Mass): 12-1pm, Sunday March 25th (after 10:45 Mass): 12-1pm and then 7:15pm for the Maundy Thursday Mass at 8pm. 2pm for the 3pm Good Friday service 11:30am for the Easter Vigil at 8pm.

Do let me know if you would like to be part of this important liturgy so that I can have music ready for you. Either see me after Mass, email at lmattthews63@gmail.com or ring on 07912622503.

Lenten Project - Film Schedule: A variety of films have been selected as an aid for reflection during Lent, and 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

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.

St Elizabeth's Church Lenten Project Bring & Buy: A Bring & Buy Sale of HOME PRODUCE will be held at St Elizabeth's, Cookham after 09:15 Mass on Sunday 11 March. Please start making your jams, preserves, cakes, etc. and bring them along on Sunday morning 11 March. No bric-a-brac or garden produce at this sale please.

During the season of Lent we will be taking a second collection after the Sunday masses for our Lenten Projects. If you are a UK tax payer and you would like your offering to go 25% further, then please consider using one of the white envelopes to gift aid your offering. Envelopes and pens are out on the benches. Simply complete the details on the front, put your offering inside and place in the collection as you leave the church. Please talk to Louise Wood if you would like to set up a gift aid declaration in favour of St Joseph's Church, her contact details are on the back page of this newsletter.

Invitation – 23rd March, 7.30pm: For most of us, we think of little pictures on the wall of the church when we hear “the Stations of the Cross”. We know that the Stations are about the last hours of Christ before he died, and we remember that it happened 2,000 years ago. But unfortunately, that is where many of us leave it. We don't believe or even understand how the Stations of the Cross are real to us in our regular everyday lives. Each Station reveals to us that Christ faced struggles that are still very similar to the same struggles that we go through today. On Friday 23rd March 7.30 - 8.30pm, we invite you to experience the Stations in a new way as part of your Lenten journey.

Primary school-aged children – WE NEED YOUR HELP! At 10am on Good Friday, we will be telling the story of Jesus' Passion through a special Stations of the Cross. We need confident readers to help us to tell the story, and also people with a big smile who can help us to welcome guests! Then on Easter Sunday morning, we would like to invite all children who love singing to come and help us lead the music at the 10.45am Mass – we will start learning some new songs for the Mass at 10am, so please come early if you can. (parents and carers - we also welcome backing singers of all ages!) If you have any questions or for further information about these, please speak with Susan (after the 10.45am Mass) or contact the Parish Office.

Children's Choir: A small group of parishioners would like to set up a children's choir. This is likely to happen once a month at the 10.45am Mass, starting after Easter. We are having a planning meeting to talk about our ideas on **Friday 16th March at 7.30pm**. If you would like to be involved, or would just like to give us your ideas, please come and share over a glass of wine and some nibbles – please let the Parish Office know so we have enough! If you have any ideas but are not able to come to the meeting, please do get in touch and let us know your thoughts.

Easter Flowers: If anyone would like to sponsor flowers to decorate the Church please put a donation and a pray dedication in an envelope and hand it to the office or weekly collection clearly marked Easter Flowers