

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 group will be starting soon. If you or anyone you now is interested in becoming a Catholic or in entering into full communion with the 'Catholic Church please with Fr. John

RCIA Team Meeting: Meeting will take place on Wednesday Evening at 12th September starting at 7.30pm. Meeting to take place in the Presbytery

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. Please join in if you can. New rota is available. Anyone willing to help please contact Eleanor on 07526 526052.

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

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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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Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time,
Psalter week 2, Year B

Weekly Mass Times, Intentions and Parish Diary

Sat	1st Sept	10:00	Ellen Hogan, FM
		18:30	Margaret Gomes, RIP
Sun	2nd Sept	08:00	People of the Parish
		09:15	Maureen and John Cooney, A
		10:45	Eric Fernandes, T
Mon	3rd Sept	10:00	Mother's Prayer Group
Tue	4th Sept	10:00	William Houston Chinkondenji, RIP
Wed	5th Sept	10:00	James Buckley, A
		13.00	Requiem Mass: Brenda Peterson, RIP
Thu	6th Sept	10.00	Molly Cain, A
Fri	7th Sept	10:00	Mass of the sick and housebound; St Edmund Campion
Sat	8th Sept	10:00	John Coleman, Jr, FM
		18:30	Raffaelee Ruocco, RIP
Sun	9th Sept	08:00	People of the Parish
		09:15	Elaine Corrigan, RIP
		10:45	Timothy D'Souza, A

Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament will be exposed each morning Tuesday to Saturday from 9am to 10am when Mass begins. During this time let us pray for all those who have been hurt or abuse and for the renewal and the healing of the Church.

Code: SI: Special Intention, **RIP:** Rest in Peace, **A:** Anniversary, **FM:** Foundation Mass

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

Sunday 2nd September, 2018



Mark 7:1 14-15

"This people honour me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me."

Thought for the day and prayer

As disciples, we all need a kind of personal "rule of life" and we are supported by the community of faith and its practices. But the externals of religions—the very supports we need— risk becoming merely cultural, an empty shell, if our heart is not in it. All three readings this Sunday underline the point: Pure, unspoilt religion is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, you know the human heart, that most devious thing of all (Sir 42:18; Jer 17:9). Help us to know ourselves. Help us to grow in integrity, rooted in purity of heart. Help to serve our neighbour in need with undivided hearts that we may come before you in heartfelt praise and thanksgiving. Amen

Mothers' Prayer Group: Meets every Monday morning at 10.00am in the Church. New members are welcome.

Parish Prayer Group: The Group will meet on Wednesday 5th September at 7.30 and weekly thereafter.

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, 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 and Mary Wall

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; Sheila Hall, RIP, Brenda Peterson, RIP and Salvatore Scozzari, RIP 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?

Childcare Required: A family in Windsor are looking for help with childcare for 3 children aged 10 and 8 (twins) for pre and post school support. The role will be from 7am to 9am and 3:30pm to 7:30pm 5 days a week. If you are interested or would like further details, please **contact Alistair Kieran on 07788 304854**.

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.

Maidenhead Catenians - the monthly Circle meeting will be on Wednesday 26 September, at 19:30 in St Joseph's Parish Centre

Gift Aid: If you are a taxpayer and make a gift aid declaration for St Joseph's Parish, we can claim back an extra 25% of your offering from the Government. Many of you put your offering in the loose collection, we would dearly like to get your hard earn tax back to help St Joseph's. Please sign a gift-aid form and then either use the offering envelopes or set up an online payment. Please contact Louise Wood for advice and forms. Contact details are on the back page of this newsletter.

Marys Meals: With the end of school year approaching, parents may be contemplating replacing existing backpacks. Mary's meals are asking for reasonable condition bags to be collected and sent out hungry children in the world's poor communities. These backpacks can be deposited at St Mary's school or given to Shauna in the parish office.



Welcoming our neighbour in need: sponsoring refugee families in our Parish.
15th and 29th September 2018 – Refugee Event.

The picture of the 3-year-old Syrian boy Aylan Kurdi's lifeless body on a beach horrified us all and begs the question, just what can we do as a parish to sponsor and house refugees? In response to this a practical way of housing refugee families will be presented at two Caritas "Welcoming our Neighbour" events, one in the Sacred Heart Church, Waterlooville on 15th September and another repeat event at St. Joseph's, Maidenhead on 29th Sep. Both sessions will begin at 10.am and finish at 4pm. Find out more under "Events" on the diocesan website, look it up on Eventbrite or send an email to caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Dear Brothers and Sisters

I just wanted to thank you so much for the wonderful send-off you gave me a couple of weeks ago; for your extremely generous gifts, good wishes and prayers. I was seriously moved by it all. Thank you also for the support and encouragement you have given me over the past two years in the parish. I will not forget you and will always remember you in my prayers.

God bless..... Fr John Chadwick

Sacrament of Confirmation: In preparation for Confirmation next year (June 2019), we will be embarking on a programme for our young people in years 8, 9, 10, (and up to 18 years of age) **The programme begins on the Saturday Evening 8th September 2018 at St Edmund Campion Church, 3.30 to 5.30.** We envisage running the programme on Saturday afternoons twice a month during term-time. It will also include outings, such as *Flame!* retreats and meeting only candidates from pastoral area. The course of preparation will be run jointly between St. Edmund Campion and St. Joseph's. To register please contact Shauna, the Parish Secretary at St. Joseph's at maidnehead@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

The Children's Liturgy Team hope that all the children and their families have had a wonderful summer break. We look forward to seeing you for the new term which starts on Sunday 9th September during the 10.45 a.m. Mass. All children from about 3 years old (and their parents) are very welcome to come and celebrate and have fun. **Please contact Tricia Weeks (01628 627265 or triciaweeksmail@gmail.com) for more details - or offers of help! CHILDREN'S LITURGISTS** - Please pick up your new rotas from the top drawer of the filing cabinet in the kitchen lobby.

CAFOD: You are invited to come to our Harvest fast day briefing meeting to hear about CAFOD's work on Wednesday 19th September at English Martyrs' Church, 64 Liebenrod Road, Reading RG30 2EB from 7:15pm to 9pm. There is also another Harvest fast day briefing meeting on Saturday 8th September at St Bede's, Popley Way, Basingstoke RG24 9DX from 10:30am to 1pm with a speaker from Head Office. Please book your place by emailing portsmouth@cafod.org.uk or call Jo Lewry on 01252 329385

Website: Our website is finally back up and running again after being down for a few weeks. This is now an ideal time to give it a makeover. Do you have any experience in designing a web site and would like to help? Please call Shauna in the Parish Office.



The Music Ministry at St Joseph's is evolving into a new chapter, and there are now four different groups that provide music for Mass: Traditional Choir, Folk Group, JAM Choir (for children aged 5-11) and a new group for parishioners aged 11+.

Our aim is to use the celebrate all the musical talents and styles within our parish; and we warmly welcome anyone who would like to offer their vocal or instrumental talents in an of the groups; Next Saturday 12th September, we will be meeting between 12-2 in St Joseph's to plan ahead for the next few months. Any interested parishioners ae welcome to join us: If you can't make Saturday, please speak to anyone in the Music Ministry about how to get involved – there is a warm welcome waiting for you!

We have received a letter from **The Brett Foundation** as follows:

The Brett Foundation, in appreciation of our **Lent Project Donation**: "Thank you so much for the donation of £3,750 received. This is absolutely amazing and is going to make such a difference to the work we do.

At the moment we are in the process of converting a double decker to use as a homeless shelter, once they are on the bus, we can offer stability and a safe place to sleep and the chance for us to assess them and decide the best way forward to help them. This maybe rehabilitation or moving into shared accommodation which we can offer them under short term licences, where we work with them together with mentors and counsellors to help them back into the stability of a life in a home. We then help them into their own shared accommodation and into employment.

We are in the process of setting up our own business so that we can help with the rather daunting step of employment, which can set a lot of our clients back, plus if we employ them, it sets them up ready for employment with others. We also will be offering training schemes for those who would like to work in different fields.

We also still have our centre where people can come in for a free hot meal and companionship, this is often the first port of call for our homeless people and a place where they can get clean clothing and support and advise of the services around which can help them. It is also another place where they can meet mentors who can help them with paperwork, go to meetings with them and help with getting a bank account sorted and ID to help them on the road back into accommodation and work. The centre is open to everyone including those with mental health problems, the elderly and lonely, as well as homeless. It is the heart of the charity and the place where many call home.

Without your donation, we could not do the work above. So thank you so much for making a difference in the lives of those who have nowhere else to turn."

Sue Brett