

Pope Francis has asked us to pray the following prayers after each Mass for the purification and strengthening of the Church

Saint Michael prayer: Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defence against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Under your protection: We fly to Thy protection, O holy Mother of God. Do not despise our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

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

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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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

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**Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time,
Psalter week 3, Year B**

Weekly Mass Times, Intentions and Parish Diary

Sat	3 rd Nov	10:00	James Buckley, RIP
		18:30	Raffaele, Bonaventura & Pasquale Rucco and Immacolata Tirone
Sun	4 th Nov	08:00	People of the Parish
		09:15	Bill & Alice Witt, A
		10:45	Francis Flynn, RIP
		14:00	Blessing of the graves in Braywick Cemetery
Mon	5 th Nov	10:00	No Mass – Mothers Prayer Group meet in Church
Tue	6 th Nov	10:00	Mabel Kate Snudden, FM
Tue	6 th Nov	19:30	Liturgy Meeting in Presbytery
Wed	7 th Nov	10:00	David Cloet, SI
Wed	7 th Nov	11:00	Requiem Mass, Marion Bell, RIP in St Elizabeth's
Wed	7 th Nov	18:30	Wednesday Evening Prayer Group meet in Church
Wed	7 th Nov	19:45	RCIA meet in Presbytery
Thur	8 th Nov	10:00	Norman Chalk, SI
Thur	8 th Nov	19:45	Pre-Baptism Course in Presbytery
Fri	9 th Nov	10:00	Muriel Morris, RIP
Sat	10 th Nov	10:00	Nicholas Maraggun, A
		18:30	Joaquin Joao Fernandes, RIP & Maria Aninhia Afonso, RIP
Sun	11 th Nov	08:00	People of the Parish
		09:15	Judy Carroll, A
		10:45	Remembrance Sunday

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 4th November 2018

You shall
love
your
neighbor
as
yourself.
Mark 12:31

Mark 12: 28-34

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?"

Thought for the day

There is a story told about an elderly Cistercian, who on being asked what he believed at that point in his life replied, "I believe more and more in less and less"! It is not as paradoxical as it seems. As we go on, the core dimension of the faith should stand out for us. As Erasmus wrote, the essentials are few but essential.

Prayer

God, your love is always there ahead of us, even before we are aware of it. Help us, therefore, to love you by letting you love us first. May we love you in our neighbour in need. Amen.

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 abused and for the renewal and the healing of the Church

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, Veronica Heaver, Vincent Ray, Sakunthala Thillainayagam, Joan Lennarz, Moira Erskine, Ray Whealing, Derek and Bernadette Clarke, Christopher and Catherine Browne, Helen O'Donovan, 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; Freda Jones, RIP, Terry Holland, RIP and Eda Ward, RIP who are recently deceased. Please remember their families and loved ones at this sad time.

Marion Bell, RIP, Requiem Mass will be held on Wednesday 7th November, 11am at St Elizabeth'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.

Upcoming Second Collection Weekends: The second collection taking place this weekend, 3rd and 4th November is for Bamenda. Bamenda is the capital of North West Province in Cameroon, West Africa. Since 1974, the dioceses of Bamenda and Portsmouth are twinned and are trying to assist with number of projects under the 4 categories: Faith, Education, Health and Social Welfare. Please contribute generously to this important work.

MONTHLY OFFERINGS FIGURES- The month of October had 4 Sundays and the total offerings to St Joseph's and St Elizabeth's amounted to £8,453. This includes the loose money in the offertory plate at each Sunday mass, planned giving envelopes, plus 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 £705 in October, 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 take the time to complete a gift aid declaration if you can. Your generous contributions keep this parish running. Many thanks for your support.**

The CAFOD collection raised an amazing £1585. Thank you to all those who brought in envelopes and supported the soup morning.

International Supper: This supper is in aid of two Mill Hill Missionary projects. It will be held in St Joseph's Parish Centre on Saturday, 1st December starting at 7.30 pm. The price of tickets is at 13.00 pounds each, which includes a 3-course meal.

RCIA is designed to help adults explore the Catholic Faith. RCIA meet every Wednesday in the Presbytery. You will be very welcome!

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

Catholic Legacy Week 1-7th November. Gifts in your Will are a wonderful way you can continue to support the Church's ministry and mission and help meet the needs of future generations. Do please consider gifts to the Church and Catholic charities next time you update your Will. For more information pick up a leaflet, contact Your Catholic Legacy on 020 7095 5370 or visit www.yourcatholiclegacy.org.uk

Gardening at St. Elizabeth's Cookham after Mass on 18th November. Willing volunteers welcome. Likely to be the final leaf clearing and tidying of this year.

Christmas Flowers: Anyone wishing to sponsor flowers for Christmas decoration in the Church please put your dedication and a donation marked FAO Joan Boland in the office. Thank you.

Liturgy Meeting Tuesday 6th November in Presbytery at 7.30pm



St Joseph's Parish Christmas Bazaar
Sunday 9th December from 12 noon to 3pm.



St Joseph's Centre.

We are looking for volunteers to help run the Bazaar and Stalls and prizes for the Grand Draw. If you are interested, please contact Shauna at the Parish Office.

Please donate books, toys, games, jewellery (no clothes) etc in good condition, into either the Parish or Centre Offices.

We are aiming to have a fun day with: cakes, hotdogs and all sorts of goodies!

Come bring some Christmas Cheer!!



UCM meeting on November 6th 7.45pm in the Bar Area. A Cheese and Wine Evening.

Statue of Our Lady of Fatima is available, for anyone who would like to keep in their home for seven days. Please contact Edgar on 07864977536

Parish Prayer Group: The Group will meet every Wednesday. The revised time is at 6.30pm due to the darker colder nights.

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!!!

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.

Repository: The Repository has Christmas cards, St Joseph's 50p diaries and calendars in stock now.

MAIDENHEAD CATENIANS will hold their **32nd Annual Musical Evening**, featuring artists associated with the English National Opera, at Claires Court School, College Avenue, Maidenhead, SL6 6AW, on Saturday, 17th November 2018, commencing at 7.30 p.m. This year, in addition to well-known arias from opera, operetta and musicals, the programme will include items to commemorate the Centenary of the Royal Air Force and the 100th Anniversary of the end of World War 1. Over the years, this event has proved to be a most popular and entertaining occasion attracting capacity audiences of 200+ from the Maidenhead Parishes and beyond – Tickets are £20 per person and can be secured by contacting Tim Manning: 8, Prince Andrew Road, Maidenhead, SL6 8QJ. Tel.: 01628 632853. E-mail: timmanning1507@gmail.com

Month of the Holy Souls, November – Prays for the Dead: From Thursday 1st November envelopes will be distributed in the pews and at the entrance at both Churches. Please write the name of the souls of those you wish to pray for and place in the box in front of the altar. Please do not put any donations in these envelopes. If you cannot see any envelopes, please write the names of those you wish to pray for on paper and leave in the box. We will do our best to keep the envelopes restocked.

Please Take Me Home! I have lots of useful information that you can read during the week.

Many Thanks Your Weekly Newsletter.