

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 26<sup>th</sup> September and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 are some useful guidance notes, which are 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](mailto: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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##### Parish Pastoral Council

Andrew Strowbridge (Chairperson) Eleanor Chinkondenji (Vice Chairperson), Fr John Lee, 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.



Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2018



## PARISH NEWSLETTER FOR ST. JOSEPH'S, MAIDENHEAD & ST. ELIZABETH'S, COOKHAM

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

### Weekly Mass Times, Intentions and Parish Diary

Sat	6th Oct	10:00	Roy Dias, SI
		10:45	Pre-Baptism Meeting in Church
		18:30	Alert Marques, SI
Sun	7th Oct	08:00	People of the Parish
		09:15	David Cloet, SI
		10:45	James Buckley, RIP
Mon	8th Oct	10:00	No Mass – Mothers Prayer Group meet in Church
Tue	9th Oct	10:00	Deceased members of the McLoughlin Family
Wed	10th Oct	10:00	Brendan McGrath, RIP
		19:30	Prayer Group meet in Church
		19:45	RCIA meet in Presbytery
Thu	11th Oct	10:00	Deceased members of the O'Rourke Family
Fri	12th Oct	10:00	Alex Morrison, RIP
Sat	13th Oct	10:00	Evangelization of Peoples
		10:45	Pre-Baptism Meeting in Church
		18:30	Raffaele Ruocco, RIP
Sun	14th Oct	08:00	Anthony Felton, RIP
		09:15	People of the Parish
		10:45	Rick Fernandes, 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.**

### Thought for the day and prayer

At present, the culture hesitates before the long-term commitments such as life-long marriage. Perhaps wisely! And yet, there is freedom in commitment. It is possible to walk the quay sides looking are various options for the journey. At that time, you have freedom of choice. However, if you want to get anywhere, one vessel will have to be selected. That is the freedom of choosing, choosing not to remain in the paralysis of choice. Once made, commitment opens up to another level of living and loving and being loved in return.

### Prayer

Creator God, you know our hearts and in your wisdom you have made us for each other, knowing that it is not good to be alone. In our committed relationships, help to find freedom and love, life and joy. Amen.

### Saturday 13th October

Mass for the Evangelization of Peoples will be celebrated next Saturday Morning at 10am. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from 9am. The Rosary will be prayed immediately after Mass. Refreshments will be available afterwards in the Parish Centre.

**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, John and Jacqueline Groom

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.

*Freda Jones, RIP*, Requiem Mass will be held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October, 10am at St Joseph's Church  
*Terry Holland, RIP*, Requiem Mass will be held on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October 12.30pm 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?

**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.

**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 £1050. Please return your CAFOD envelopes this weekend or next weekend. If you can gift aid your donation, please complete the tear off form and place inside the envelope with your donation. We will send your donations and gift aid forms to CAFOD. Thank you.

**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. **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 questions, please speak to Louise Wood in the Parish Office.

**Room at the Inn:** Every Christmas Day, Churches Together in Maidenhead organise a lunch for elderly or disabled local people who would otherwise be home alone. Guests are transported, served and helped by local volunteers. If you, or someone you know, would like to attend this Christmas, please contact Keith on: 01628 636179 (Home), 07765 505767 (Mobile), or e-mail [keith.cartland@btinternet.com](mailto:keith.cartland@btinternet.com)

**Churches Together in Maidenhead** are keen to hear from volunteers to help with their Christmas Day Lunch for the elderly lonely at the SportsAble venue in Braywick Road. There are opportunities to drive, serve food and befriend guests at this celebration. Please contact Lily Peacock, volunteer coordinator, on [lilyandwinniectim@gmail.com](mailto:lilyandwinniectim@gmail.com) or telephone (home) 01628 623362, (mobile) 07794 397132



**Walsingham:** Last weekend members of St Joseph's Parish joined St Edmund Campion Church and All Saints Church on a Pilgrimage to Walsingham. Please read Ann Wason's account of the weekend on our website. It is a great read and hopefully will encourage more people to join next year.

**Marys Meals:** Thank you for all the donated bag packs. We had a great response. The next step in the appeal is asking for any children's Flip flops or plimsoles, shorts and t shirts and small hand towels that are in good conditions, but you may no longer use.



**St Mary's Catholic Pre School Autumn Fayre:** Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

**CAFOD Harvest Family Fast day 5th October** On Family Fast day CAFOD invites us to share in abundance that God has given us. We are asked to fast, pray and give to help people like Longora, who live in a remote village in Uganda. The area is so hot and dry, people used to struggle to get enough clean water to survive. Thanks to the generosity of parishioners in England and Wales, CAFOD has made sure Longora and her neighbours now have a reliable supply of clean, safe water. On Family Fast Day (Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October), CAFOD invites us to eat simply – perhaps having a bowl of soup instead of a meal – and give the money we save to help people like Longora. Please collect your Fast Day envelope from the church this week and give what you can.

**“Greenpeace, what are the aims of this organisation?”** Come and hear from a Greenpeace representative on Tuesday October 9<sup>th</sup> at 7.45pm, in the Bar Area of the parish centre. This is arranged by the UCM but all are welcome to any of their meetings.

**First Holy Communion and Confirmation:** Application forms will no longer be accepted as the closing date has now passed.

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

**Bible Timeline:** After the two 'taster' sessions we now have enough 'seriously minded' and interested disciples to form a small group. Fr John will email a new set of dates this weekend to those who have signed up.

**Tea / Coffee:** is served after 9.15am Mass in St Elizabeth's Church and 10.45am Mass in St Joseph's Church. This is a great opportunity to meet and socialise with other parishioners. The centre hall is booked every Sunday to 1pm for Parishioners to relax and have a cuppa after Mass!!!

**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, or If you are also interested in having a stall at this year's Bazaar please contact Shauna in the Parish office.

**MONTHLY OFFERTORY FIGURES** - The month of September had 5 Sundays and the total offering to St Joseph's amounted to £9,239, which includes the loose money in the offertory plate at each Sunday mass, planned giving envelopes, plus monthly standing orders and direct debits. For all those taxpayers who have gift aided their offering, St Joseph's will be able to claim back from the taxman a further 25% of the amount given. St Joseph's has potentially lost out on £760 in September, which could have been reclaimed from the taxman under gift aid if those taxpayers who contribute to the loose plate had joined our gift aid scheme. **Please, please take the time to complete the declaration forms if you can. Your generous contributions keep this parish running. Many thanks for your support.**

**RCIA** is designed to help adults explore the Catholic Faith. RCIA starts on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 7.45pm in the Presbytery. You will be very welcome!

**Rosary Bead:** Have you bought new Rosary Beads recently and no longer use your old set. We are collecting Rosary Beads to send out to Developing Countries. Please give any old Rosary Beads to the Parish office or leave in the box at all entrances to both Churches.

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