

**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.**

**Contact Us:**

**Parish Priest: Father John Lee**

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**Parish Pastoral Council**

Andrew Strowbridge (Chairperson) Eleanor Chinkondenji (Vice Chairperson), Fr John Lee, Françoise Rogoszewski, Gloria McQueen, Norma Machray, Anthony Marques, Yvonne Piekut and Don Leange

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**

Number 202, 10<sup>th</sup> February 2019

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Psalter Week 1, Year C**

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

Sat	9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10:00	Sanjurjo Fernandes Family Deceased
		18:30	Raffaele Ruocco, RIP
Sun	10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	08:00	People of the Parish
		09:15	John and Terry Webb, A
		10:45	Lily Faria, A
Mon	11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10:00	Mothers Prayers
		12:00	Requiem Mass: Dolores Sanchez, RIP
Tue	12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10:00	Holy Souls
Wed	13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10:00	Rev John Lord Lewington, FM
		18:30	Evening Prayer Group meet in Church
Thu	14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10:00	Lee and Sullivan Deceased
Fri	15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10:00	Requiem Mass: Sylvia Choules, RIP
Sat	16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10:00	Alex and Jessica Outram, FM
		18:30	Mary and James Sullivan, RIP
Sun	17 <sup>th</sup> Feb	08:00	People of the Parish
		09:15	Domingos Caridade Fernandes, A
		10:45	Mary Wall, SI

**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 10<sup>th</sup> February 2019**



**Luke 5:1-11**

**Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people**

**Thought for the day**

We tend to think of the first disciples as somehow "clergy" with a call special to them. But that is not adequate. Jesus is first of all calling disciples, that is ordinary people, including ourselves. Discipleship includes experience, learning and risk. What experiences have brought me this far? What have I learned and am I still learning? How about the call to "put out into the deep"? Is the Lord asking of me a deeper following, both costly and lifegiving? How am I responding? Is there something in me hesitating and holding back? Do I need to hear again the words, "Do not be afraid"?

**Prayer**

God of surprises, help us to take the risk of following Jesus on a path of discipleship costing "not less than everything." Help us to let go, that we may live the Gospel fully and richly.

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**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.

**Please pray for all those who are sick or housebound** within the Parish, including: Jim Ryda, 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 11<sup>th</sup> February at 12:00pm in St Joseph's Church

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

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

*Zita Marie Gibbs*, RIP, Requiem Mass will be held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> March. Also on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:portsmouth@caofd.org.uk) or call 01252 329385

**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](mailto:reading.admin@marriagecare.org) or phone 0793 949 5774.

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time: February 10, 2019** Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send?" Do you think that the Lord wants to send you as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? To explore further, contact Fr. John Cooke. [vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or call 01329 318 869

**READING AT ST JOSEPH'S:** I will be preparing the next Readers Rota for April to June in the next few weeks. If there are any existing readers that want to give up this important ministry, please let me know asap. There have been occasions when readers have not turned up for their duty meaning someone else has to read unprepared. This is most unfair. All have the contact list, so it is not difficult to find a replacement before the Mass. On the other hand, if there are parishioners that would like to read please contact me. All you will need is a good, clear voice as some training can be given. We are particularly short of readers at 8.00am Mass. Email [triciabrooking@gmail.com](mailto:triciabrooking@gmail.com)

**The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA):** is designed to help adults explore the Catholic Faith. RCIA meet every Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm in the Presbytery. New inquiries are most welcome to attend. For more information you may contact Parish Office on 01628 783988

**Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Meeting:** Will meet on Tuesday evening on 12<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm, in the Presbytery.

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.

**Monthly Offertory Figures:** January had 5 Sundays and the total offerings to St Joseph's and St Elizabeth's amounted to £9,660. This is made up of cash in the offertory plate collection, planned giving envelopes, plus standing orders and direct debits. We claim back a further 25% from the taxman on gift aided offerings. Potentially, our Parish has lost out on £850 in gift aid during January on offerings in the loose plate made by those taxpayers who have yet to join our gift aid scheme.

**So, all you taxpayers, if you haven't already, please make the time to get hold of a gift aid declaration form from Louise. Your generous contributions are what keep this Parish going. Thank you for all your support.**

**Catholic Newspapers:** We have a selection of weekly newspapers and journals in our press rack in the corridor by the Parish Centre. Please put your money in the candle box in church and enjoy a read about issues affecting our church.

**Living our Faith:** We have plans to install black-out blinds in the Parish Centre Hall. This will improve visibility when the projector and screen are in use for parish events and courses. It will also be much appreciated by our various hall users who struggle with brightness issues when the sun comes out. We aim to provide hall facilities which are well looked after and attractive to our users. We will apply to use the Parish's Living our Faith fund to cover the cost of the blinds.

**Goan Community Retreat in Konkani:** On Saturday 09<sup>th</sup> March from 2pm to 6pm in St. Joseph's Church. All are Welcome!

**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.

#### **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](http://diocesan website) Please send any questions to Paul O'Beirne at [CLOW@portsmouthdiocese.co.uk](mailto:CLOW@portsmouthdiocese.co.uk)

#### **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**