

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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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER, Year C

Divine Mercy Sunday

Weekly Mass Times, Intentions and Parish Diary

Sat	27 th Apr	10:00	Michael Micallef, RIP
		18:30	Precila Fernandes, SI
Sun	28 th Apr	08:00	People of Parish
		09:15	Frank Allen, RIP
		10:45	Anthony Felton, RIP
Mon	29 th Apr	10:00	Mothers Prayers
Tue	30 th Apr	10:00	John Coleman, Jr, FM
Wed	1 st May	10:00	Requiem Mass: Vito Lasi, RIP
		18:30	Evening Prayer Group meet in Church
Thu	2 nd May	10:00	James Buckley, RIP
Fri	3 rd May	10:00	Mass for the Sick and Housebound in St Edmund Campion
Sat	4 th May	10:00	Terence Hanrahan, RIP
		18:30	Maria Francisca Rodrigues, RIP
Sun	5 th May	08:00	Gladys Mary Snudden, FM
		09:15	Liam and Kitty O'Connor, RIP
		10:45	People of Parish

Code: SI: Special Intention, **RIP:** Rest in Peace, **A:** Anniversary, **FM:** Foundation Mass

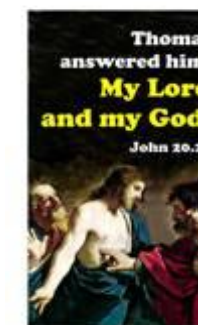
Sunday Mass times: 6.30pm (Saturday vigil), 8.00am & 10.45am at St. Joseph's, Maidenhead; 9.15am at St Elizabeth's, Cookham.

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



Month of May: Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be kept in the Church. The Rosary will be prayed after each weekday Mass and on Sundays after 8:00am Mass. The intention: For an end to terrorism, conflict and violence of every kind and for Peace in the World.

Sunday 28th April 2019



John 20:19-31

Jesus said: Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you

Thought for the day

How did any of us make the journey towards faith in Christ? No doubt a great part of it is simply what we received—usually from family. At some point, did I make a conscious choice? Perhaps at other times, I felt like walking away from the faith project? What kept me going? Did a more personal ownership of faith result? Perhaps I felt the intuition of John O'Donahue, "Faith is helpless attraction to the divine." In spite of everything, perhaps in spite of myself, somehow it is part of who I am.

Prayer

Mysterious God, we are those who have seen and at the same time not seen. Help to look beyond the simple gifts of each day to see you the giver behind—and in—every gift. Help us acknowledge Jesus that we may know true blessedness in believing.

A huge "THANK YOU" to all who supported the UCM in their Lenten Project. Soup lunches were held in the Parish Centre each Friday throughout Lent, after 10am Mass and the Stations of the Cross. A special thank you to all those who made the delicious home-made soups, gave breads, butter and cheese. Thank you, also, to all the tea-makers and washer ups! By making, eating and contributing so generously, the UCM has been able to donate £672-70 to DASH, the Parish Lenten Project. A further £130 was raised on CAFOD's Family Fast Day Friday. As well as raising over £800 for good causes, through our Lenten Almsgiving, the opportunity to socialise over lunch each Friday was much valued. Might I say that, all in all, it was a SOUPER result! Thank you, all.
Bel Flynn, UCM President.

Please pray for all those who are sick or housebound within the Parish, including: Peter Eyre, Eileen O'Mahony, Jim Ryda, 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: Mary Bridget Tormey, Sakunthala Thillainayagam, RIP, 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.

Vito Lasi, RIP, Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday 1st May at 10:00am in St Joseph's Church.

Patricia Jaffari, RIP, Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Thursday 9th May at 12:00pm 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

Passport Application: Fr John Lee is happy to give reference towards process of Passport Application. Please call in the Parish Office well in advance for an appointment.

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.

Collections: The amount offered for Holy Places was £733. The various events for the Lent project have been going well and the up to date figures will be in next week's newsletter. Louise has just returned from annual leave this week so watch this space. Many thanks for your most generous Easter Offering.

Living Our Faith: We have received the funding to install black out blinds in the Parish Hall. They will hopefully be in place in the next month and should make a significant difference when using the projector screen and also be a big improvement for many of our hall users.

The church is heated by 3 large boilers which because of their age have been giving us significant problems with maintenance issues. We are now at the point where only 1 of these boilers still works and due to their age, we have had to cannibalise parts from the 2 non-functioning boilers to keep the other one going. The Finance and Property Committee will be addressing this issue at their next meeting but it would seem that the only way forward is to install new boilers. These are a significant cost and a preliminary estimate obtained last year suggests we are looking at upwards of £20,000. We would like to cover this cost by using some of our money from the Living Our Faith fund. We would be pleased to hear any comments you may have.



YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN ME IN CELEBRATING MY GOLDEN JUBILEE AT MASS IN ST. PETER'S WINCHESTER, ON SATURDAY 15TH JUNE, 2019, 6PM

RSVP.

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COME AND MEET THE REVD. GILES FRASER

The former Canon Chancellor of St Paul's Church who resigned in 2011 over the way the Occupy group protesting outside it were treated. He currently serves as Priest-in-Charge of St Mary, Newington, South London. He is also a regular broadcaster on BBC Radio 4's *Thought for the Day* and *The Moral Maze*, as well as writing for *The Guardian*.

Who will speak on

A Jewish Ghost Story

Organised by the Berkshire Council of Christian and Jews

On Thursday May 16th at 8.00pm

at Maidenhead Synagogue

Grenfell Lodge, Ray Park Road, Maidenhead, SL6 8QX

(ample parking inside the Synagogue car park)

It will be followed by questions and refreshments, along with a chance to talk to him personally.

Tickets must be purchased in advance at £2.50 per person. Please send a cheque to 'Maidenhead Synagogue' with a note giving your name and email (so that we can confirm receipt) or email the Synagogue for bank transfer details: admin@maidshul.org. We expect to be wildly oversubscribed so be sure to book as soon as possible.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND: Park Place Pastoral Centre, Wickham, near Fareham is hosting a Marriage Encounter weekend from 24-26 May. The weekend is an opportunity for married couples of any age to deepen and enrich their relationship. This is not marriage counselling or crisis solving but a residential weekend away from the distractions of daily life which many thousands of couples in this country have found to be the best thing they did since getting married. Interested? Please go to <https://wwme.org.uk/marriage-enrichment/#about> or phone 02380 275401.

March for Life UK



The March for Life UK will take place on Saturday 11th May starting outside Westminster Church House, 25 Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3BN at 2pm. There will also be events in the morning from 9:30am until 1:30pm, for more details and local coach information see www.MarchforLife.co.uk