

**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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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 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 208, 24<sup>th</sup> March 2019

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT, Year C**

**Psalter Week 3**

### Weekly Mass Times, Intentions and Parish Diary

Sat	23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	10:00	Anna Zurawska, RIP
		18:30	Neil Cooney, A
Sun	24 <sup>th</sup> Mar	08:00	People of Parish
		09:15	Michael McCloskey, RIP
		10:45	Felix Rodrigues
<b>Mon</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	<b>19:30</b>	<b>Mass: Feast of Annunciation</b>
Tue	26 <sup>th</sup> Mar	10:00	Vicentina and Augusto Sequeira, A
Wed	27 <sup>th</sup> Mar	10:00	Duncan Falconer, A
		18:30	Evening Prayer Group meet in Church
Thu	28 <sup>th</sup> Mar	10:00	Edgar Fernandes, SI
Fri	29 <sup>th</sup> Mar	10:00	Peter Brady, RIP
Sat	30 <sup>th</sup> Mar	10:00	Father Adrian Walker, RIP
		18:30	Brigid Malpass, A
Sun	31 <sup>st</sup> Mar	08:00	People of Parish
		09:15	Peter Chalmers, RIP
		10:45	Mothering Sunday John Barton, 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.

*St Joseph's Maidenhead and St. Elizabeth's Cookham are part of the Great Park Pastoral Area of the Diocese of Portsmouth which includes: St Edmund Campion - Maidenhead: St Edward's - Windsor: St Mark's - Dedworth: St Thomas More - Twyford: Our Lady of Peace - Wargrave*

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2019**



**Luke 13:1-9**

If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.

### 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 the 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

Patient and insistent God knock again on the door our hearts. We are never really ready—a sign perhaps of our everyday need of you. Help us undertake again to dig around and manure, so that under your grace, we may bear fruit, fruit that will last. Amen.

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**CHILDREN'S LITURGISTS** - a reminder that there is a short meeting for everyone this Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March, immediately after the 10.45 a.m. mass in the Bar area. Please bring your diaries. We desperately need one or two more Liturgists/helpers next term - come and find out what you can do for the children of St. Jo's. Please contact Tricia Weeks on 01628 627265 or [triciaweeksmail@gmail.com](mailto:triciaweeksmail@gmail.com) for further details.

**Easter Flowers:** Donations for the Easter Flowers would be gratefully received. If you would like a prayer card displayed in the Church, please write your dedication down and address it to “Easter flowers - Joan Boland” and leave it at the Parish Office or hand in at the Repository asap.

**Please pray for all those who are sick or housebound** within the Parish, including: 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:** Michael Micallef, RIP, David Richard Holden, RIP, Catherine Stevens, RIP, Nader Chaichian, RIP, Zita Marie Gibbs, RIP, Fr. Adrian Walker, RIP, Sylvia Choules, RIP, Dolores Sanchez, 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](mailto: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.**

**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 18<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> April please let me know asap [triciabrooking@gmail.com](mailto: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 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> April please let Jane Daly know asap [janemdaly@gmail.com](mailto:janemdaly@gmail.com).

**Third Sunday of Lent – March 24, 2019:** "I AM sent to you". Could the Lord be calling you to proclaim His name as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? To explore further, contact Fr. John Cooke. [vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or call 01329 318 869.

**Collections:** Last Sunday's plate collection amounted to £1,196. Many Thanks. The collection for CAFOD's family fast day raised £1,308. There is still time to add to this total if you have yet to return your envelope. Please drop it into the normal Sunday collection. **There will be a retiring collection next Sunday for CAFOD's emergency Mozambique appeal.**

**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.

**Fr John Downey/Comboni Missionaries:** Thank you for cheque received £967.35 – for Comboni Missionaries, donated through Parish collaboration towards our missionary work.



**Lenten Project 2019:** We welcome to our Parish this 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 next on 19<sup>th</sup> March, 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 24<sup>th</sup> March, 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 Elizabeth's Church Lenten Project Bring & Buy:** A Bring & Buy Sale of HOME PRODUCE will be held at St Elizabeth's, Cookham after 09:15 Mass on Sunday 7 April. Please start making your jams, preserves, cakes, etc. and bring them along on Sunday morning 7 April. No bric-a-brac or garden produce at this sale please.

**Maidenhead Catenians** - The monthly Circle meeting will be on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:timmanning1507@gmail.com)

**"The Maidenhead Catenians** will be celebrating their annual mass for vocations to the priesthood and the religious life, by courtesy of Father Liam Cummins of St Edmund Campion RC Church, at 6:15 pm on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April.

Mass will be followed by a concert given by the Reading Male Voice Choir together with a guest choir, the Marlow Music Makers. Tickets are £12 including a glass of wine and nibbles. The concert is being held in aid of the Thames Hospice and Widows and Orphans In Rural Kenya. Tickets can be obtained from Tim Manning, VP Maidenhead Catenian Association, at: 8 Prince Andrew Road Maidenhead SL6 8QJ Tel: 01628 632853 Mobile: 07767 463082 Cheques should be made out to: St Edmund Campion Parish."

**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](mailto: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](http://www.stmarys-maidenhead.org.uk) Please contact Mrs Chawla, School Business Manager, via telephone on **01628 622570** or email [office@stmarys-maidenhead.org.uk](mailto:office@stmarys-maidenhead.org.uk) if any further information is required.

**Closing date: Monday 22 April 2019**

**Interviews: w/c 29 April 2019**

**CAMINO WALKING PILGRIMAGE:** Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> – Fri 27<sup>th</sup> 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: 31<sup>st</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> Mar Reading – Mortimer (12.5 miles). Meet at St James Church at 9.15am. Start 9.30am sharp. 2<sup>nd</sup> stage Mortimer – Worting on Apr 13<sup>th</sup>. Information St James: 0118 957 4171.