

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.

Contact Us:

Parish Priest: Father John Lee
The Presbytery, 36 Cookham Road, Maidenhead, SL6 7EG
Tel: 01628 783988
email jlee@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Parish Administrator: Maria Cardozo
Monday to Friday, 09.00 to 13.00
01628 783988
email maidenhead@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Head Teacher: Mrs Sandra Barry
St Mary's Catholic Primary School
Cookham Road, Maidenhead
01628 622570
www.stmarys-maidenhead.org.uk

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.

Parish Centre Administrator: Gloria McQueen
Monday to Friday, 09:00 to 13.00
01628 636312
email stjoecentmhead@btconnect.com

Finance Officer: Louise Wood
Monday to Friday, 09.00 to 13.00
01628 783988
email maidenheadfo@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

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

Number 216 26th May 2019

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, Year C

Psalter Week 2

Weekly Mass Times, Intentions and Parish Diary

Sat	25 th May	10:00	Amanda Roger, SI
		18:30	Michael Flynn, SI
Sun	26 th May	08:00	People of the Parish
		09:15	Bill & Alice Witt, RIP
		10:45	Moraes Family, SI
Tue	28 th May	10:00	Ellen Hogan, FM
Wed	29 th May	10:00	Winifred Maud Russell, FM
		18:30	Evening Prayer Group meet in Church
Thu	30 th May		Feast of the Ascension
		10:00	Requiem Mass: Adriana Maria Houlder, RIP
		19:30	Susan Scripture, SI – St Elizabeth's
Fri	31 st May	10:00	Maureen Munro, SI
		18:30	Denis Corrigan, A
Sun	2 nd July	08:00	People of the Parish
		09:15	Joseph Reidy, RIP
		10:45	Declon Coyne, A

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.

Feast of the Ascension: Next Thursday 30th May is the feast of the Ascension of our Lord and is a Holy Day of Obligation. The first Mass at 10.00am is a funeral Mass for the late Adriana Maria Houlder, RIP. Fr. John will celebrate a second Mass at St. Elizabeth's at 7.30pm in the evening. **Please note there will be no evening Mass at St Joseph's**

Pastoral Letter: Bishop Philip Egan has issued a pastoral letter to be read at all Masses this Sunday. Copies are available after all the Masses this Sunday.

Sunday 26th May 2019



John 14:23-29

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; I do not give it to you as the world does.

Thought for the day

There is a move afoot to replace church teaching on the just war with a more proactive doctrine of just peace. As Paul VI observed long ago, peace is much more than the absence of war. In a world riven by conflict, peace is a matter of discipleship and, at the personal level, a matter of deliberate choice even in the everyday conflicts of our ordinary lives. The prayer for peace goes well beyond praying for individualistic freedom from stress.

Prayer

O God, though the human race is divided by dissension and discord, yet we know that by testing us you change our hearts to prepare them for reconciliation. Even more, by your Spirit you move human hearts that enemies may speak to each other again, adversaries may join hands, and peoples seek to meet together. Amen.

COACH to Fr Tom's Anniversary Mass: A Coach is being arranged to take parishioners to Fr Tom's 50th Anniversary Mass on **Saturday 15 June**. We need to know the numbers in order to book the correct size coach. There is a sign-up sheet at both Churches. It is vital that we have the numbers by Wed 29th May. There will be a charge – possibly up to £20 per person. You can check with Maria in the Parish office or Pat Pestrige at St Elizabeth's on Sunday. Coach will leave St Joseph's at 3.45/4.00pm and depart from Winchester by 8.00/8.30pm.

Gardening at St Joseph's: Calling all you gardeners, your church needs you to come along on **Saturday 8 June at 10:30am**. If you have them, please bring, gloves, tools, rubbish sacks and help us do some more digging, clipping and tidying. Just an hour or so will make all the difference. Call Louise in the Parish Office with any questions.

Please pray for all those who are sick or housebound within the Parish, including: Spiro Vellas, 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: Martin Maddox, RIP, Thomas Joseph O'Reilly, RIP, 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.

Adriana Maria Houlder, RIP, Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Thursday 30th May at 10:00am 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.

CAFOD: The time is Now! "The earth, our home is beginning to look more and more like an immense pile of filth" Pope Francis. In his encyclical Laudato Si' Care for our Common Home Pope Francis urges us to hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor and to take action. Climate Change is the biggest threat to our planet, and we are calling on everyone to tell their MPs that the time to act is NOW! Please join us on **Wednesday 26th June** for the Time is Now Lobby of Parliament. For more information and to sign up go to <https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Climate/Climate-lobby>

FIRE WARDENS: The Diocesan Fire Officer Deacon Stephan Short will visit us Saturday 29th June at 10am to train us in Fire Safety including the use of fire extinguishers.

The Parish Website: *What do you think about our Parish website? Does it need a facelift? We want to have a new look with more information about our Faith and Parish. We need to form a committee for doing so, if you have experience in editing, photography, and reporting, and able to spare a little time for your Parish, please see Fr John or Maria in the Parish Office.*

Collections: The first collection last week amounted to £1,053. The second collection for Christian Aid raised £263 at St Joseph's and £213 at St Elizabeth's. Thank you for your contributions to both.

Second collections: We have 4 more second collections up until the end of August. These collections are set by the Diocese and are mandatory, but it is absolutely down to your discretion whether you would like to contribute. We appreciate your generosity in supporting all the many good causes throughout the year. Here are the collections and dates for your diaries:

2 June - World Communications Day

16 June - Day for Life

30 June - Peter's Pence

14 July - Apostleship of the Sea

The Ascension of the Lord - May 30th, 2019 "Go and teach all nations, says the Lord." Do you feel a calling to be a teacher of the Word as a priest or consecrated religious? To explore further, contact Fr. John Cooke.

vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869

Vocation Seeker Evening: Friday 7th June 7–9pm at the Sacred Heart Church 41-43 Portland Street, Fareham, PO16 0NF (Easy access via road, train & bus) Our Diocesan Vocation Seeker Group meets monthly, on the First Friday, for food, prayer, reflection & friendship. For info/invite contact: Fr. John Cooke 01329 318 869

vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk www.portsmouthvocations.org.uk

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).

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.

Saturday 8th June 2019 at 12 noon All Parishioners and Friends of the Oratory are warmly invited to the **ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD of Brother Andrew Wagstaff, Cong. Orat.** By the Rt Rev'd Robert Byrne, Cong. Orat., Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle. Followed by Reception in our Catholic Institute Hall. First Masses: Solemn Mass in the Ordinary Form at 10.30am on Sunday 9th June
Solemn Mass in the Extraordinary Form at 12.15pm on Saturday 29th June.
Bournemouth Oratory Sacred Heart Church 13 Post Office Road Bournemouth BH1 1BB
Tel: 01202 411140 Email: sacredheart@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Lyford Grange Pilgrimage Mass - June 23rd 2019. Fr Liam Cummins is the main celebrant at the Mass. A bus will be leaving from outside St Edmund Campion church at 11.15am and will stop for lunch at Abingdon before arriving at Lyford for the village procession and 4.00pm Mass. The cost of the bus is £7.00 for adults, children are free. We return to Maidenhead before 7.00pm. Further details and a signup sheet is available in the porch, any enquires to John Lynn 01628-636668.

Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine – Parishes of Portsmouth: Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 26th August 2019. £649.00 pp sharing. Price includes flight with 10kg hand luggage, from Gatwick or Luton, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment/ guided tours included. WCHR rooms on request. Single room supp £100. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

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 4th June, 11am – 2pm, Sainsburys Local, Ascot High St

Maidenhead – Wednesday 5th June, 10am – 2pm, Nicholsons Shopping Centre

Windsor – Thursday 6th 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