

**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. **We are looking to form a committee for our Parish Website, if you have experience in editing, photography, and reporting, and able to spare a little time for our Parish, please see Fr John or Maria in 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 Leanage

If you have any concerns / issues that you feel should be discussed, please contact the office.

**Assistant Priest: Fr Jude Mbonu**

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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.



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

Number 203, 17<sup>th</sup> February 2019

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C**

**Psalter Week 2**

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

|     |                      |       |                                       |
|-----|----------------------|-------|---------------------------------------|
| 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                         |
| Mon | 18 <sup>th</sup> Feb | 10:00 | Mothers Prayers                       |
| Tue | 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb | 10:00 | Louisa Coleman and Coleman Family, SI |
| Wed | 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb | 10:00 | David Cloet, SI                       |
|     |                      | 12:00 | Requiem Mass: Fr Adrian Walker, RIP   |
|     |                      | 18:30 | Evening Prayer Group meet in Church   |
| Thu | 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb | 12:00 | Requiem Mass: Zita Marie Gibbs, RIP   |
| Fri | 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb | 10:00 | Gladwin Fernandes, SI                 |
| Sat | 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb | 10:00 | Angelica and Giuseppe Antinoro, RIP   |
|     |                      | 18:30 | Kathleen, James and John O'Shea, RIP  |
| Sun | 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb | 08:00 | People of the Parish                  |
|     |                      | 09:15 | Cancio Fernandes, RIP                 |
|     |                      | 10:45 | O'Rourke Family Deceased              |

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



**Luke 6:17,20-26**

Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God

**Thought for the day**

We all know from experience that happiness can be confused with all sorts of things — enjoyment, getting my own way, pleasure etc. We also all know— in our heart of hearts—that true happiness is not something that I have for myself but something that I am with others. Rather than something I possess, it is something that I am, with my values and vision. The paradox of human life is that we attain happiness not by aiming at it for ourselves but only making other people the focus of our lives and loves. In the words of St Paul: Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. (Rom 13:8)

**Prayer**

God of our happiness give us the wisdom that you alone can give so that we also may be wise and come to life in abundance, according to your will.

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**Fr Jude Mbonu:** Congratulations to Fr Jude who has been appointed Parish Priest of St Thomas More's in Twyford. Fr Jude replaces Monsignor James Joyce who retires next month. As well as congratulating Fr Jude we thank him for the contribution that he has made to the life of St Joseph's in the short time that he has been with us. We ask God's blessing for Fr Jude as he prepares to take up his new appointment. Fr Jude's last weekend with us will be the 9<sup>th</sup> / 10<sup>th</sup> March. Please pray too for Monsignor James as he prepares to enter retirement having given many years of dedicated commitment as a priest of the Lord.

**Please pray for all those who are sick or housebound** within the Parish, including: Barbara Cooper, 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:** Sylvia Choules, Dolores Sanchez, 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.

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

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time: February 17, 2019** "Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord..." Are you considering a vocation? 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 stand down from 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

**Collections:** Last Sunday's plate collection amounted to £1,119. 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.

**Fr Adrian Walker RIP:** The Funeral Mass for retired priest Fr Adrian Walker RIP will take place next Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February at 12pm here at St Joseph's. We welcome back to St Joseph's Mgr Tom McGrath who will be the main celebrant. We will be joined by clergy from the Archdiocese of Westminster including Bishop Paul McAleenan who is one of the auxiliaries. Please continue to pray for the happy repose of the soul of Fr Adrian.

**Comboni Missionary Appeal:** Next weekend 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> February the Comboni Missionaries will be present to conduct a Mission Appeal.

**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.

**The World Day of Prayer** this year will be at St. Luke's Church Norfolk Road on Friday March 1st at 2pm. It will start with the Children's Choir from St. Luke's School. Both Gentlemen and Ladies are welcome to the service which has been written by ladies in Slovenia. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

**UCM Meeting:** Our own Fr JUDE will be the very special guest speaker at the next UCM meeting in the Parish Centre. The meeting begins at 7:45pm on Tuesday, 19th February, (doors to the Bar Area open at 7:30pm). Please come along for an enjoyable evening and to hear a little about Fr Jude's life as a priest, in Nigeria and here. Everyone welcome! Refreshments provided.

**Goan Community Retreat in Konkani:** On Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March from 2pm to 6pm in St. Joseph's Church. All are Welcome!



**St Mary's Catholic Pre School** are looking for a Pre School Practitioner Qualified to NVQ Level 3 (or equivalent) 4 days per week. Please email your CV to [stmaryspreschool@btconnect.com](mailto:stmaryspreschool@btconnect.com) or contact Michelle on (01628)627013. All applications will be processed in line with our safeguarding and safer recruitment policy and procedures

#### 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 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.

#### CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PORTSMOUTH

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**APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF OPERATION OFFICER FEBRUARY 2019:** This appointment is extremely significant for the life of the Diocese and pivotal to professionalising its future. 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.

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