

**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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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, Year C**

**Psalter Week 4**

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

Sat	11 <sup>th</sup> May	10:00	First Holy Communion Mass: First Session
		13:00	First Holy Communion Mass: Second Session
Sun	12 <sup>th</sup> May	08:00	Rita Maria Telles, SI
		09:15	People of the Parish
		10:45	Kitty Roach, RIP
Mon	13 <sup>th</sup> May	10:00	Christopher James Knox, RIP
		19:30	Mothers Prayers
Tue	14 <sup>th</sup> May	10:00	Mass: Evangelization of Peoples
		12:30	Rioch McElinn, RIP
			Requiem Mass: Thomas Joseph O'Reilly, RIP
Wed	15 <sup>th</sup> May	10:00	David Cloet, SI
		18:30	Evening Prayer Group meet in Church
Thu	16 <sup>th</sup> May	10:00	Roland and David King, RIP
		12:00	Requiem Mass: Martin Maddox, RIP
Fri	17 <sup>th</sup> May	10:00	Maureen Munro, SI
Sat	18 <sup>th</sup> May	10:00	Rose Roberts, SI
		18:30	Myrtle Saddler, RIP
Sun	19 <sup>th</sup> May	08:00	People of the Parish
		09:15	Brian Nickolls, A
		10:45	Mayoma Okonwochei, 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.**

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



John 10:27-30

I know my sheep and they follow me

**Thought for the day**

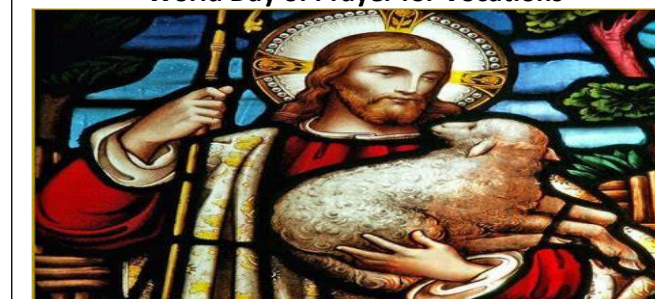
The cultural dismissal of faith as illusory consolation or opium has left its mark on us all. Is it all projection? Has God truly spoken and revealed God's self? In Christian faith, our response is a resounding yes and, while we should be wary of facile solace, at the same time we should not deny ourselves the good and wholesome reassurance of faith. After all, one of the most repeated phrases throughout the Bible is "Do not be afraid" (though not in John, curiously). There are grounds for fear; but we, of all people, should not be overwhelmed by the negative.

**Prayer**

Lord Jesus, risen from the dead, guide us to listen deeply to your voice, your word, that we may know you and, that knowing you, we may enjoy life in abundance, now and into eternity with you. Amen.

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**Good Shepherd Sunday 11th / 12th May  
World Day of Prayer for Vocations**



The Holy Father has written a wonderful message for us all - which is left beside the Newsletters. Please do take the time to read and share this with others.

**Monday 13th May**

Mass for the Evangelization of Peoples will be celebrated next Monday Evening at 7.30pm. The Rosary will be prayed at 7.00pm. Do join in for a plate of food to share after Mass in the Parish Centre

**Please pray for all those who are sick or housebound** within the Parish, including: Spiro Vellas, 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:** Andre Gerault, RIP, Patricia Jaffari, RIP 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.

*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 collection raised £1,078 for the Parish. The second collection for the Clergy Assistance Fund amounted to £619. Many thanks for your contributions.

**Second collections in May:** 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.

**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 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 seems 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.

**Christian Aid Service on Sunday 12th May at 6 pm at St Edmund Campion Church:** This ecumenical service will be held on Sunday 12th May, 6pm at St Edmund Campion Church. There will be a speaker from Christian Aid, topic of improving maternal healthcare in Sierra Leone, to ensure mothers don't die in childbirth. Hospitality, refreshments and an opportunity to sign the petition will be immediately after the service in the adjoining Parish hall.

Don, Cecilia and Srian Leavage wish to say a big thank you to Father John for celebrating a House Mass in their residence on Thursday 2nd May. The mass was offered for the injured and bereaved in Sri Lanka during the bombing on Easter Sunday and for peace and reconciliation in the Island. Prayers were also offered for the perpetrators of these horrific crimes.

It was a very beautiful and Prayerful Mass, which was attended by a few close friends who have shown us their support and comforted us during this tragedy.

Sri Lanka is a country with great natural beauty, steeped in history and culture and resources and the country had suffered 25 years of terrorism in the past. So, it was heartening to see, during our recent visit in March this year, the great strides that has been made in the past 10 years to restore the country back since the cessation of terrorist activities. And now it is sad that the country is facing new challenges again.

We are grateful for all the prayers offered by our Parish Community and request that your kind prayers will continue for our stricken country.

**PILGRIMAGE** to Our Lady's Shrine, Banneux, Belgium, for the 86th Anniversary of the Apparitions and Feast of the Assumption, **11th-16th August 2019**. A coach will leave from St. Edmund Campion Church, Maidenhead. Accommodation and full board (including travel): staying at the Hotel Halleux is £470 and staying at the Hospitalité is £350. (Single room Hotel + £100 and Hospitalité +£60).

The Hospitalité is very spacious and can accommodate all pilgrims, especially those who are sick, disabled or elderly.

Fr. John Lee, of St. Joseph's Parish, Maidenhead, will be the Spiritual Director for this pilgrimage.

If you are interested and you would like more information or to reserve a place, please contact Lisa Pirie, pilgrimage director, on 07500288384 or Father Liam, priest at St. Edmund Campion Church, on 07776580596 (email him on [lcummins@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:lcummins@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)).

#### **POP GOES THE CHOIR CONCERT AT ST JOSEPH'S PARISH CENTRE, MAIDENHEAD**

Pop goes the choir is a renowned, award winning choir based in the Burnham area. They are famous for their lively, versatile performances, which includes a whole medley of songs from musicals to light opera.

This choir will perform at St Joseph's Parish Centre on **Saturday, 22nd June from 7.30 pm**. Tickets are now on sale at £12 each, which includes a plate of light snacks. The bar will be open during the evening. All proceeds from this event will go towards rebuilding some of the Mill Hill missions destroyed in Bamenda diocese, Cameroun, as a result of the recent armed insurgency and in helping the displaced people there.

**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

**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.

**Volunteers Week 2019 - Time to Get More Involved with your Community?** If you've ever wondered what's happening in your area, need more information about how you can volunteer or would simply like to find out about local activities and services that would benefit you, your family and friends - **come along and meet the people who can help!**

**WAM Get Involved will have Information Stands** in the Town Centres as follows:

Ascot – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June, 11am – 2pm, Sainsburys Local, Ascot High St

Maidenhead – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June, 10am – 2pm, Nicholsons Shopping Centre

Windsor – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June, 10am – 2pm, Windsor Yards (by Waitrose escalator)

**Why not drop by for a chat** - And find out about a whole range of Charities and Community Groups who are involved in your local Community. To stay connected with your Community, and sign up to receive your free monthly Community E-News, go to [www.wamgetinvolved.org.uk](http://www.wamgetinvolved.org.uk)