

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. Please note there is no prayer group on the 26th September and 3rd October.

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.

Readers' Rota Oct-Dec 2018: The next Readers' Rota is available in the folder in the Sacristy for those that didn't get their email copy. **Please note the changes at 6.30pm and 8.00am Masses.** In the Sacristy there are some useful guidance notes which serves as good refresher. Welcome and many thanks to the new volunteer readers – Becky, Louise and Vince at 6.30pm and Sheen at 10.45am. And thank you to the Readers who have 'retired' – Bliss, and the Scott family from 8.00am – for all their efforts in the past. Any queries please contact me – triciabrooking@gmail.com tel:01628 637759

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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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-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time,
Psalter week 1, Year B**

Weekly Mass Times, Intentions and Parish Diary

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
Mon	24 th Sept	10:00	No Mass – Mothers Prayer Group meet in Church
Tue	25 th Sept	10:00	Carmen Duthie, A
Wed	26 th Sept	10:00	George Kerwin, A
		19:30	Evening Prayer Group meet in Church
		19:30	RCIA meet in the Presbytery
Thu	27 th Sept	11:00	Brian Davis, RIP
Fri	28 th Sept	10:00	Gino Reina, A
Sat	29 th Sept	10:00	Veronica & Raymond Brown, A
		18:30	Lourdina Pires, A
Sun	30 th Sept	08:00	Ana Rita Mascarehas, A
		09:15	People of the Parish
		10:45	Arthur & Phyllis Henderson, 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.

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

Sunday 23rd September 2018



Mark 9:30-37

Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all

Thought for the day

Jeremiah, who knew a thing or two about the human condition, wrote: The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse— who can understand it? (Jer 17:9) A healthy introspection is essential, if we are to become free from inherited drives and free for service

Prayer

Lord Jesus, let me know myself and know you, and desire nothing except you alone. Let me hate myself and love you. Let me do everything for your sake. Let me humble myself and exalt you. Let me think of nothing except you. Let me die to myself and live in you. Let me accept whatever happens as from you. Let me banish self and follow you, and ever desire to follow you.

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.

Christmas Bazaar: Yes, it is that time of year again. We need to put a team together who would like to take on the organising of the Church Bazaar in December. If you are up for the role, please contact Shauna in the Parish office.

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?

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.

Collection: The plate collection last Sunday was £1112 and the second collection for Home Mission Sunday amounted to £368. Many thanks

Safeguarding Courses – There are new courses scheduled for October and November for both Child Protection Awareness and Vulnerable Adults. The schedule is up on the notice boards. **On Saturday October 6 at English Martyrs in Reading there are Child Protection and Vulnerable Adults courses taking place in the morning. On 3 November Windsor are also holding both courses.** Please book directly with Soraya whose details are on the bottom of the forms. Any queries, please speak to Louise Wood in the Parish Office.

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.

Pilgrimage to Holy Land: Fr John is planning a pilgrimage to the Holy Land for September 2019. We depart from Luton Airport on Monday 16th September and return on 23rd. The cost is £1500 and covers return fares, transfers, accommodation and a packed itinerary visiting the sites associated with Our Lord's life and ministry. This is an opportunity not to be missed! Interested? Please email the parish office maidenhead@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or Fr John jlee@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. With your name and contact details. To secure these dates we need to have names by the beginning of October. Please get in touch as soon as possible

SCIENCE – OR – RELIGION? A SYMPOSIUM. A big diocesan Symposium is taking place on Saturday 3rd November 2018, 10 am – 4 pm in The Discovery Centre in Winchester (opp. St. Peter's church) on Science and Religion. Two leading scientists will ask whether recent research on the Universe suggests the existence of a Creator. There will also be a series of workshops led by experts on such topics as Christianity and Extra-Terrestrial Life, the Ethics of Artificial Intelligence and whether human consciousness is immortal. The Symposium is open to all, whether religious or not. See the diocesan e-News for more details. Places are limited, bookings are now open at <https://portsmouthdiocese.eventbrite.co.uk>

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.



CAFOD Harvest Family Fast day 5th October On Family Fast day CAFOD invites us to eat a simple meal or give up a meal to help our brothers and sisters overseas who do not have enough to eat or clean water to drink. Please put your donation in the fast day envelope provided and don't forget to gift aid your donation if you are a UK tax payer. Many thanks for your generous support.

Oliver Wellford the seminarian will be giving a talk on his last three years experiences while studying in Rome, on Tuesday, September 25th at 7.45pm in the Bar Area. This should prove most interesting, all are welcome to come and listen.

Singing for Lung Health is 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!

St Joseph's Church Eucharistic Ministers Rota is now available in the blue folder in the Sacristy.

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

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.

Parish Finance and Maintenance Committee: We are looking to find some new members for the Finance and Property Committee. If you have some expertise with figures or in managing property or other health and safety knowledge and you would like to contribute to helping with managing the Parish, Fr John would be delighted to hear from you. The committee meets quarterly in the evenings and provides valuable support in looking after our Parish

The Marist School Senior Open Evening on Thursday 27th September from 5.30pm-8pm. The Marist is an Independent Girls School in Sunninghill with a daily bus service that goes from Maidenhead and Woodlands Park. Booking is essential as it often gets busy and the number to call is 01344 624291 (ext. 165). The website is www.themarist.com

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