

**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 defence 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.

### Parish Office Notices

**House Masses:** Fr John Lee is more than happy to celebrate a House Mass for any family or group of families who would like one. If you are interested, please email Fr John or telephone the Parish Office.

**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 Shauna at the Parish Office for an appointment. Fr John is always happy to visit you at home if so desired.**

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If you have any concerns / issues that you feel should be discussed, please contact the office.

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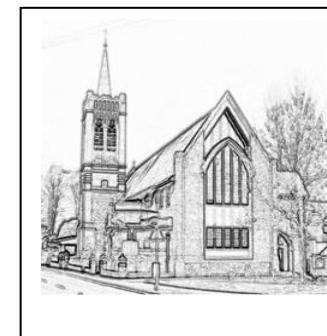
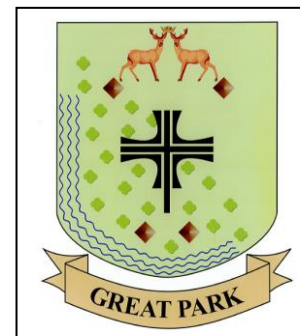
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**Safeguarding Team**

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.



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

Number 197, 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent, Psalter Week 1, Year C**

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

Sat	1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	10:00	Christina Mendez, RIP
		18:30	Frank Kompanik, RIP
Sun	2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	08:00	People of the Parish
		09:15	James Buckley, RIP
		10:45	Michael Clarke, A
		18:00	An Hour with the Lord in St Joseph's Church
Mon	3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	11:30	Requiem Mass, Patricia Pope, RIP
Tue	4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10:00	Francis Flynn, RIP
Wed	5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10:00	Ana & Mario Simoes, RIP
Thu	6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10:00	Felix Rodrigues, SI
		<b>19:30</b>	<b>Advent Reconciliation Liturgy with Confessions</b>
Fri	7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10:00	Mass for Sick and housebound – St Joseph's Church
		12:00	Requiem Mass, Kathleen Black. RIP
Sat	8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10:00	Manuel Mateo, A
		18:30	Agnes Matthews, A
Sun	9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	08:00	Deceased members of the Wall Family
		09:15	People of the Parish
		10:45	Ken Perkins, A
		18:00	An Hour with the Lord in St Elizabeth's Church

**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.**

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018**



**Luke 21: 25-28 34-36**

**Thought for the day**

If you were to wish people a happy new year today, they would in all probability find it awkward. Nevertheless, we do start a new Christian year with the season of Advent. The different seasons reminds of important aspects of being Christian, one of which is the conviction that we may always begin again and start new. Last Sunday, we looked back and today we look forward: what are my hopes for the coming Christian year? How am I now? How would like to be, as a person of faith, this time next year? What steps will I take to make that a reality?

**Prayer**

O God, we believe that your mercies are new every morning and that your faithfulness is abundant. Come to our help as we start afresh our path of discipleship in this season of longing.

**Please Take Me Home. I have lots of useful information that you can read during the week. Many Thanks Your Weekly Newsletter.**

**Please pray for all those who are sick or housebound** within the Parish, including: Mary Toovey, Johnny Pereira, Tony and Rosa Ruffolo, Lena Watson, Margaret Gallagher, Betty Buckley, Alexandra Donaldson, Maria Wiggins, Veronica Heaver, Vincent Ray, Sakunthala Thillainayagam, Joan Lennarz, Moira Erskine, Ray Whealing, Derek and Bernadette Clarke, Christopher and Catherine Browne, Helen O'Donovan, Mary Wall, John and Jacqueline Groom

If you know of anyone who is sick and/or housebound please let Shauna know in the office as soon as possible so that a visit can be arranged. Thank you.

**Please pray for the souls of;** Eda Ward, RIP, Marion Bell, RIP, Patricia Pope, RIP and Amanda Spencer, RIP who are recently deceased. Please remember their families and loved ones at this sad time.

*Pat Pope, RIP*, Requiem Mass will be held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 11.30am at St Joseph's Church  
*Kathleen Black, RIP*, Requiem Mass will be held on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December 12noon at St Joseph's Church

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?

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.

**The Rosary** will be prayed after each weekday Mass. The intention: For an end to terrorism, conflict and violence of every kind and for Peace in the World.

**RCIA** is designed to help adults explore the Catholic Faith. RCIA meet every Wednesday in the Presbytery. You will be very welcome!

**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

**Parish Prayer Group:** The Group will meet every Wednesday. The revised time is at 6.30pm due to the darker colder nights.

**Collections:** Sunday 25 November the plate and planned giving envelopes amounted to £1,114. Many thanks.

**Gift Aid:** A big thank you to those of you who have recently taken the time to ask for gift aid forms and who have set up regular payments to St Joseph's. All your contributions help but with gift aid they just go that bit further. Our only funding source is you, the Parishioners, who keep this wonderful community going and gift aid is the only money we can get back from the Government, so thank you.

**Repository:** The Repository has Christmas cards, St Joseph's 50p diaries and calendars in stock now.

**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-evenings preparation programme held on the 2nd and 3rd Thursdays of each month, 7.45pm to 9.30pm. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.



# CHRISTMAS BAZAAR



**Sunday 9th December 2018**

12pm to 3pm

St Joseph's Centre 36 Cookham Road,  
Maidenhead, SL6 7EG

**The stalls will be selling, books, toys, games, jewellery, cakes, hotdogs and all sorts of other goodies. The Grand Draw raffle will be held.**

**Come and enjoy the Tombola, and share your Christmas spirit with our other parishioners**



## PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS TO PUT IN YOUR DIARY

**As part of the Parish Christmas Bazaar there will be a fun event at St Elizabeth's, Cookham on Sunday 2 December following the 9:15 mass.**

Attractions include:

- Seek the treasure on the island
- Find the golden egg
- Tombola with a Christmas theme

Come and have a go!



### St Joseph's Parish Social Night

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2018, 8pm to late  
Parish Centre  
Live Music by Stephen and Megan  
Ticket: £10  
Crisps and dips on the night  
Full bar on the night



Catholic  
**Bible**  
School

David and Sarah from the Catholic Bible School are coming back to St Josephs Parish for a follow up day on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> January from 12 noon to 6pm. More details to follow but please save the date in your diary.

**Parish Secretary (Maternity Cover):** St Joseph's Parish in Maidenhead is looking to employ a new Parish Secretary to cover a period of maternity leave up to eleven months. This is a part-time post; five hours per day, Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 1.00pm. We are looking for someone who is experienced; possesses good communication skills and is IT literate. Successful candidate must have the confidence to manage and organize a busy parish office. Are you interested? Please contact St Joseph's Parish Office on 01628 783988 or email maidenhead@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk for more details and an application form. Closing date for applications: Friday, 4th January 2019. Interviews will be held on Tuesday 8th January 2019. Successful applicant will be expected to start on Friday, 18th January 2019.

**Dear Parishioner,**



Advent and Christmas are two very important seasons, and the music ministry work hard to help make them special. If you love singing or playing an instrument, we need some help from you! If you are planning to attend any of these four services, please join us to make the music extra special:

**Advent Service (Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December)** will be a "scratch choir" where we rehearse from 1pm up to the service at 6pm. We will have refreshments and a rest before the actual service, so it will be a fun and enjoyable afternoon!

**6.30pm Christmas Eve Mass** Our Christmas Mass for children and families will have well-known and easy-to-learn carols that anyone of any age can join in with. Please arrive at 5pm to secure a seat, run through the carols and then have a short break before the Mass begins.

**Midnight Mass (with carols from 11.30pm)** includes beautiful traditional carols led from the choir loft. You will need to attend four rehearsals at 8pm on Thursdays 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> December.

**10.45am Christmas Day Mass** will also be traditional carols led from the choir loft. Just turn up on the day to sing your favourite carols from the choir loft with a fantastic organist!

If you have any questions, or to tell us that you will be coming, please contact us via the Parish Office.



We can't wait to hear ALL of you over the coming weeks....

With love from your friendly, fun (and very talented) music ministry 😊



### An Hour with the Lord

Advent is a time of waiting. We wait to meet Jesus, but Jesus also waits for us.

This Advent we invite you to take some time out of the pre-Christmas madness to focus on YOU, through five Advent themes.

Each week is a chance to experience the profound and beautiful Catholic tradition of praying before the Blessed Sacrament, as well as experiencing different types of prayer and music and spending an hour with the Lord.

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent, 2<sup>nd</sup> December, St Joseph's Church at 6pm. Spend one hour reflecting on the Promise of **Hope** that God has created within you.

**If any Parishioner is Gluten Free / Coeliac please make yourself known in the Sacristy before Mass as we have Gluten free hosts available.**

**Mothers' Prayer Group:** Meets every Monday morning at 10.00am in the Church. New members are welcome.

**Christmas Flowers:** Anyone wishing to sponsor flowers for Christmas decoration in the Church please put your dedication and a donation marked FAO Joan Boland in the office. Thank you.

**Invitation:** If any Parishioner would like to set up the Crib this Christmas please let Shauna know in the Parish office.

**Altar Linen:** We are looking for more volunteers to join the washing of the altar linen rota. Please contact Shauna in the Parish Office.

**The Rosary** will be prayed after each weekday Mass. The intention: For an end to terrorism, conflict and violence of every kind and for Peace in the World.

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**Rosary Bead:** Have you bought new Rosary Beads recently and no longer use your old set? We are collecting Rosary Beads to send out to Developing Countries. Please give any old Rosary Beads to the Parish office or leave in the box at all entrances to both Churches.

**Tea / Coffee:** is served after 9.15am Mass in St Elizabeth's Church and 10.45am Mass in St Joseph's Church. This is a great opportunity to meet and socialise with other parishioners. The centre hall is booked every Sunday to 1pm for Parishioners to relax and have a cuppa after Mass!!!

**Marys Meals:** Thank you for all the donated bag packs. We had a great response. The next step in the appeal is asking for any children's Flip flops or plimsoles, shorts and t shirts and small hand towels that are in good conditions, but you may no longer use.

**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.

**Parish Prayer Group:** The Group will meet every Wednesday. The revised time is at 6.30pm due to the darker colder nights.

**UCM Diocesan Study Day:** Saturday, 8th December in St Peter's Church, Jewry Street, Winchester. (Only a few minutes' walk from the railway station.) The topic for the Study Day is "Amoris Laetitia", Pope Francis' post-synodal exhortation. All UCM members are warmly invited to attend. It may also be of interest to teachers in our Catholic schools, members of Prayer Groups and all who support Christian family life in 21st Century Britain. Our guest speaker is Dr Pia Matthews, from St Mary's University, Twickenham. She is an expert on the subject, having been a contributor to the writing of the document. Arrival at 10:00 to start at 10:30. HOLY MASS at 12:00. Bring your own lunch. Refreshments provided. Day ends 3:30pm. Cost: £3 or £4, to pay on the door.

**UCM Meeting:** Tuesday December 4th 7.45pm in the Bar Area. Crackers, Mince Pies, and Party.

**Reader's Rota:** Copies of the Readers' Rota for Jan to Mar 2019 are in the Sacristy. Please do find substitutes if you are unable to fulfil your duty. **Christmas** – Readers are needed for Midnight, 8.00am and 10.45am please contact Tricia on [triciabrooking@gmail.com](mailto:triciabrooking@gmail.com) if you are available.

**Food share:** Thank you to those who continue to contribute food for The Homeless. With Christmas in mind more donations are needed now more than ever.

**Children's Liturgists** - a reminder that there is a short meeting for everyone this Sunday 2nd December, immediately after the 10.45 a.m. mass in the Bar area. Please bring your diaries. Any new helpers or parishioners with suggestions are very welcome at the meeting. Please consider if you could help run a session even once a year as we are so very short of leaders. All materials and plans are provided - our children need you! Contact Tricia on **01628 627265** for further details.

**Children's Nativity** during the **6.30 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve. All children are invited to dress up and take part.** No lines to learn! We can provide tea towels and tinsel if needed! Just let Tricia or any Liturgist know if you want to join in. There is a quick meeting after the 10.45 a.m. Mass on **Sunday 16th December** if you can make it, then a **dress rehearsal at 5.30 p.m. on Christmas Eve** in the Main Hall. Can you help? - lend costumes? - make a star/crown? Contact Tricia if you want to be an angel/shepherd/king.... or can give us a hand. (Tel. 01628 627265 or [triciaweeksmail@gmail.com](mailto:triciaweeksmail@gmail.com) )

Parish Advent and Christmas Cards can be found at the entrance of both Churches. Please take one home as they have all the Mass times over Christmas

**Apostleship of the Sea – Stella Maris (Christmas Drive):** As you may know the ships of the world which bring us the many goods we use each day do not stop operating over the Christmas Season. This means that the seafarers who live on-board these ships are also working over the Christmas period and they are very far from home and have no contact with friends and family. Each year the **Apostleship of the Sea (AoS)** seeks your kind donations of woolly hats, Toblerone chocolates as well as other personal items in support of the many seafarers who work upon the high seas. As well as those much-needed items, **AoS** also invites the Faithful to donate any extra rosaries, bibles or small crucifixes. Financial donations are most welcomed as well. For more information on how you may be able to help, please contact your local parish **AoS** representative or Fr John Lavers ([john.lavers@stellamarismail.org](mailto:john.lavers@stellamarismail.org)). The website is: <https://www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk>. Our Lady Star of the Sea.... Pray for us!

**Applications sought for the post of:**

**Red Box Appeals Coordinator (12-month Fixed Term Contract)**

**Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries has an opportunity for an Appeals Coordinator supporting their fundraising appeals team based in Maidenhead, Berkshire.**

The successful candidate will be an enthusiastic individual committed to ensuring that fundraising appeals are administered efficiently to maximise understanding of the important work of the charity. The role will be based in Maidenhead and will work collaboratively with teams based in London and Merseyside. The role will be required to:

- Work collaboratively with colleagues to provide effective administrative support for fundraising activity;
- Maintain a rolling schedule of parish-based appeals, requesting appeal opportunities from Parish Priests and Red Box Local Secretaries.
- Liaise with Appealers and Parishes to confirm arrangements for appeals, including travel arrangements, materials coordination etc.
- To develop and maintain close relationships with Diocesan Organisers, Local Secretaries and Appealers to ensure that all feel that they are supported effectively;

A positive and enthusiastic can-do attitude is essential.

**Closing date for applications:** 14 December 2018

**Applicants should forward a full CV and covering statement to:**

Richard Hopper, [recruitment@missio.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@missio.org.uk)

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