

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

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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Year C

Psalter Week 2

Weekly Mass Times, Intentions and Parish Diary

Sat	13 th Apr	10:00	Hanrahan Family, SI
		18:30	Francisco Azavedo, RIP
Sun	14 th Apr	08:00	People of Parish
		09:15	Maria Nealon, A
		10:45	Gracy Philip, RIP
Mon	15 th Apr	10:00	Mothers Prayer
		13:00	Requiem Mass: Mary Tormey, RIP
Tue	16 th Apr	11:00	Chrism Mass – St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth
Wed	17 th Apr	10:00	Shaun Sheridan, RIP
			Station of the Cross and Confessions
		19:30	Stations of the Cross – St. Elizabeth's
Thu	18 th Apr	10:00	Morning Prayer
		20:00	Mass of the Lords Supper
Fri	19 th Apr	10:00	Children's Stations of the Cross
		11:00	Walk of Witness
		15:00	The Liturgy of the Passion of Our Lord
		19:00	Prayer around the Cross
Sat	20 th Apr	10:00	Morning Prayer
		11:00	Blessing of the Easter Baskets followed by Confessions
		20:00	Easter Vigil and Blessing of the new Easter fire
Sun	21 st Apr	08:00	People of Parish
		09:15	Maria Nealon, RIP
		10:45	Jerry Curran, RIP

Sunday Mass times: 6.30pm (Saturday vigil), 8.00am & 10.45am at St. Joseph's, Maidenhead; 9.15am at St Elizabeth's, Cookham.

Please note the changes in Mass times this week.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER: There is an Easter card with the times and dates of services for Holy Week and Easter Sunday available after all the masses this Sunday. Please collect your card before going home today. Thank you!

Parish Centre and Parish Office will remain closed from Thursday 18th April to Wednesday 24th April. For any urgent matter please call the Parish number.

Sunday 14th April 2019



Luke 22:14-23:56

It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning.

Thought for the day

Official memorial celebrations are familiar to us, marking great world or national events. Often, these are coloured by a mixture of sadness and gratitude. The Christian memorial of the last week of Jesus' life is entirely different. First of all, we tell the whole story again because he is risen from the dead. Secondly, this memorial is an effective one: as we do this in memory of him, the very same gifts of compassion, forgiveness, love and healing are offered again to all present, precisely because Jesus is risen from the dead. Our Christian memory is not a dead remembering but an effective bringing into the present of the great events that gave us new life in Christ.

Prayer

Saving God, as we recall in word and gesture the great events of salvation, let us know your healing love. Amen.

Confession times during Holy Week: After Mass on Wednesday morning. Confessions will also be heard after Morning Prayer on Thursday and at 12.00pm Holy Saturday.

The UCM MEETING on Tuesday, 16th April, will begin in Church at 7:45pm. Fr John has kindly agreed to lead us in **THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS**, in Holy Week. The remainder of the meeting will be in the Bar Area, as usual. Please try to attend, if possible, as it will be three weeks until our next UCM meeting.

As we enter Holy Week may we all try to observe a prayerful silence when moving in and out of the Church. Thank you!

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.

If you are going into hospital or know someone that is, please inform the hospital chaplain on arrival. Please also let Fr John Lee know so that arrangements can be made for a visit. Please note that under the Data Protection Act, hospital staff cannot disclose patient information. We rely on Parishioners to keep us in the loop.

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.

Mary Bridget Tormey, RIP, Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Monday 15th April at 1:00pm in St Joseph's Church.

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.

St Joseph's Church Eucharistic Ministers Rota April -June is now available in the blue folder in the Sacristy. **Triduum and Easter Vigil** – Please add your name to the list displayed on the notice board in the Sacristy if you would like to become a Eucharistic Minister at Mass on Holy Thursday/Good Friday/Easter vigil. Thank you.

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.

CHARITY CONCERT

Saturday 13th April • 8.00pm • St Joseph's Church

Come and hear some real parish talent! Two professional musicians will provide a repertoire of beautiful music, followed by wine and nibbles in the Parish Centre.

Donations will be welcomed for our Lenten Project

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!

Palm Crosses: The Palm crosses are made in eight villages in the Masasi area of southern Tanzania, these being Mpeteta, Namikunda, Mulindelunde, Murmbarka, Machombe, Chivirikiti, Makanyama and Marika. African Palm crosses are made from Dwarf Palms *Hyphaena Coriacea* which grow wild and are not cultivated. The villagers cut the palms in an area near Mbangara where they grow wild; they are then dried and cut into strips before being transported back to the villages, by bicycle or on foot. They are then woven into Palm Crosses and taken to a central collection point which at present is in Mpeteta.



Good Friday Walk of Witness: Please come and represent St Joseph's at the annual Good Friday procession through Maidenhead organised by Churches Together. We start at 11 a.m. outside Sainsbury's and walk through town with readings and hymn singing. It only takes half an hour and we finish at the Methodist Church at the end of the High Street and go in for a cup of tea and a hot cross bun. Wouldn't it be wonderful if every family joined in this year - a great way to show your faith at Easter time.

Easter Baskets: The blessing of the Easter Baskets will take place on Saturday 20th April at 11.00am. All welcome!

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)

Pilgrimage to The Eucharistic Miracles

& The special Saints of ITALY 16TH SEPTEMBER - 26TH SEPTEMBER 2019



Exciting News - following on from our successful trip last year to Eastern Europe - POLAND- LITHUANIA & UKRAINE, this year our Parish is having its annual Pilgrimage to ITALY. We will leave on the 16th and return on the 26th September 2019. During this time, we will visit the various sites where the Eucharistic Miracles have taken place. We will also visit other places of interest where our blessed saints are buried. You can find all the details (with short videos and short extracts about the places we will visit) on our website here:

<http://stswithuns.org.uk/pilgrimage-sep-2019>

St Mary's Catholic Primary School Cookham Road, Maidenhead, SL6 7EG

'Learning and loving on our journey with Jesus'

Deputy Headteacher, Required from September 2019

Closing date: Monday 22nd April 2019, Interviews: to be confirmed but potentially w/c 6th May 2019. Visits to the school are warmly welcomed. Please visit our school website (www.stmarys-maidenhead.org.uk >Vacancies) for further details and where the application pack and job description can be downloaded. Please contact Mrs Chawla, School Business Manager, via telephone: 01628-622570 or e-mail: office@stmarys-maidenhead.org.uk if further information is required.

