

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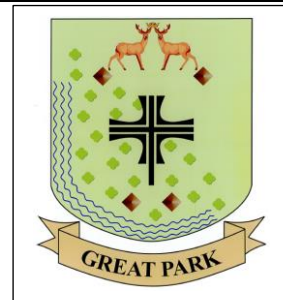
Parish Pastoral Council
Andrew Strowbridge (Chairperson) Eleanor Chinkondenji (Vice Chairperson), Fr John Lee, Françoise Rogoszewski, Gloria McQueen, Norma Machray, Anthony Marques, Yvonne Piekut and Don Leanage

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

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Monday to Friday, 09:00 to 13.00
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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

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT, Year C

Psalter Week 4

Weekly Mass Times, Intentions and Parish Diary

Sat	30 th Mar	10:00	Father Adrian Walker, RIP
		18:30	Bridget Malpass, A
Sun	31 st Mar	08:00	People of Parish
		09:15	Peter Chalmers, RIP
		10:45	Mothering Sunday John Barton, A
Mon	1 st Apr	10:00	Mothers Prayers
Tue	2 nd Apr	10:00	Elizabeth and Francis Geronimo, FM
Wed	3 rd Apr	10:00	James Buckley, RIP
		18:30	Evening Prayer Group meet in Church
Thu	4 th Apr	10:00	Terry and Joan Boland, SI
		19:30	Lenten Reconciliation and Confessions
Fri	5 th Apr	10:00	Mass of the Sick and Housebound, St Joseph's Church
Sat	6 th Apr	10:00	Terence Hanrahan, RIP
		18:30	Pat Pope, RIP
Sun	7 th Apr	08:00	People of Parish
		09:15	David Cloet, SI

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.

Lenten Reconciliation Liturgy next Thursday 4th April at 7:30pm

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.

The UCM next meets on Tuesday, 2nd April in the Bar Area of the Parish Centre at 7.45pm. There will be a brief on The National Study Day looking at "The Call to Holiness"

Sunday 31st March 2019



*In Christ
God was reconciling
the world to himself
2 Corinthians 5:19*

Luke 15:1-3,11-32

We had to celebrate!

Thought for the day

Both sons have misconstrued the relationship with their father. The older son wants to relate on a basis of servile loyalty (allegorically, the Law). The younger son, on his return, wishes to relate on the basis of confession of sin and desires to be treated as a slave. The father rejects both projections. Servile loyalty and guilt are not unknown in the Christian tradition!

Prayer

Abba, Father, show us your compassion and let us know your love. Amen.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL MOTHERS AND GRANDMOTHERS!

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.

Gardening at St Joseph's: Many thanks to the folk who turned up last Sunday and during this week for a spot of gardening. They have made a wonderful job and things are much tidier and cared for around the site. We plan another meet up after Easter so please watch this space.

Gardening at St. Elizabeth's will re-start on 7th April after 09.15 mass, all are welcome to join in. Bring your own tools if you have favourites, otherwise we have some, and it should take no more than an hour.

*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*

Please pray for all those who are sick or housebound within the Parish, including: Peter Eyre, 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 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 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.

Fourth Sunday of Lent – March 31, 2019 "I am the light of the World, says the Lord." Are you called to bring the Light of Christ to the World through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? To explore further, contact Fr. John Cooke. vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869.

Collections: Last Sunday's plate collection amounted to £1,212. The family fast day CAFOD collection last weekend amounted to £1,245. Many thanks.

The second collection this weekend is for the CAFOD emergency Cyclone Idai Appeal for the millions of people struggling to survive in Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Malawi. You can also donate online at the cafod cyclone appeal. Second collections in Lent will then return to the Dash charity appeal for our Lent project.

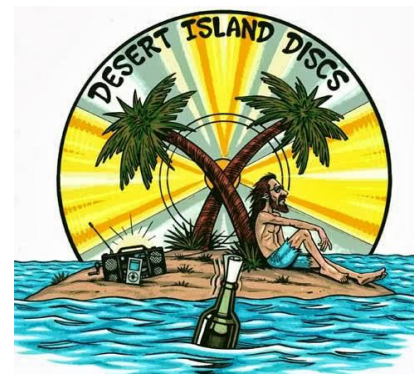
Planned giving envelopes: Please collect your 2019/20 boxes of blue envelopes at the Parish Centre end of the church and in the foyer at St Elizabeth's. Any taxpayers who would like to join the envelope scheme, please call Louise Wood in the Parish Office.

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!

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.

"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 6th 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 and paid for at the door. Please book your tickets with Tim Manning, VP Maidenhead Catenian Association, at: Tel: 01628 632853 Mobile: 07767 463082 Cheques or cash are accepted. Cheques should be made out to: "St Edmund Campion Parish."

DESERT ISLAND DISC WITH FR JOHN LEE



Please support DASH, our Parish Lenten Project by enjoying Desert Island Discs with Fr John Lee and enjoy a delicious 3 course dinner on **Saturday, 27th April** at 7.30pm in St Joseph's Parish Centre.

Cost=£15pp. There will be 100 tickets available for this event and for catering purposes tickets will be sold until 21st April.

Tickets are available from:

Gerry Tekerian (07770 423688), Eddie Piekut (07786 114332)

The Parish Office (01628 783988) and Parish Centre (01628 636312)

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



MARCH FOR LIFE UK
LIFE FROM CONCEPTION - NO EXCEPTION!

March for Life UK 2019: SAVE THE DATE: Sat 11th May! March for Life UK is happening in London. Join thousands of other pro-lifers in creating awareness of the hurt and damage abortion causes and helping to promote a culture of life. Inside festival (LifeFest19) 9.30am - 1.30pm, booking required. March starts 2pm (no booking required). For more info see posters/leaflets or go to marchforlife.co.uk or call 07773501721/ 07885505116

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE READING * BERKSHIRE



Thursday 2 May - Early Years Open Morning and Senior Open Morning

Monday 10 June - Early Years Open Morning and Senior Open Morning

Senior Open Mornings are for pupils joining the school at Year 7 or above. They start at around 10.30am with a tour of the school, followed by an address by the Headmaster and the opportunity to talk to key members of staff. The morning finishes at about 12.00pm. **Early Years Open Mornings** (9.30am - 11.00am) are for parents interested in our Early Years Centre, for children from the age of 3. These are informal occasions and all family members are welcome to accompany you. To reserve your place at an Open Morning please call Admissions on 0118 984 6909 or email admissions@sjcr.org.uk. Alternatively, you can book via our website www.sjcr.org.uk