

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.

Contact Us:

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Parish Pastoral Council

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

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.



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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT, Year C

Psalter Week 2

Weekly Mass Times, Intentions and Parish Diary

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
Mon	18 th Mar	10:00	Mothers Prayers
		19:30	Cardozo Family, SI
Tue	19 th Mar	10:00	Charles and Pauline Van de Verve, FM
Wed	20 th Mar	10:00	Herbert & Silvia Bianco, FM
		18:30	Evening Prayer Group meet in Church
Thu	21 st Mar	10:00	Hanrahan Family, SI
Fri	22 nd Mar	10:00	David Cloet, SI
Sat	23 rd Mar	10:00	Anna Zurawska, RIP
		18:30	Neil Cooney, A
Sun	24 th Mar	08:00	People of the Parish
		09:15	Michael McCloskey, RIP
		10:45	Felix Rodrigues, RIP

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.

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.

Sunday 17th March 2019

SECOND SUNDAY IN
LENT

Luke 9:28-36

This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!

Thought for the day

Stories of extraordinary experiences can leave us feeling on the outside— such moments of intense awareness of presence are rare and fleeting. And yet, we all have our inklings of something more, the surprise of God in the midst of everyday. Any deep experience, when we take time to reflect on it and appropriate it, will disclose to us “the beyond in the midst” in Bonhoeffer's happy phrase. Love, birth, death, a child, nature, music, goodness and so on—all tokens of the something more which draws us on.

Prayer

God of surprises, you are the beyond in the midst of life, always there to take us by surprise and delight us with your presence. Amen, amen!

Dear Friends in Christ,

As I take my leave, I would like to thank you all so very much for the love and friendship shown to me during my short stay here at St. Joseph's and St Elizabeth's; it is always good to feel welcome in a new Parish. I was particularly touched by the large numbers of well-wishers and the wonderful celebration of food and gifts both during and after Mass last Sunday. It was 'a great feast' – which I truly enjoyed and appreciated. Your kindness and generosity will always remain with me, as I keep you all in my prayers.

I will miss you all!

God Bless.
Fr Jude Mbonu

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: David Richard Holden, RIP, 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.

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

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.

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.

Maidenhead Catenians - The monthly Circle meeting will be on Wednesday 27th March at 19:30 in St Joseph's Parish Centre. More information about the Catenians can be found at <https://www.thecatenians.com> or by contacting Tim Manning on 01628 632853, timmanning1507@gmail.com

READERS' ROTA APR-JUN: The next Readers' Rota is available in the Sacristy. N.B. We have reverted to the 2 reader system for 6.30pm Mass, 8.00am and 10.45am remain the same. **Please** find a substitute if you are unable to fulfil your duty. Welcome to new readers Bel Flynn at 6.30, Fred Withoff at 8.00 and Charlotte Webb at 10.45. Bliss Marques has returned to read at 10.45 and Lily has kindly transferred from 10.45 to 8.00.

Triduum, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday – if anyone would like to read at the services from 18th to 21st April please let me know asap triciabrooking@gmail.com

St Joseph's Church Eucharistic Ministers Rota April-June is now available in the blue folder in the Sacristy. **Triduum and Easter Vigil** – if anyone would like to become a Eucharistic Minister at Mass from 18th to 20th April please let Jane Daly know asap janemdaly@gmail.com.

Second Sunday of Lent – March 17, 2019: "This is my beloved Son, hear him." Is our Lord asking you to follow him in tending His flock? To explore further, contact Fr. John Cooke. vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869.

Collections: Last Sunday's plate collection amounted to £1,119. Many Thanks. We have been finding foreign notes and coins in the offertory collections and in the wall collection boxes. We cannot exchange this small change at the bank and would appreciate it if foreign currency is not left in these collections. Thank you for your cooperation.

Planned giving envelopes: Please collect your 2019/20 boxes of blue envelopes at the Parish Centre end of the church and in the foyer at St Elizabeth's. Any taxpayers who would like to join the envelope scheme, please call Louise Wood in the Parish Office.



Lenten Project 2019: We welcome to our Parish next weekend representatives from the DASH Charity who will speak about their work.

Gardening at St Joseph's: Calling all gardeners to help with a Spring tidy up around the site at St Joseph's. We shall be meeting after 10:45am mass on **Sunday 24 March** in the car park. Please bring gloves, tools, garden rubbish bags, if you have them, and a willing heart. Any questions, please call the Parish Office and speak to Louise.

The UCM meets every other Tuesday in the bar area of the Parish Centre at 7:45pm. ALL women are invited to join us for prayer, social and fund-raising activities. The main purposes of the UCM are to promote Christian family values and to work and pray for Vocations to the priesthood. (We also have tea and biscuits.) Please come along!"

The Triduum is the most important celebration in the church's year, and music is an important part of the liturgy. The music ministry would like to make this Triduum very special through music, and we welcome any singers or musicians who would like to offer their gifts and talents! There is no obligation to commit beyond the Triduum. We will have three Sunday rehearsals after the 10.45 Mass on 24th March, 7th & 14th April, plus rehearsals before each of the Triduum Masses. If you would like any further information, please come and speak with anyone in the music ministry!

Children aged 5+, you are invited to a special event! During Lent, we are encouraged to do special things and pray more. On Saturday 30th March between 10-2 in the Parish Centre, you are invited to a special Lenten day. We will be thinking about what Lent means to us through music, crafts and a movie!

Each child needs to bring a packed lunch, and £5 which will cover everything else including crafts and snacks. If you have any questions, please contact the JAM (Jesus & Me) choir leaders through the Parish Office.

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

We are looking to appoint a KS2 teacher. Full time • Permanent • Required for September 2019

For further details, and an application pack, please see our school website: www.stmarys-maidenhead.org.uk

Please contact Mrs Chawla, School Business Manager, via telephone on **01628 622570** or email office@stmarys-maidenhead.org.uk if any further information is required.

Closing date: Monday 22 April 2019

Interviews: w/c 29 April 2019



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](http://diocesanwebsite) Please send any questions to Paul O'Beirne at CLOW@portsmouthdiocese.co.uk

CAMINO WALKING PILGRIMAGE: Thursday, 19th – Fri 27th September 2019. Camino del Norte Stage 1: Ballota to Vilalba: 92 miles, note: we do not finish in Santiago (Stage 2 will be offered in 2020: Vilalba to Santiago.) Flights and coach £270. Hostel or hotel extra. Must be reasonably fit & prepare by walking regularly before the Camino. Info and booking form from the parish office. Closing date: 31st March - don't delay.

ST JAMES WAY: Reading to Southampton. A group of walkers have arranged to walk the old pilgrim route from Reading - Southampton in 6 stages (10-12 miles each). Starting on Sat 23rd Mar Reading – Mortimer (12.5 miles). Meet at St James Church at 9.15am. Start 9.30am sharp. 2nd stage Mortimer – Worting on Apr 13th. Information St James: 0118 957 4171.