

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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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.

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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 205, 3rd March 2019

**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C
Psalter Week 4**

Weekly Mass Times, Intentions and Parish Diary

Sat	2 nd Mar	10:00	Jian Crisostimo Severino, A
		18:30	Caitano Eustaqueo Fernandes, RIP
Sun	3 rd Mar	08:00	Frank Griffin, RIP
		09:15	People of the Parish
		10:45	Peter and Agatha Lowrey, RIP
Mon	4 th Mar	10:00	Mothers Prayers
		11:30	Requiem Mass: Nader Chaichian, RIP
Tue	5 th Mar	12:00	Requiem Mass: Catherine Stevens, RIP
		19:45	UCM meet in Parish Centre
Wed	6 th Mar	10:00	George Dunn, FM
		19:30	Hanrahan Family, SI
		18:30	Evening Prayer Group meet in Church
Thu	7 th Mar	10:00	James Buckley, RIP
Fri	8 th Mar	10:00	Raffaele Ruocco, RIP
Sat	9 th Mar	10:00	Holy Souls
		18:30	Avelino Colaco and Thereza Philomena Colaco, RIP
Sun	10 th Mar	08:00	People of Parish
		09:15	Terence Hanrahan, RIP
		10:45	Thomas Mulligan, 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.

Lent 2019: Please note that the season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday 6th March. Ash Wednesday is a day of Fasting and Abstinence. Ashes will be blessed and distributed at each Mass:

10.00am St Joseph's Church, Maidenhead
7.30pm St Elizabeth's Church, Cookham.

Sunday 3rd March 2019



Luke 6:39-45

The good person out of the good treasure of the heart produces good

Thought for the day

For many, it is seemingly possible to sleep-walk through life, to live on an entirely sentient level. Perhaps our current culture of distraction supports such superficial so-called living. Many, however, are dissatisfied and long for an awakening, a conversion, a transformation, for something more. Such a hunger of the heart is acknowledged in many religions and philosophies — Jesus' teaching here could just as easily be on the lips of the Gautama Buddha. The difference for Christians is the grace of God in Christ and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Ultimately, it is all grace, grace upon grace as the Prologue of John puts it.

Prayer

God of all our awakenings, we know that the journey inward is the journey home. Keep our hearts restless until we come to rest in you. Amen.

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.

Fr Jude: Sunday 10 March will be Fr Jude's last Sunday Mass with us. Please join us in the hall after Mass so we can say our farewells. If you can bring a plate of food to share that would be much appreciated. Please sign up on the lists at either end of the Church indicating what food you will be bringing.

Please pray for all those who are sick or housebound within the Parish, including: Michael Micallef, Eileen O'Mahony, 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: Zita Marie Gibbs, RIP, Fr. Adrian Walker, RIP, Sylvia Choules, RIP, Dolores Sanchez, RIP, Mary Ranger, RIP, 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. *Nader Chaichian*, RIP, Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Monday 4th March at 11:30am in St Joseph's Church *Catherine Steven*, RIP, Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday 5th March at 12:00pm in St Joseph's Church *David Richard Holden*, RIP, Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday 12th March 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 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

CAFOD Lent family fast day Friday 15th March CAFOD Lent family fast day is an opportunity to support our brothers and sisters overseas who are in need. On Friday 15th March can you eat simple meal so that others can simply eat. Through CAFOD's global network your support can reach to the ends of the earth so please collect your fast day envelope from church and give whatever you can or you can donate online at <https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Fast-Day> Liz Falconer will introduce the theme for the fast day at each of the Masses this weekend.

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.

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - March 3, 2019: "Therefore ... be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord," Are you considering devoting your work to the Lord as a priest, deacon, or religious? To explore further, contact Fr. John Cooke. vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869

Ash Wednesday - March 6, 2019: "If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts." Are you discerning a call to follow the Lord? To explore further, contact Fr. John Cooke. vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869

The Parish Website: 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.

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

Collections: Last Sunday's plate collection amounted to £1,066. The second collection for the Comboni Missionaries last week amounted to £967. Many thanks for your contributions.

Mill Hill Missionaries National Novena to St Joseph 10 - 18 March 2019

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH

NOVENA MASS TIMES

Sunday 10 March - 10.45am
Monday 11 March - 7.30pm
Tuesday 12 March - 7.30pm
Wednesday 13 March - 7.30pm
Thursday 14 March - 7.30pm
Friday 15 March - 10.00am & 7.30pm
Saturday 16 March - 10.00am
Sunday 17 March - 10.45am
Monday 18 March - 7.30pm (Refreshments)

Invitation to join us in Prayer

You are all invited to join us at the Novena Masses. If you are unable to attend but would like a Novena booklet to say the Novena prayers at home, please send a stamped self-addressed envelope to:
Novena Director
St Joseph's Missionary Society
58 Cookham Road
Maidenhead,
SL6 7HT
Or email: novenamhm@gmail.com



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 Please send any questions to Paul O'Beirne at CLOW@portsmouthdiocese.co.uk

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND 15TH—22ND MAY 2019. Due to a cancellation we have **2 places available in a twin or double room.** Cost: £1360pp. Deposit: £250 pp. Flights from Heathrow. Led by Frs. John & Michael. Contact St James: stjames@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or phone 01189 574171 **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE, READING SEEKS NEW CATHOLIC GOVERNORS

St Joseph's College, the only Catholic independent school in the Reading area is seeking to recruit new governors, particularly people with skills in any of the following areas: IT, Health, Safeguarding, Finance or HR. The full governing body meets six times a year and all governors sit on one of the sub committees which meet between three and six times a year. For more information or to express an interest please do not hesitate to contact David Hallé, Chair of Governors on chair@sjcr.org.uk or on 07484 318174. For more information about the College, do visit the College web site at <https://sjcr.org.uk>

SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES MASS 2019

Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or Anniversary over 60 years? If so, Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of Celebration. This will take place at St Bede's Church in Basingstoke on **Saturday 6th July 2019 at 11 am.** It is a wonderful occasion to celebrate and witness to Marriage. If you would like to come, please fill in the form on the Diocesan website, or send an email to anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. Please note this address is not monitored daily and you may have to wait for a reply, so please be patient, or please contact your Parish Office for the form.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES, 25-29 July 2019: In 2019 the Pilgrimage to Lourdes will be led by Bishop Philip assisted in many aspects by young people from throughout the Diocese who will lead music, catechesis, and social activities. All bookings on the Pilgrimage should be made through Fr. P J Smith in the Pilgrimage Office, **tel.: 07780221686, email: lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.or.uk.**