

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

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

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

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.

READING AT ST JOSEPH'S: If anyone would like to read at any of the Masses at St Joseph's please give me a ring asap as I am preparing the next rota for Oct – Dec. We are particularly short at 8.00am. There are some written instructions and experienced readers to help any new volunteers, you just need a good clear voice. If any of the current readers wish to give up, please contact me. Tricia Brooking 01628 637759 or email triciabrooking@gmail.com

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.

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.

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

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 Leanlage

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 184, 9 September 2018

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Psalter week 3, Year B

Weekly Mass Times, Intentions and Parish Diary

Sat	8 th Sept	10:00	John Coleman, Jr, FM
		18:30	Raffaelee Ruocco, RIP
Sun	9 th Sept	08:00	People of the Parish
		09:15	Elaine Corrigan, RIP
		10:45	Timothy D'Souza, A
Mon	10 th Sept	10:00	Mothers Prayer Group
Tue	11 th Sept	10:00	Mrs Rose Roberts, SI
Wed	12 th Sept	10:00	Julia Richardson, FM
Wed	12 th Sept	19:30	RCIA meet in Presbytery
Thur	13 th Sept	10:00	Rev John Lord Lewington, FM
Thur	13 th Sept	13:00	Requiem Mass: Salvatore Scozzari RIP
Thur	13 th Sept	19:45	Pre-Baptism Course in Presbytery
Fri	14 th Sept	10:00	Max Cook, RIP
Sat	15 th Sept	10:00	Jerome Verbinnen, RIP
		18:30	Nuala Mulhern, A
Sun	16 th Sept	08:00	People of the Parish
		09:15	Avila DeMelo, SI
		10:45	Private Intention

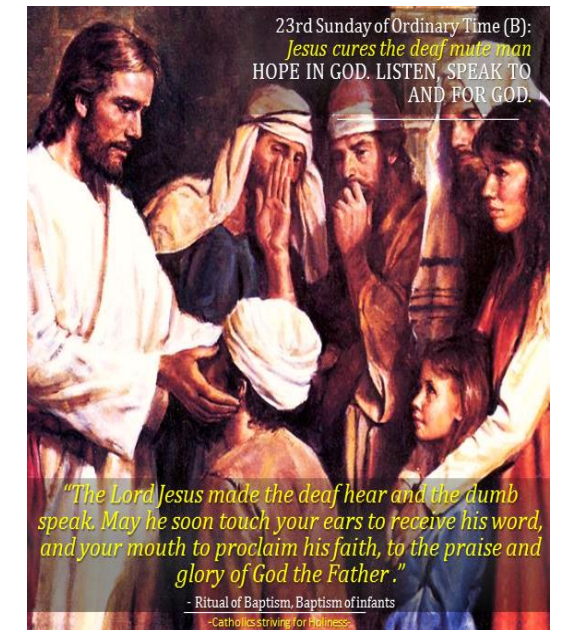
Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament will be exposed each morning Tuesday to Saturday from 9am to 10am when Mass begins. During this time let us pray for all those who have been hurt or abuse and for the renewal and the healing of the Church.

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.

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

Sunday 9th September 2018



Mark 7:31

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis

The Bible Timeline: A Chronological Portrayal of Salvation History: Track the growth of God's family from Creation to the establishment of the Church. Discover which 14 books of the Bible tell the story and how the other 59 books fit in. See Bible history in the context of contemporary world events. Fr John will lead a second 'taster' session for those interested people who were not able to attend the first one. We will meet on Tuesday evening, 11th September, starting at 7.30pm. Meeting will take place in the Presbytery meeting room.

Catholicism: This programme explains not only what Catholics believe and why, but also displays in breath-taking, visual detail the richness of the Church's global culture. First meeting takes place on Sunday afternoon, 16th September, at 4pm in St Joseph's Parish Centre.

Next Pastoral Parish Council Meeting: Tuesday 9th October 2018 at 7.30pm in the Presbytery

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.

" Volunteer Opportunity – Evening Receptionist in Woodley for Marriage Care

Do you enjoy meeting people and putting them at their ease? Would you also welcome some quiet time secure in the knowledge that your presence is helping our vital relationship counselling service? We are looking for a friendly and helpful volunteer who can spare a couple of hours on Monday evenings, a couple of times per month, at our venue in Woodley. You will meet and greet couples who come for counselling and remain in the venue during counselling sessions. For more details and informal enquiries please contact: Sue Cooper 07939495774 or email reading.admin@marriagecare.org "

UCM Meeting on Tuesday September 11th in the Bar Area, "The Death of the Prince Imperial, the Zulu Wars and how our Royals are related to the Prince Imperial", a Talk by Richard Anderson. Non-members are always welcome to come to any of our meetings.

Collection: The plate collection this week was £1,060. Many thanks. We have a second collection this Sunday for the **Catholic Education Service** which provides support to our schools in the Portsmouth Diocese. On 16 September we have a second collection for **Home Mission Sunday** which supports the work of the Home Mission Office. They seek to encourage the spread of the gospel in our local area. Please give generously.

Safeguarding Courses – There are new courses scheduled for September and October for both Child Protection Awareness and Vulnerable Adults. The schedule is up on the notice boards. Please book directly with Soraya whose details are on the bottom of the forms. Any queries, speak to Louise Wood in the Parish Office.

Saturday 6th October 2018 - National Mass for Altar Servers – The national Mass for Altar Servers will be held on Saturday 6th October 2018 in Westminster Cathedral at 2:30pm. Please see the flyer at the Church entrance for more information about this event.

Psalm for Sunday 9th September 10.45 Mass

**My soul give praise, my soul give praise,
my soul give praise to the Lord!
My soul give praise, my soul give praise,
my soul give praise to the Lord!**

The Lord keeps faith for ever.
He helps all those in need.
The Lord gives bread to the hungry.
The Lord sets prisoners free.

The Lord gives sight to the blind,
He raises those who are bowed down.
The Lord will reign for ever!
True God from age to age.

First Holy Communion: Application forms are now available in the Parish Office or in the Sacristy after each Mass. If you would like a form emailed, please contact Shauna in the Parish Office. A **strict** closing date for all forms is 28th September 2018 and the programme will start in January 2019.



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 Liebenrood Road, Reading RG30 2EB from 7:15pm to 9pm.

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 Sep and another repeat event at St. Joseph's, Maidenhead on 29th Sep. Find out more under "Events" on the diocesan website, look it up on Eventbrite or send an email to caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

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