

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 Saturdays of each month, 10:45am. Please contact the Parish Office for more information. No Baptism during Lent.

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 Maria at the Parish Office for an appointment. Fr John is always happy to visit you at home if so desired.

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If you have any concerns / issues that you feel should be

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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.

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

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Psalter Week 3, Year C

Weekly Mass Times, Intentions and Parish Diary

Sat	26th Jan	10:00	Salvator Scozzari, A
		18:30	Raffaele Ruocco, RIP
Sun	27th Jan	08:00	People of the Parish
		09:15	Mr. and Mrs. Michael Philip, A
		10:45	Card Eyre, A
Mon	28 th Jan	10:00	Mothers Prayers
Tue	29 th Jan	10:00	Deceased members of the Magri Family
Wed	30 th Jan	10:00	Ines Castro and Rene Garcia, SI
		18:30	Evening Prayer Group meet in Church
Thu	31 st Jan	10:00	Josephine McCann, A
Fri	1 st Feb	10:00	Mass of the Sick and Housebound, Joseph Church
Sat	2 nd Feb	10:00	Renee and Rey Dias, SI
			Eda Ward and Albert Reginald, RIP
		18:30	People of the Parish
Sun	3 rd Feb	08:00	Jason Dey, SI
		09:15	Margaret Gallagher, RIP
		10:45	James Buckley, RIP

Code: SI: Special Intention, **RIP:** Rest in Peace,

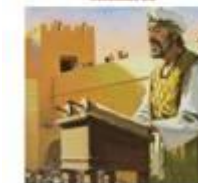
A: Anniversary, **FM:** Foundation Mass

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

Sunday 27th January 2019

Esra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people.
Nehemiah 8.5



Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

Jesus said, "Today, this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing"

Thought for the day

One of the encouraging signs in today's church is the growing popularity of lectio divina, praying the Scriptures. This is best done with other people because it is so enriching as we benefit from the observations and questions of fellow pilgrims. It comes alive when I can say "Today, this scripture has been fulfilled in my hearing."

Prayer

Lord, inspire me to read your Scriptures and to meditate upon them day and night. I beg you to give me real understanding of what I need, that I in turn may put its precepts into practice. Yet, I know that understanding and good intentions are worthless, unless rooted in your graceful love. So, I ask that the words of Scripture may also be not just signs on a page, but channels of grace into my heart. Amen.

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!

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

Please pray for all those who are sick or housebound within the Parish, including: Mary Toovey, Johnny Pereira, Tony and Rosa Ruffolo, Lena Watson, Betty Buckley, Alexandra Donaldson, Veronica Heaver, Vincent Ray, Sakunthala Thillainayagam, Joan Lennarz, Ray Whealing, Derek and Bernadette Clarke, Christopher and Catherine Browne, Helen O'Donovan, Mary Wall, John 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; Mary Ranger, Margaret Gallagher, RIP, Moire Eskrine, RIP, Andrew Faulkner, RIP, James Nash, RIP and Jean Davison, RIP (Mother to Ros Granger) who are recently deceased. Please remember their families and loved ones at this sad time.

Sylvia Choules, RIP, Requiem Mass will be held on Friday 15th February at 10:00am in 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?

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

HELP! Have you made your New Year's Resolutions yet?! The Children's Liturgy group are struggling, and we need your support. Please will you consider trying to lead one session this year? You will always work with a team of 3, help and support will be on hand and all the plans are provided. Perhaps you have a child doing their First Communion and would like to contribute? Or maybe you are a retired teacher willing to help us out very occasionally? Please contact Tricia Weeks (el. 01628 627265 or triciaweeksmail@gmail.com) for further details, you will be welcomed with open arms.

CAFOD: You are invited to a CAFOD meeting on Monday 18th February from 7:15pm to 9pm at Christ the King Church 408 Northumberland Avenue, Reading RG2 8NR. Sally Kitchener CAFOD's writer for the Communications Team will be talking about her recent visit to see CAFOD's projects in Bangladesh and there will an opportunity to explore the resources for Lent fast day on 15th March. Also, on Tuesday 5th March from 7:15pm to 9pm at St Joseph's Church London Road, Newbury RG14 1JP Kezia Harrow our Step into the Gap Volunteer will be talking about her recent trip to visit CAFOD's projects in the Holy Land. Everyone is welcome so please book your place by emailing portsmouth@caofd.org.uk or call 01252 329385

St John's Beaumont – A Catholic Option in Independent Education St John's Beaumont is a Catholic independent prep school for boys ages 3-13, at Old Windsor. Bursaries may be available to support Catholic families. Our next open morning is on Tuesday 29th January 2019. Please contact Anne Barker (Admissions Officer) on 01784 432428 for more information or see our website: www.sjbwindsor.uk

Catholic Singles: Catholic Singles is an organisation which helps single Catholics of all ages (over 18 years) meet other single Catholics, either one to one or through social events. For further information visit www.catholicsingles.org.uk or tel. 0161 941 3498

Collection in aid of St John's Catholic Cathedral, Portsmouth: This weekend we take the annual collection in support of our Cathedral in Portsmouth. Envelopes are available at all masses for those who do not have gift aided planned giving envelopes for second collections. This collection is the only support our Cathedral receives from the wider Diocesan family. Please give generously, gift aiding your donation wherever possible.

Marriage and Relationship Counselling with Marriage Care: Catholic Marriage Care is a faith-based organisation, that draws on its Catholic tradition and contemporary research, to help couples in both good times and bad. Most relationships face difficulties at some point. Talking to a relationship counsellor can help. Our local centre in Reading offers relationship counselling with fully-trained counsellors. For further information please call 0800 389 3801. If you are a trained relationship counsellor, could you volunteer with Marriage Care? Further counsellors are needed for our Reading centre – expenses and supervision is provided. For further information, please contact Sue Cooper at reading.admin@marriagecare.org or phone 0793 949 5774.

Collections: Last Sunday's plate collection amounted to £1326. Many thanks.

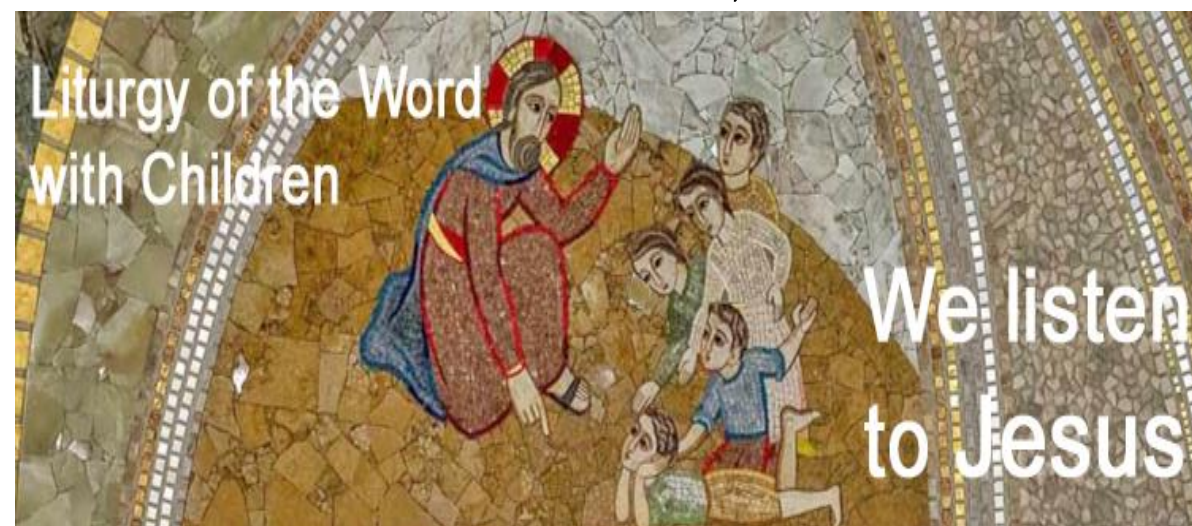
Can you spare a Sunday morning at the 10.45am Mass to help keep the Repository running on a rota? Or can you go one step further and take on joint responsibility? Please contact the Parish office or Joan Boland on 01628 637863.

Children's Liturgy of the Word Training and Support Day

Saturdays, 10am to 2.30pm

30th March St James, Reading

15th June St Edward the Confessor, Chandlers Ford



Portsmouth Diocese is organising a training and support day for all those who are liturgy leaders or who would consider the ministry.

The days are 30th March in Reading and 15th June in Chandlers Ford – attend only one. Further details and booking is through the [diocesan website](#)



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Come and visit the Open Mornings

Thursday 31st January 9:30am -11.30am

and Saturday 2nd February 10:00am – 12:00pm.

Meet Headmaster Mr. N S Cheesman