

**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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**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER, Year C**

**Psalter Week 3**

**Weekly Mass Times, Intentions and Parish Diary**

Sat	4 <sup>th</sup> May	10:00	Terence Hanrahan, RIP
		18:30	Maria Francisca Rodrigues, RIP
Sun	5 <sup>th</sup> May	08:00	Gladys Mary Snudden, FM
		09:15	Liam and Kitty O'Connor, RIP
		10:45	People of Parish
Mon	6 <sup>th</sup> May	10:00	Mothers Prayers
Tue	7 <sup>th</sup> May	10:00	Franco Cavalcante, A
Wed	8 <sup>th</sup> May	10:00	Hanrahan Family, SI
		18:30	Evening Prayer Group meet in Church
Thu	9 <sup>th</sup> May	10:00	Holy Souls
		12:00	Requiem Mass: Patricia Jaffari, RIP
Fri	10 <sup>th</sup> May	10:00	Rev John Lord Lewington, FM
Sat	11 <sup>th</sup> May	10:00	First Holy Communion Mass: First Session
		13:00	First Holy Communion Mass: Second Session
		18:30	Rita Maria Telles, SI
Sun	12 <sup>th</sup> May	08:00	People of the Parish
		09:15	Kitty Roach, RIP
		10:45	Christopher James Knox, RIP

**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

**Parish Centre and Parish Office will remain closed on Monday 6th May**



**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 5<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

**Jesus said to him, Feed my sheep.**  
John 21.17



John 21:1-19

Jesus took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish

**Thought for the day**

In our ordinary world, words such as compassion, forgiveness and reconciliation convey an essential, if difficult and at the same time joyful, human task. In our world of faith, we add other words, such as mercy and grace, which make us conscious of the free gift, unalloyed, with no conditions attached. Our role is not to "retain the sins of any" precisely so that they may know, at our hands, true forgiveness. In our Gospel, Peter is not reproached; rather he is set free. That is love, the only commandment

**Prayer**

Lord Jesus, help us all to hear your invitation, "Do you love me?" and set our hearts free to practice forgiveness.

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**Lenten Project Fundraiser – Desert Island Discs**

Thank you to all who attended this Social Fundraiser and all who helped in its production. Particular thanks go to the "Stars" of the evening i.e. Fr John and Fr. Liam. £1083.30 was raised for DASH our 2019 Lenten Project.

**UCM MEET:** The next meeting of the UCM is on Tuesday, 7th May, at 7:45 in the Bar Area. A visiting speaker, Richard Anderson, will be talking about his life whilst in training at The Royal Academy, Sandhurst. We have enjoyed previous talks by Richard and invite other members of the parish to join us, if they wish. Tea and biscuits to follow.

**The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA):** is designed to help adults explore the Catholic Faith. RCIA meet every Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm in the Presbytery. New inquiries are most welcome to attend. For more information you may contact Parish Office on 01628 783988

**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, Johnny Pereira, Tony and Rosa Ruffolo, Lena Watson, Betty Buckley, Alexandra Donaldson, Veronica Heaver, Vincent Ray, 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:** Vito Lasi, RIP, Mary Bridget Tormey, RIP, Sakunthala Thillainayagam, RIP, Michael Micallef, RIP, David Richard Holden, RIP, Catherine Stevens, RIP, Nader Chaichian, RIP who are recently deceased.  
*Patricia Jaffari*, RIP, Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 12:00pm in St Joseph's Church  
*Thomas Joseph O'Reilly*, RIP, Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 12:30pm in St Joseph's Church  
*Martin Maddox*, RIP, Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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:** Last week's offering amounted to £1,163, for which many thanks.

**CAFOD:** We have had two collections for CAFOD in the past couple of months. The Family Fast collection raised an impressive £1,074 which includes the £130 from the Friday soup lunch, (Photos on the noticeboard). The Cyclone appeal wasn't far behind with £963 raised for those effected. Grateful thanks for your generosity.

**Lent Project -DASH:** We are coming towards the end of our fund raising events for DASH and the total raised so far is as follows: Second collections and other donations, £2,731; UCM Friday soup lunches, £677; St Elizabeth's Bring & Buy, £237; Desert Island Discs, £1,083; Coffee and hot cross buns, £220; and Film nights, £179 and which, with the addition of £88 gift aid, brings the grand total to £5,215. We still have the golf day to go but many congratulations and thanks to all the events' organisers and of course to all of you who have been so generous in your support of this very worthwhile cause.

**Second collections in May:** We have a busy month in terms of second collections. **This Sunday** we are collecting for the **Clergy Assistance Fund** which raises funds to help our sick and retired priests when they are in need. This collection was due to be taken during Lent but was delayed until now to clear the way for the Lent Project collections. On **Sunday 12 May** we have the collection for the **Clergy Training Fund** which will go towards helping with the costs associated with training our future parish priests. On **Sunday 19 May** we have the collection for **Christian Aid**. If you are a taxpayer and wish to gift aid your donation, please complete the form attached to the Christian Aid envelope and include it with your donation.

**Property improvements:** Many of you will no doubt have seen our new safety railings at the front entrance to the church. We hope that you agree they look very smart and they comply with the safety legislation. Many thanks to Francis Mallia, Michael Cashman and Brian Johnson from our Finance and Property Committee for making this happen.

**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, 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.

**Volunteer Vacancies at Reading Centre:** Catholic Marriage Care provides marriage and relationship counselling and marriage preparation in the local area. We are currently looking for volunteers to fill the following positions:

- trained relationship counsellors - supervision and expenses provided
- evening receptionist for counselling sessions (Monday evenings in Woodley)
- people to serve refreshments at our marriage preparation days (occasional Saturdays in Twyford and Maidenhead)

For further information please contact Sue Cooper at [reading.admin@marriagecare.org](mailto:reading.admin@marriagecare.org) or 07939495774

**Beautifully written by an Indian convert sister. (It is written to the killer who attacked Christians in SL)**

(I) Appreciate that you made the effort to find out the timing of our mass.

Appreciate that you learnt more about our religion to know that Sundays are the days we go to Church for the congregational prayers and Mass. But I guess there were some things you, rather unfortunately, didn't get to learn. Perhaps you didn't know that what you did made them Martyrs. And how you have single-handedly raised the statuses of our brothers and sisters in the eyes of their beloved Jesus with your actions. And how, through your actions, they will be raised as the most righteous and pious of Christian's. Perhaps you didn't know that doing what you did, at the time and place you chose, it actually meant that the last words that escaped their lips were probably words of remembrance and praise of Jesus. Which is a noble end many Christians could only dream of. And perhaps you didn't know, but what you did would almost guarantee them paradise. Appreciate that you showed the world how Christians welcome, with open arms, even people like yourself into our Church, which is our second home. Appreciate you for showing that our Church have no locks or gates, and are unguarded because everyone and anyone is welcome to be with us. Appreciate you for allowing the world to see the powerful image of men you injured, lying on back on the stretcher with his index finger raised high, as a declaration of his faith and complete trust in Jesus. Appreciate how you brought the Churches, Government and communities together to stand with us. Appreciate that you made countless Srilankans come out of their homes to visit the Church nearest to them with flowers with beautiful messages of peace and love. You have broken many many hearts and you have made the world weep. You have left a huge void. But what you also have done have brought us closer together. And it has strengthened our faith and resolve. In the coming weeks, more people will turn up in the Church, a place you hate so much, fortified by the strength in our faith, and inspired by our fallen brothers and sisters. In the coming weeks, more non Christians will turn up at the gates of Churches with fresh flowers and beautifully handwritten notes. They may not have known where the Church in their area was. But now, they do. All because of you. You may have achieved your aim of intended destruction, but I guess you failed to incite hatred, fear and despair in all of us. And while I understand that it may have been your objective, I hate to say that after all of that elaborate planning, and the perverse and wretched efforts on your part, you still failed to drive a divide among the Catholics and non-Christians in the world. For that, I can't say that I'm sorry.

**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 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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. Father Tom McGrath

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