

**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 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 😊



**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:

##### Parish Priest: Father John Lee

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##### Parish Administrator: Shauna Hamilton

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##### Head Teacher: Mrs Sandra Barry

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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

##### Assistant Priest: Fr Jude Mbonu

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##### Parish Centre Administrator: Gloria McQueen

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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

Number 196, 25<sup>th</sup> November 2018

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Year B**

### Weekly Mass Times, Intentions and Parish Diary

Sat	24 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10:00	Maria Mateo, A
		15:30	<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
Mon	26 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10:00	No Mass – Mothers Prayer Group meet in Church
Tue	27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10:00	Suzy Fatima Fernandes, SI
Wed	28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10:00	Helen & Matthew Hanson, SI
Thu	29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10:00	Veronica Chinkondenji & Nyarai Chima RIP
Fri	30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10:00	Patrick Brennan
Sat	1st Dec	10:00	Christina Mendez, RIP
		18:30	Frank Kompanik, RIP
Sun	2nd Dec	08:00	People of the Parish
		09:15	James Buckley, RIP
		10:45	Michael Clarke, A

**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.  
Many Thanks Your Weekly Newsletter.**

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

**Parish Secretary (Maternity Cover):** St Joseph's Parish in Maidenhead is looking to employ a new Parish Secretary to cover a period of maternity leave up to eleven months. This is a part-time post; five hours per day, Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 1.00pm. We are looking for someone who is experienced; possesses good communication skills and is IT literate. Successful candidate must have the confidence to manage and organize a busy parish office. Are you interested? Please contact St Joseph's Parish Office on 01628 783988 or email [maidenhead@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:maidenhead@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) for more details and an application form. Closing date for applications: Friday, 4th January 2019. Interviews will be held on Tuesday 8th January 2019. Successful applicant will be expected to start on Friday, 18th January 2019.

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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.

**Invitation:** If any Parishioner would like to set up the Crib this Christmas please let Shauna know in the Parish office.

**Altar Linen:** We are looking for more volunteers to join the washing of the altar linen rota. Please contact Shauna in the Parish Office.

**Parish Advent and Christmas Cards can be found at the entrance of both Churches. Please take one home as they have all the Mass times over Christmas.**

*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*

**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.

**Collections:** Last Sunday's plate and planned giving collection amounted to £1108. Many thanks.

**Gift Aid:** A big thank you to those of you who have recently taken the time to ask for gift aid forms and who have set up regular payments to St Joseph's. All your contributions help but with gift aid they just go that bit further. Our only funding source is you, the Parishioners, who keep this wonderful community going and gift aid is the only money we can get back from the Government, so thank you.

**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.

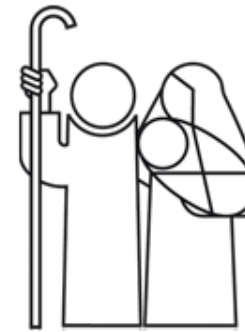
**UCM Diocesan Study Day:** Saturday, 8th December in St Peter's Church, Jewry Street, Winchester. (Only a few minutes' walk from the railway station.) The topic for the Study Day is "Amoris Laetitia", Pope Francis' post-synodal exhortation. All UCM members are warmly invited to attend. It may also be 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.

**Children's Liturgists** - a reminder that there is a short meeting for everyone next Sunday 2nd December, immediately after the 10.45 a.m. mass in the Bar area. Please bring your diaries. Any new helpers or parishioners with suggestions are very welcome at the meeting. Please consider if you could help run a session even once a year as we are so very short of leaders. All materials and plans are provided - our children need you! Contact Tricia on **01628 627265** for further details.

## 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:*

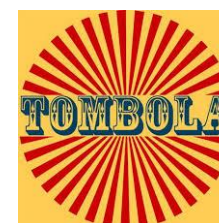
*Volunteers to help run the Bazaar and Stalls*

*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!*

