

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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Parish Pastoral Council

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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 Parish office.



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

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Psalter Week 4, Year C

Weekly Mass Times, Intentions and Parish Diary

Sat	2 nd Feb	10:00	Renee and Rey Dias, SI Eda Caterina Ward and Albert Reginald Ward, RIP
		18:30	People of the Parish
Sun	3 rd Feb	08:00	Jason Dey, SI
		09:15	Margaret Gallagher, RIP
Mon	4 th Feb	10:00	Mothers Prayers
Tue	5 th Feb	10:00	Reina Family Deceased
Wed	6 th Feb	10:00	Terence Hanrahan, RIP
		18:30	Evening Prayer Group meet in Church
Thu	7 th Feb	10:00	Salvatore and Pietro Tirrito, A
Fri	8 th Feb	10:00	Derek and Martha Manuel, SI
Sat	9 th Feb	10:00	Sanjurjo Fernandes Family Deceased
		18:30	Raffaele Ruocco, RIP
Sun	10 th Feb	08:00	People of the Parish
		09:15	John and Terry Webb, A
		10:45	Lily Faria, 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

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.

Sunday 3rd February 2019

Then he began to say to them



Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing
Luke 4:21

Luke 4:21-30

No prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown

Thought for the day

Probably all of us have experience of "small town Ireland" (or wherever). The limited set of expectations limits what we can see and recognise in others. It may even be that we are both victims and perpetrators! Familiarity does not always breed esteem. This is even true in the faith: we can be so "familiar" with it all that any sense of energy or newness has long since dissipated. And yet, we should allow ourselves to be surprised by the God of surprises: "See, I am making all things new." (Revelation 21:5) This newness of the Gospel is more radical than mere novelty: it is a new creation in Christ. New wine, new wineskins!

Prayer

God of the new, help us shake off the shackles of familiarity and come once more with open hearts and lives to hear again your prophet Jesus. Amen



Do you love your Church

Like every home our Church needs a regular clean up.....come lend a hand for an hour on **SATURDAYS at 10:45am**. This is a great time to come out in fellowship with others to 'shine up' the Church and make it a more welcoming place for others.

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 Maria 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.

Dolores Sanchez, RIP, Requiem Mass will be held on Monday 11th February at 12:00pm in St Joseph's Church

Sylvia Choules, RIP, Requiem Mass will be held on Friday 15th February at 10:00am in St Joseph's Church

Fr. Adrian Walker, RIP, Requiem Mass will be held on Wednesday 20th February at 12:00pm in St Joseph's Church

Zita Marie Gibbs, RIP, Requiem Mass will be held on Thursday 21st February at 12:00pm 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

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

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

Volunteer Opportunity – Evening Receptionist in Woodley for Marriage Care: Do you enjoy meeting people and putting them at their ease? Would you also welcome some quiet time secure in the knowledge that your presence is helping our vital relationship counselling service? We are looking for a friendly and helpful volunteer who can spare a couple of hours on Monday evenings, a couple of times per month, at our venue in Woodley. You will meet and greet couples who come for counselling and remain in the venue during counselling sessions. For more details and informal enquiries please contact: Sue Cooper 07939495774 or email reading.admin@marriagecare.org

White Flower Appeal – The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) is holding its annual appeal this weekend. SPUC is currently campaigning to stop the decriminalisation of abortion, which means taking abortion outside the law. This is the most dangerous threat to unborn children and their mother in decades. Please be generous as you can to help us defeat this latest attack on unborn babies and their mothers and to stop abortion getting even worse in this Country by decriminalisation. Please give generously as you leave the Church after mass today.

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time: February 3, 2019, World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life. "Before you were born, I consecrated you." Do you think you may be called by the Lord to serve Him as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? To explore further, contact Fr. John Cooke. vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869

UCM meeting: On Tuesday February 5th at 7.45pm will be our AGM postponed from two weeks ago. It will be followed by cheese and wine refreshments.

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

Collections: Last Sunday's plate collection amounted to £961. We had a second collection for the Cathedral which amounted to £613. 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

30th March St James – Reading, 15th June St Edward the Confessor - Chandlers Ford Saturdays, 10am to 2.30pm

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. Further details and booking is through the [diocesan website](#)

ST BERNARD'S PREPARATORY SCHOOL

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OPEN MORNING

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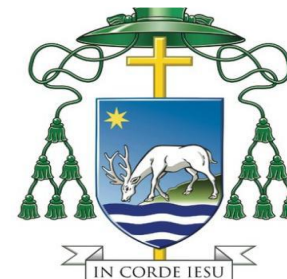
Come and visit the Open Mornings

Thursday 31st January 9:30am -11.30am and Saturday 2nd February 10:00am – 12:00pm.

Meet Headmaster Mr. N S Cheesman

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PORTSMOUTH

Bringing all people closer to Jesus Christ through His Church



APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF OPERATION OFFICER FEBRUARY 2019: The mission of our Diocese of Portsmouth is to bring people closer to Jesus Christ through His Church. This appointment is extremely significant for the life of the Diocese and pivotal to professionalising its future. It is part of an ongoing process to increase the involvement of professional leaders in supporting parish priests and the people of our parish and school communities. The Chief Operating Officer will be responsible for the entire business function of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth Trust ("The Charity") to deliver the Bishop's Vision. Working closely with the Trustees of the Charity and the Chairs of each of the 3 Vicariates to develop processes by which their respective strategies are implemented.

The ability to drive through change, balancing a sensitive appreciation that the Catholic Church is a longstanding institution whose values are paramount. Lead the existing team of professional support staff, helping to develop policies and procedures to cope with the fast-changing nature of the social and legislative environment in which the Charity operates. Proactively contribute to the growth of the Church in terms of its development of structures and practices to encourage and support its work both in parishes and in the various agencies operating within the Diocese.

To express an interest in this role and to be considered for it, please submit the following via the GatenbySanderson website. If you have any queries about any aspect of the appointment process, need additional information or wish to have an informal and confidential discussion, then our advising consultants at GatenbySanderson, Katy Giddens (020 7426 3973) or Mark Bate (0113 205 6288) will be pleased to take your call. Closing Date: 24th FEBRUARY 2019

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST

Catholic Women's Organisation (Portsmouth Diocese): This is a new organisation which has been approved by Bishop Philip in the diocese, with Fr. Gerry Onyejuluwa as the Chaplain of the organisation. It is our pleasure to inform all Catholics in the Portsmouth Diocese that we will hold our inaugural Mass for the Catholic Women's Organisation of Nigeria Portsmouth Diocese on **Sunday 17th February 2019** at St Joseph's Church, St Michael's Road, Basingstoke, Hampshire RG22 6TY, at 1.30pm, followed by a get together in St Joseph's parish hall from (2.30 – 4.30 pm). This Catholic lay organisation welcomes all Catholic women.

Lent is fast approaching!

This Friday at 7pm, Fr John will lead a discussion of what Lent 2019 could look like for our parish. **This is a perfect opportunity to give your gifts and talents to enrich our parish!**



During Lent 2018, the parish offered wonderful opportunities that included:

- Stations of the Cross, celebrated weekly in different ways
- Children's Stations of the Cross on Good Friday morning
- Lenten Calendar, which gave families something different to do, pray for, or give up every day during Lent
- Film Schedule on Sunday afternoons
- Hot Cross Buns after our Good Friday service to support our Lenten Project

We need your ideas and inspiration to build a programme that will support our charity Lenten Project and give opportunities for people to deepen their faith. **We also need people who can help us to set up for different events**, perhaps by making a pot of tea, arranging chairs or getting involved in publicity.

If you can join us in person this Friday (7th Feb) at 7pm, your time and ideas would be very welcome! If you can't be there in person, please send any ideas or offers for help to the Parish Office.