

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

RCIA: The RCIA is now taking a break until September. We will keep you updated

St Joseph's Eucharistic Ministers Rota: is now available in the Sacristy. Please take a copy home

Cleaning of the Church: Cleaning of St. Joseph's Church on Saturday 30th June 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.

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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The Nativity of St John The Baptist, Year B

Weekly Mass Times, Intentions and Parish Diary

Sat	23 rd June	10:00	Naizel Marie De'Souza, SI
		18:30	Terry Haines, RIP
Sun	24 th June	08:00	People of the Parish
		09:15	Bill & Alice Witt, RIP
		10:45	Deceased members of the O'Rourke Family, RIP
Mon	25 th June	10:00	No Mass – Mothers Prayer Group meet in Church
Tue	26 th June	10:00	Edmund Coleman, FM
Wed	27 th June	10:00	Maurice Witt and his brothers & sisters, RIP
		19:00	Evening Prayer Group meet in Church
		19:30	RCIA Team Formation Session 1 – Presbytery Meeting Room
Thu	28 th June	10:00	Liam & Eileen O'Mahony, 60th Wedding Anniversary
Fri	29 th June	10:00	Helen Finissey, RIP
		19:30	Memorial Mass for Frank Allen, RIP – St Elizabeth's Church
Sat	30 th June	10:00	Deceased members of the Pring Family, RIP
		14:00	Wedding of Rachael Granger & Daniel Rice
		18:30	Anthony Felton, RIP
Sun	1 st July	08:00	Mary Kane, A
		09:15	People of the Parish
		10:45	Michael O'Rourke, SI

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

Friday, 29th June is the Feast of St Peter and Paul, a Holy Day of Obligation. We have Mass at 10am in St Joseph's; 2.20pm in St Mary's School; and 7.30pm in St Elizabeth's Cookham.

Sunday 24th June 2018



Today we celebrate the birth of John the Baptist and listen to Luke's account of his nativity. John's story is one of sacrifice and humility. His parents know that there will be something very special about this child. The circumstances surrounding his birth already have people amazed. He must have been a very interesting and attractive figure as we are told in the gospels that people flocked to the River Jordan to be baptized by him; a sign of their repentance or renewal of relationship with God. John gathered so many followers around him that he was considered a threat to Herod Antipas who feared he might begin a rebellion. John was a preacher, a prophet, a signpost pointing people in the right direction: towards Jesus of Nazareth.

We pray today for those people who acted as signposts in our lives and brought us closer to God in some way, those who guided us and pointed us in the right direction when we needed it. We too are also called to be signposts for others.

Clergy Appointments: Congratulations to Fr John Chadwick who has been appointed Parish Priest of St Joseph's, Christchurch and Holy Redeemer, Highcliffe. Fr John will be leaving us in August to take up his new appointment. We welcome to St Joseph's Fr Jude Mbono who is from Nigeria and has been appointed Assistant Priest. Fr Jude will be joining us at the beginning of September. Also one of our students for the priesthood – Oliver Welsford – will be joining us later in the summer for an experience of parish and presbytery life. Oliver is a third-year student at the Venerable English College in Rome. Please pray for these brothers of ours and for all clergy who have been asked to move at this time.

Entrance Hymn for 10.45am Mass
Lord, I lift your name on high

Lord, I lift your name on high,
Lord, I love to sing your praises.
I'm so glad you're in my life.
I'm so glad you came to save us.
You came from heaven to earth to show the way,
from the earth to the cross my debt to pay
from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky
Lord, I lift your name on high.

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, Helen O'Donovan, Charlotte Comer, Mary Wall, Marie Oke, Orville and Brenda Peterson and Michael O'Rourke.

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.

Please pray for the souls of; Rachael Catherine Duthie, RIP, Shirley Ann Brooker, RIP (Carolyn Bell's mother) who are recently deceased. Please remember their families and loved ones at this sad time.
Victoria Velasco, RIP, Requiem Mass will be held on Friday 6th July, 12 noon at 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?

Evening Prayer Group: The prayer group which has met on a Thursday will now meet on a Wednesday, at the same time of 7 to 8pm, in St. Joseph's Church, starting from 30th May. Please continue to pray with us from wherever you are and whenever you can if you can't make it to the group.

Amnesty! Over the last few months, we have noticeably fewer hymn books and Baptism booklets. If you have any books or service booklets at home, please bring them back to church next weekend. Parishioners are not able to join in with Masses if they do not have these books. Many thanks!

Maidenhead Catenians - the monthly Circle meeting will be on Wednesday 27 June at 19:30 in St Joseph's Parish Centre.

Cake & Handmade Jewellery Sale: Sunday 8th July in the hall after 10.45am Mass. All proceed go to Rónán Kelsall who is going on Operation Wallacea, Honduras next year which is a voluntary conservation trip.

Eucharistic Ministers to the Housebound: Please note that we are holding a Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults (VA) training session here in the Parish Centre in the morning of Saturday 7 July. The course runs from 10am-12:30pm. You must have attended a VA course before you can start your ministry. Please let Louise Wood know if you can attend as soon as possible.

All Eucharistic Ministers will be commissioned and recommissioned at each Mass over the weekend of 23rd / 24th June 2018 which is the feast of the Nativity of St John the Baptist.

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.

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.

Parish Social Night on Friday 13th July from 7.30pm to late. Tickets are £15 each and include Fish & Chips and live music from Stephen and Megan. For tickets please contact Shauna, Gloria or ticket sellers after each weekend Mass.

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



We are changing from being a 'Maintenance Parish' into a Community of Missionary disciples.

The Holy Spirit in the Church today, under the leadership of Pope Francis and our Bishop Philip Egan is calling us all to engage with the New Evangelization

All of us through our Baptism and Confirmation have a stake in this. All of us are being urged to use the gifts and talents that we have received.

How are you going to use yours?

Over the next few months Fr John will be identifying and bringing together a group of 'Can Do Disciples' who have a passion and a desire to create something new here at St Joseph's and St Elizabeth.

Fr John asks that everyone prays for this for very special intention and to be ready to say 'yes' if invited to become part of a Senior Leadership Team (SLT).

