

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-mornings 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

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

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 office.



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

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT, Year C

Psalter Week 1

Weekly Mass Times, Intentions and Parish Diary

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
Mon	11 th Mar	10:00	Mothers Prayers
		19:30	Jose Gilbert Fernandes, SI
Tue	12 th Mar	12:00	Requiem Mass: David Richard Holden, RIP
		19:30	Nyarai Chima, RIP
Wed	13 th Mar	19:30	Ann McCaffrey, RIP
Thu	14 th Mar	19:30	Rev John Lord Lewington, FM
Fri	15 th Mar	10:00	Mass: St Marys School to attend
		19:30	Fernandes Family, SI
Sat	16 th Mar	10:00	Santana Rodrigues, A
		18:30	People of the Parish
Sun	17 th Mar	08:00	Alice Swales, A
		09:15	Mr and Mrs Michael Philip, A
		10:45	Margaret Killoran, 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 10th March 2019

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Luke 4:1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness.

Thought for the day

The days of spring lengthen and Lent echoes nature and invites us as well to a new springtime of faith. As in farming and gardening, there is work to be done if new growth is to flourish or even to happen at all. We have to look back and see what has done well and what has, in effect, died off. We need to make space by clearing the ground and looking at ourselves honestly. It would be good to identify what will feed and sustain us during this journey from the ashes of Ash Wednesday to the new birth of the Easter.

Prayer

In this springtime, creator God, we watch new life appear from the dark earth after the night of winter. Help us also to grow. In us, there is darkness and night; yet we know that you can bring us once more to life. Amen.

The Season of Lent



Lenten Programme 2019

Lectio Divina every Thursday after morning Mass.

Stations of the Cross every Friday after morning Mass and at 7:30pm

Soup Lunch every Friday lunchtime after Mass and Stations of the Cross

We need your help! If you are able to lend a hand setting up rooms, welcoming people in or giving ideas for our children's events we would love to hear from you. Please get in touch via the parish office.

Please pray for all those who are sick or housebound within the Parish, including: Michael Micallef, Eileen O'Mahony, 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: Catherine Stevens, RIP, Nader Chaichian, RIP, Zita Marie Gibbs, RIP, Fr. Adrian Walker, RIP, Sylvia Choules, RIP, Dolores Sanchez, RIP, Mary Ranger, RIP, Margaret Gallagher, RIP who are recently deceased. Please remember their families and loved ones at this sad time.

David Richard Holden, RIP, Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday 12th March at 12:00pm here at 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 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>

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.

First Sunday of Lent – March 10, 2019: "The priest shall receive the panner from you and shall set it in front of the altar of the Lord, your God". Are you considering a call from the Holy Spirit to become a priest in front of the altar of our 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.

Collections: Last Sunday's plate collection amounted to £1,125. Many Thanks.

Monthly Offertory Figures: February had 4 Sundays and the total offerings to St Joseph's and St Elizabeth's amounted to £8,239. 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 £654 in gift aid during February 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.**

Lenten Project 2019: Fr John has requested that this year's Lenten Project will be given over to supporting the **DASH Charity** set up to support families experiencing domestic abuse across Windsor & Maidenhead, South Bucks and Slough. The retiring collection each Sunday – with the exception of 16th / 17th March – will be for the work of **DASH**. We hope to have a speaker from the charity sometime over the next few weeks. More information to follow



St Mary's Catholic Pre School are soon to allocate spaces for September 2019 - September 2020. If you would like your child to attend the Pre School and have not yet applied, please contact 01628627103 as soon as possible to book a visit and complete an application form. Enquiries can also be made at stmaryspreschool@btconnect.com



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

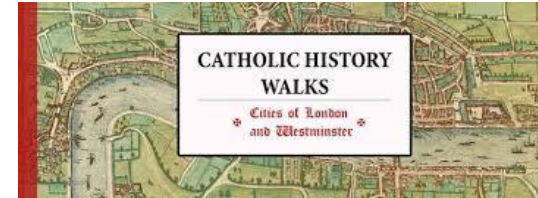
You are all invited to join us at the Novena Masses. If you are unable to attend but would like a Novena booklet to say the Novena prayers at home, please send a stamped self-addressed envelope to:
Novena Director
St Joseph's Missionary Society
58 Cookham Road
Maidenhead,
SL6 7HT Or email: novenamhm@gmail.com

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

Richmond-upon-Thames



Sunday 10th March, 3.30pm; Monday 18th March, 7pm. Meet at St Elizabeth's Church, The Vineyard. TW10 6AQ.

Nearest station and Tube: Richmond.

The City of London and its Wall Friday 15th March, 2pm.

Meet at St Etheldreda's, Ely Place. Nearest Tube: Farringdon.

Contact: chwalkslondon@gmail.com

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>

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.**

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, <http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/anniversaries/> and complete the on-line form, 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. If you do not have access to the internet, please contact the Parish office, who will have the form you need to complete. To help celebrate the occasion please could you provide a **COPY** of your Wedding photograph, you can upload it when you complete the form online. Alternatively scan and send via email to above email address. Again, if you have no access to the internet you can post a **COPY** along with completed form by post to the following address: St Bede's Parish Office, Popley Way, Basingstoke. RG24 9DX. Please mark envelope **Significant Wedding Mass.**

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.**