

**Dear Parishioner,**

Advent and Christmas are two very important seasons, and the music ministry work hard to help make them special. If you love singing or playing an instrument, we need some help from you! If you are planning to attend any of these four services, please join us to make the music extra special:

**Advent Service (Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December)** will be a "scratch choir" where we rehearse from 1pm up to the service at 6pm. We will have refreshments and a rest before the actual service, so it will be a fun and enjoyable afternoon!

**6.30pm Christmas Eve Mass** Our Christmas Mass for children and families will have well-known and easy-to-learn carols that anyone of any age can join in with. Please arrive at 5pm to secure a seat, run through the carols and then have a short break before the Mass begins.

**Midnight Mass (with carols from 11.30pm)** includes beautiful traditional carols led from the choir loft. You will need to attend four rehearsals at 8pm on Thursdays 29<sup>th</sup> November, 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> December.

**10.45am Christmas Day Mass** will also be traditional carols led from the choir loft. Just turn up on the day to sing your favourite carols from the choir loft with a fantastic organist!

If you have any questions, or to tell us that you will be coming, please contact us via the Parish Office.

**We can't wait to hear ALL of you over the coming weeks....**

With love from your friendly, fun (and very talented) music ministry 😊



**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2018**



**Mark 13: 24-32**

**And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory.**

**Thought for the day**

Our expression "to have time for someone" is a heart-warming one, because giving time to someone is a real gift of myself, part of our consciousness of being human. The opposite—lack of time—is expressed in another idiom "Money rich but time poor." To be poor in time is a great deprivation, even when self-inflicted. It is all a question of perspective, values and choices. We do need to value the fleeting time we have and not live only towards a future, as yet unreal, moment.

**Prayer**

Help me, eternal God, to accept your gift of the present moment. It is the only moment I will ever have, so let me inhabit it richly and fully, and celebrate your gift of life in abundance.

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**Blessing of Graves at Cookham Cemetery:**

Please note that Fr John will bless the graves of parishioners, family members and loved ones at Cookham Cemetery on Sunday afternoon, 25th November, starting at 2pm.

**Month of the Holy Souls, November Dead List:**

From Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> 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 that is located in front of the altar. Please do not put any donations in these envelopes.

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

**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.

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

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

**Weekly Mass Times, Intentions and Parish Diary**

Sat	17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10:00	David Fredrick Hall, A
		18:30	Barry Wiles, A
Sun	18 <sup>th</sup> Nov	08:00	People of the Parish
		09:15	Derrick Gallagher, SI
		10:45	Jerry Curran, A
Mon	19 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10:00	No Mass – Mothers Prayer Group meet in Church
Tue	20 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10:00	Cathal Duffy, RIP
Wed	21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	10:00	Deceased members of Ann Franks Family, RIP
Wed	21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	18:30	Wednesday Evening Prayer Group meet in Church
Wed	21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	19:45	RCIA meet in Presbytery
Thur	22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	10:00	Vincenzo Spoto Castenzia Scarná, A
Fri	23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	10:00	Mary Jamieson, A
Sat	24 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10:00	Maria Mateo, A
		<b>15:30</b>	<b>Confirmation Programme in St Edmund Campion Church Hall</b>
		18:30	Frank Henry, A
Sun	25 <sup>th</sup> Nov	08:00	Edward Fuller, RIP
		09:15	People of the Parish
		10:45	Mary Bourke, A
		14:00	Blessing of Graves at Cookham Cemetery

**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.**

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

St Joseph's Maidenhead and St. Elizabeth's Cookham are part of the Great Park Pastoral Area of the Diocese of Portsmouth which includes. St Edmund Campion - Maidenhead: St Edward's - Windsor: St Mark's - Dedworth: St Thomas More - Twyford: Our Lady of Peace - Wargrave

**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.**

**Contact Us:**

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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 Leanage

**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.

**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;** Eda Ward, RIP, Marion Bell, RIP, Patricia Pope, RIP and Amanda Spencer, RIP who are recently deceased. Please remember their families and loved ones at this sad time.  
*Pat Pope, RIP*, Requiem Mass will be held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 11.30am 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.

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

**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.

**Maidenhead Catenians** - the monthly Circle meeting will be on Wednesday 28 November at 19:30 in St Joseph's Parish Centre.

**UCM** members meet at Maidenhead Golf Club at 12.30pm for 1pm on Tuesday November 20th. Please let Pat know if you have booked and are unable to attend as soon as possible.

**The collections** figures for the past two Sunday's are as follows: Sunday 4 November, plate and planned giving envelopes amounted to £1088 and the total taken for the second collection for Bamenda amounted to £526. Sunday 11 November, plate and planned giving envelopes amounted to £887. Many thanks for your support.

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

**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.

**Diocesan Refugee Response Project Meeting:** Rosie Lennon- The Diocesan Project Coordinator – will be here next Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November to give a presentation on Community Sponsorship and how this will assist refugees who may arrive in our Parishes. Meeting will take place in the Parish Centre and will begin at 3pm finishing at 4.30pm. For more information please contact Fr John.

**UCM DIOCESAN STUDY DAY:** Saturday, 8th December in St Peter's Church, Jewry Street, Winchester. (Only a few minutes' walk from the railway station.) The topic for the Study Day is "Amoris Laetitia", Pope Francis' post-synodal exhortation. All UCM members are warmly invited to attend. It may also be of interest to teachers in our Catholic schools, members of Prayer Groups and all who support Christian family life in 21st Century Britain. Our guest speaker is Dr Pia Matthews, from St Mary's University, Twickenham. She is an expert on the subject, having been a contributor to the writing of the document. Arrival at 10:00 to start at 10:30. HOLY MASS at 12:00. Bring your own lunch. Refreshments provided. Day ends 3:30pm. Cost: £3 or £4, to pay on the door.

## PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS TO PUT IN YOUR DIARY

**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. The bar will be open on the night. Please do not bring in your own drinks. Tickets available from Terry Boland on 01628 637863 or the Parish Office.

### MILL HILL MISSIONARIES



ST. JOSEPHS  
MISSIONARY  
SOCIETY

*"To love and  
to serve"*

### St Joseph's Parish Social Night

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2018, 8pm to late  
Parish Centre  
Live Music by Stephen and Megan  
Ticket: £10  
Crisps and dips on the night  
Full bar on the night



**St Joseph's Parish Christmas Bazaar**  
Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December from 12 noon to 3pm.  
St Joseph's Centre.

*We need your help!*

*We are looking for:*

*Volunteers to help run the Bazaar and Stalls*

*Bottles for the Tombola*

*Donations of toys, games, jewellery (no clothes) etc in good condition*

*All items can be dropped into either the Parish or Centre Offices or contact Shauna in the Parish Office for more information.*

*Tickets for the Grand Draw are now available. Look out for the tickets in both Churches and in the Parish Office!!*



*We are aiming to have a fun day with: cakes, hotdogs  
and all sorts of goodies!  
Come bring some Christmas Cheer!!*



*For those that wish to help with the Bazaar this year you  
are invited to a short meeting on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November  
after 10.45am Mass to finalise some details. Please let Shauna know if you can / cannot attend.*

**As part of the Parish Christmas Bazaar there will be a fun event at St Elizabeth's, Cookham  
on Sunday 2 December following the 9:15 mass.**

*Attractions include:*

- Seek the treasure on the island*
- Find the golden egg*
- Tombola with a Christmas theme*

*Come and have a go!*

