

If any Parishioner is Gluten Free / Coeliac please make yourself known in the Sacristy before Mass as we have Gluten free hosts available.

**Cleaning of the Church:** Cleaning of St. Joseph's Church on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May 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.

**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. Our website is temporary down for maintenance.

**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 174, 20<sup>th</sup> May 2018.  
Pentecost Sunday, Year B

### Weekly Mass Times and Intentions

Sat	19 <sup>th</sup> May	10:00	Freda Shardlow, RIP
		18:30	Marques & Abreu Family, SI
Sun	20 <sup>th</sup> May	08:00	Menino Marques, SI
		09:15	People of the Parish
		10:45	Evelyn & Peter Neville, SI
Mon	21 <sup>st</sup> May	10:00	No Mass – Mothers Morning Prayer Group in Church
Tue	22 <sup>nd</sup> May	10:00	Carrie Brown, RIP
Wed	23 <sup>rd</sup> May	10:00	Roy Dias, T
Thu	24 <sup>th</sup> May	10:00	Martin Brown and Patricia Armitage, A
Fri	25 <sup>th</sup> May	10:00	Private Intention
Sat	26 <sup>th</sup> May	10:00	Pastor Brunsen, SI
		18:30	Raffaele Ruocco, RIP
Sun	27 <sup>th</sup> May	08:00	Deceased members of the Wall Family, RIP
		09:15	People of the Parish
		10:45	Deceased members of the McLoughlin Family, 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.

**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

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2018



**I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth from the Father**

**John 15:26-27; 16:12-15**

#### Thought for the day

It is often forgotten that Pentecost is first of all a Jewish feast, actually a harvest festival. That sense of "in gathering" is also a theme of our Christian Pentecost, as we see the beginning of the church. By the time of Jesus, Shavuot—to give it its Hebrew name—also marked the giving of the Law on Mount Sinai. This also fits our Christian Shavuot as long as we recall that Law, Torah, meant instruction and indeed a whole way of life under God's grace and guidance. It was always interior and the descent of the Holy Spirit takes this inner reality to new levels.

#### Prayer

Send, O Father, the Holy Spirit of your Son into our lives and communities. May the joy we know in the Spirit help us to be joyful bearers of the Good News to our contemporaries.



*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*

**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, Derek and Bernadette Clarke, Joan White, Christopher and Catherine Browne, Catherine Josephine Lee, Helen O'Donovan, Charlotte Comer and Kevin McGarry.

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. Fr Michael Bates has been appointed as full time RC Chaplain at WPH and is on duty Mon-Fri 24 hours with local clergy assisting at weekends. He can be reached on 07428 255091 or [fr.mipbates@gmail.com](mailto:fr.mipbates@gmail.com). 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;** Mary Bridget Christodoulou, RIP, Pauline Lambert, RIP, Alf White, RIP, Raffaele Ruocco RIP, Derek Webber RIP and Frank Allen, who are recently deceased. Please remember their families and loved ones at this sad time.

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?

**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.

**Sunday June 24th Lyford Grange Mass.** Fr John Chadwick is the main celebrant for the 4.00pm Mass at Lyford Grange for the annual St Edmund Campion Pilgrimage. Coach will leave 11.15am from St Edmund Campion Church, Altwood Rd calling at Abingdon for lunch. Further details are on poster in porch. Please enter names and telephone contact on the sheet for those who intent travelling on the coach. Further details contact John on 01628-636668.

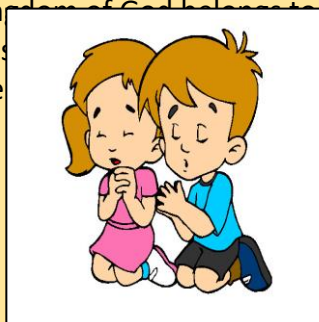
**Sacristan:** Thank you to all those that have put their name down to help in the Sacristy before each Mass. This is really helpful to both Fr Johns and all visiting priests.

#### **Our future – Children aged 0 - 4**

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." Our little ones are very important to our Parish, and we recently asked how we could improve their experience of the Mass. Based on their feedback, the following has been implemented:

- On the first Saturday of every month, we will engage with our little ones in a special way during 10am Mass. This will be followed by refreshments and playtime in the Parish Centre.  
**The first Mass will be on Saturday 2 June** and every family is very welcome!
- We will be introducing individual 'busy bags' that each child can collect at the beginning of Mass. This will help to keep little ones occupied while they are sitting with their family. The toybox at the back of St Joseph's will be removed at the beginning of June as this causes a lot of noise and distraction.
- Parents at the 10.45 Mass fed back that it is sometimes difficult to find space for little ones and all their required baggage! To make sure our young families have somewhere to sit, we will reserve two benches for young families on a trial basis.

We really welcome any thoughts, feedback or ideas about how we can make our little ones an important part of our community. Please do speak up to any one of the Parish team!



**The new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)** comes into force on the 25th May 2018 and will impact every organisation which holds or processes personal data. The diocese in conjunction with parishes and curial offices are now in the process of revising processes to ensure that we are compliant. The diocese is committed to ensuring high standards of information security, privacy and transparency.

**UCM and Parishioners:** The trip to Stratford upon Avon on the 22<sup>nd</sup> May has been cancelled due to lack of interest.

On 19<sup>th</sup> June UCM are organising a trip to Wintershall to see the Tableau of the life of Christ. 6 seats remain. Cost is £30 per person including coach and entrance. Call 01628 637863 for more details.

**Eucharistic Ministers:** A day for all serving Eucharistic ministers within our parish is being offered at Douai Abbey on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2018. The day will comprise reflection, training and time simply to be together. A hot lunch is provided. Every minister is to contact the office by email/phone to accept or decline. Closing date 6<sup>th</sup> June 2018. All Eucharistic Ministers are reminded that they are required to take part in a day retreat each year.

**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.

**Collection:** Last Sundays collection was £1135. Many thanks for your offerings. If anyone has not received their planned giving envelopes or would like to begin using envelopes please contact Louise Wood, (contacts on the last page of this letter).

**Second Collections:** This weekend 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> May is for Christian Aid.

**CAFOD:** This year, the Holy Father urges us to reach out to our brothers and sisters who are forced to flee their homes. This new campaign is called Share the Journey. You can Share the Journey by joining a walk. This is not just any walk, this is a walk around the world. Schools, parishes, and local communities across England and Wales will be walking to show solidarity with people on the move. Together, we are aiming for 24,900 miles – the distance around the whole world. CAFOD will use this shared journey to deliver a powerful message to world leaders, who meet in September 2018 to agree two global agreements on refugees and migration. For more information on organising your own parish walk or to find out about a walk in your area please contact [Jo Lewry portsmouth@cafod.org.uk](mailto:Jo.Lewry@portsmouth@cafod.org.uk) or call 01252 329385

**8-week mindfulness course** Edmund Campion church hall Thurs 630 to 830 starting May 31 for more details contact Greg Scott 07825958314 or email [mindfulnessmaidenhead@gmail.com](mailto:mindfulnessmaidenhead@gmail.com)

**Gardening at St. Elizabeth's:** after mass on the 27 May. Join us if you can for no more than hour, tools available or bring your own if required. Pick up a rota from the notice board at the back of church for future gardening dates.

**Maidenhead Catenians** - the monthly Circle meeting will be on Wednesday 23 May at 19:30 in St Joseph's Parish Centre

**Goan Community Feast Meeting:** will be held on the 9<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm in the Bar area.

**Irish Abortion referendum Saturday 25 May 2018:** May we all keep in our prayers those who take part in the referendum on Saturday, which is to be held in Ireland. Let us pray that we may come to a deeper understanding of the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death. Also, can we pray for women who need help and support especially in the most difficult of circumstances.

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