

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 every Wednesday at 7.30.

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, Francoise 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 186, 16th September 2018

**Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time,
Psalter week 4, Year B**

Weekly Mass Times, Intentions and Parish Diary

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
Mon	17 th Sept	10:00	No Mass – Mothers Prayer Group meet in Church
Tue	18 th Sept	10:00	Nuala & Eamonn Brennan, SI
Wed	19 th Sept	10:00	Henry De Souza, RIP
		19:30	Evening Prayer Group meet in Church
Thu	20 th Sept	11:00	Requiem Mass: Sheila Hall, RIP
		19:45	Pre-Baptism Course in Presbytery
Fri	21 st Sept	10:00	Max Cook, RIP
Sat	22 nd Sept	10:00	Henry Coleman, FM
		18:30	Ashish, Betsy, Abhi & Maria, SI
Sun	23 rd Sept	08:00	People of the Parish
		09:15	Marie Corrigan, RIP
		10:45	Fr John Chadwick, SI

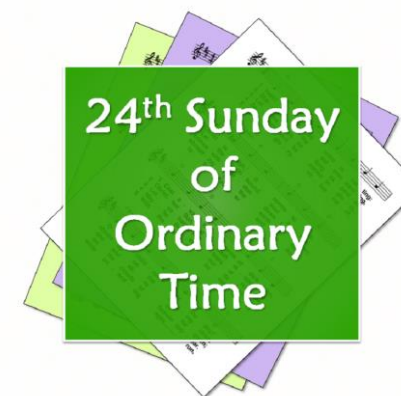
Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament will be exposed each morning Tuesday to Saturday from 9am to 10am when Mass begins. During this time let us pray for all those who have been hurt or abuse and for the renewal and the healing of the Church.

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 16th September 2018



Mark 8:27-35

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say I am?"

Thought for the day

Each generation is addressed by Jesus' question in today's Gospel and each generation must speak for itself. So must we as individuals within the community of faith.

Prayer

Make us one, O God, in acknowledging Jesus the Christ. As we proclaim him by our words, let us follow him in our works; give us strength to take up the cross and courage to lose our lives for his sake. Amen.

Bible Timeline: After the two 'taster' sessions we now have enough 'seriously minded' and interested disciples to form a small group. Fr John has to order some more course materials before the Programme can begin. New meeting dates will be released soon.

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, 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.

" 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 "

Collection: The plate collection last Sunday was £1059 and the second collection for the **Catholic Education Service** amounted to £229. Many thanks. This Sunday 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.

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.

Who Am I? Discover modern Christianity, Identity and YOUR Place in the World. This is aimed at youth between the age of 13-19 years old on Saturday 29th September. The day starts in Windsor Boys school at 2pm and ends with Mass in St Edwards Church at 6pm followed by a BBQ until 8pm. Tickets £1 each and can be found at both entrances in the Church or you can pay at the door on the day. Queries email: WMRCYouth@gmail.com

St Mary's Catholic Pre School Autumn Fayre: Sunday 7th October from 11.30am-2pm. We would like to invite our Past and Present pupils, their families and members of our Parish to an exciting afternoon of Autumnal family fun, crafts and food. Come and Enjoy: Tomato soup bar, Pumpkin Crafts, Homemade cake stall, Woodland story telling and arts and apple bobbing.

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.



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

Singing for Lung Health - specialist weekly singing sessions open to anyone with a chronic lung disease and their carers, designed to help participants better self-manage their conditions by developing better breathing, correcting postural tension, building stamina, and hopefully having fun, whilst socialising with others! The sessions are more physical to help exercise the lungs and the body, but participation can be seated, and oxygen tanks are welcome. Lastly there is NO expectation of ability; you do not have to be a singer, you merely have to be willing to use your voice as a way to improve your lung health, so don't worry. Singing for Lung Health is held every Wednesday from 1.30-2.30 in the Parish Centre hall. Tea/coffee and biscuits from 1pm, come and join us for a chat beforehand!

More than 200 years after the abolition of the slave trade there are still an estimated 40.3 million men, women and children trapped in modern slavery... at least 13,000 potential victims in the UK. You are invited to... 'Set Free' on Saturday 20th October 2018, 7:00pm, in All Saints Church, Church Close, Boyn Hill, Maidenhead, SL6 4HE. What are the issues? Can we recognise trafficking or slavery? How do we raise a concern? Is it happening in our communities? On our doorstep...? We are the church. We can make a difference.

Day for Adults who help with Children's Liturgy, First Communion, Confirmation, Baptism, RCIA, etc:

Saturday 20th October, 10am to 4pm at Portsmouth Cathedral, led by the Formation for Mission Team. Bishop Philip will celebrate Mass in thanksgiving for all diocesan catechists and Children's Liturgy teams. The day will be spent reflecting on the mission, charisms and role of the catechist, and sharing insights in workshops about 'making our teaching session great'. Lunch will be provided. Everyone involved or interested in catechesis and children's Liturgy is welcome. Book here: <http://portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/catechists> or phone the Dominican Sisters: 01590681874.

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