

**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

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

**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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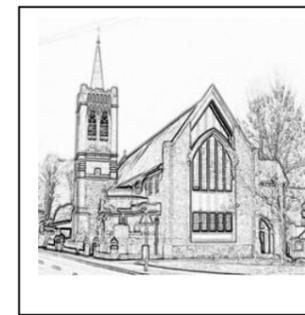
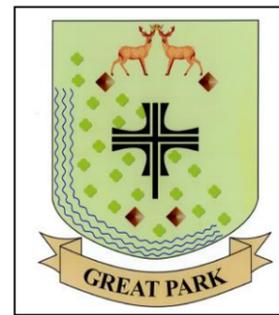
#### Parish Pastoral Council

Andrew Strowbridge (Chairperson) Eleanor Chinkondenji (Vice Chairperson), Fr John Lee, Françoise Rogoszewski, Gloria McQueen, Norma Machray, Anthony Marques, Yvonne Piekut and Don Leange

#### 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.

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



**PARISH NEWSLETTER FOR ST. JOSEPH'S, MAIDENHEAD & ST. ELIZABETH'S, COOKHAM**  
Number 198, 9<sup>th</sup> December 2018  
**2nd Sunday of Advent, Psalter Week 2, Year C**

### Weekly Mass Times, Intentions and Parish Diary

Sat	8th Dec	10:00	Manuel Mateo, A
		18:30	Agnes Matthews, A
Sun	9th 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
Mon	10th Dec	10:00	No Mass – Mothers Prayer Group meet in Church
Tue	11th Dec	10:00	George Henry Snudden, FM
<b>Wed</b>	<b>12th Dec</b>	<b>08:00</b>	<b>Rev John Lord Lewington, FM</b>
Thu	13th Dec	10:00	Roselyn Chinkondenji, A
Fri	14th Dec	10:00	Patricia Pope, RIP
Sat	15th Dec	10:00	Françoise Rogoszewski, SI
		18:30	Raffaele Ruocco, RIP
Sun	16th Dec	08:00	Deceased members of the Shortall Family
		09:15	People of the Parish
		10:45	Maura Gray, RIP
		18:00	Advent Carol Service in St Joseph's Church followed by Mince pies and Mulled Wine in the Hall

**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.**

**CTIM Christmas Cards now available** for distribution in the entrance lobby and back corridor. If possible, please take a bundle and distribute and deliver to a street near you.

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2018**



**Luke 3: 1-6**

### Thought for the day

The feats of engineering hinted at in the citations from Isaiah may seem physically daunting but are even more of a challenge on the intended spiritual level. The highway is for our God—and we could ask what in me impedes his way, how do I block the arrival of the Lord in my life? More positively, I could ask myself what do I do so that the Gospel may come alive in my life? With such cooperation from me, the Lord can and will bring to completion what he has begun.

### Prayer

O God, you search me and you know me. Help me to know myself better; help me acknowledge and set aside the blocks to your coming. You have indeed begun a good work in me and, in spite of my hesitations and resistance, I too want it to be brought to completion under your graceful care. Amen.

**International Dinner:** A big thank you to all of you who came last Saturday to support our International Dinner in St Joseph's Parish Centre. It was great to see you there in such numbers to support the two projects, one in Uganda and one in India. Altogether, £1,046 was raised for these two mission projects. Wishing you all a Blessed Christmas, Fr Brian Oswald MHM

**Please note that Mass on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> is at 8am and not the usual 10am.**

**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;** Patricia Pope, RIP, Kathleen Black, RIP and Amanda Spencer, RIP who are recently deceased. 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?

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.

**MONTHLY OFFERTORY FIGURES:** November had 4 Sundays and the total offering to St Joseph's and St Elizabeth's amounted to £8,424. This is made up of cash in the offertory plate collection, planned giving envelopes, plus standing orders and direct debits. For all those taxpayers who have gift aided their offerings, we will be able to claim back from the taxman a further 25% of the amount given. Our Parish has potentially lost out on £634 in November which could have been reclaimed from the taxman under gift aid if those taxpayers who contribute to the loose plate had joined our gift aid scheme. **Please take the time to get hold of the declaration forms from Louise and complete them. Your generous contributions keep this Parish running. Thank you for your support.**

**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.

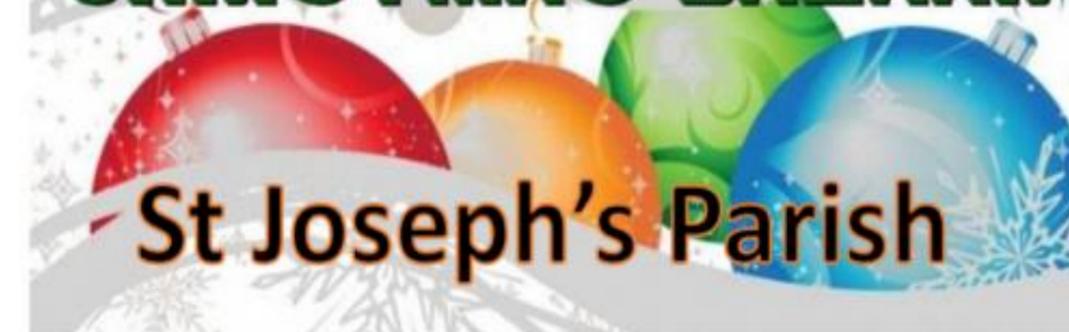
**Are you thinking of getting married?** Please note that twelve months' notice is required before a wedding can take place. This period of notice is necessary for the completion of paperwork. Also, this notice period allows plenty of time for the couple to engage with a marriage preparation course. 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.

**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.



# CHRISTMAS BAZAAR



## St Joseph's Parish

**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

### 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, 9<sup>th</sup> December, St Joseph's Church at 6pm. Spend one hour focusing on the voice of **Faith** 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.

**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.

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

**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!!!

**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.

**Eucharistic Minister Rota:** is now available in the Sacristy. If you are available during Christmas please put your name on the list in the Sacristy.

**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.



**Our Advent Service is taking place next Sunday at 6pm, and we need your help to make it a joyful celebration!**

If you love singing, you are welcome to join the choir - God doesn't mind wrong notes, it's just important that you love music. We will rehearse from 1pm on the day (with lots of breaks and refreshments) before the 6pm service.

We also need people to read - it doesn't matter how old you are or how many times you have read in church (even if it's none!) If you are happy to read, please let us know by emailing the Parish Office ASAP.



During this incredibly busy season, the Advent Service will be a great opportunity for everyone to take one hour to relax and refocus on what really matters. We look forward to seeing you all there!

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

**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.

**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) )

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**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)  
23 Eccleston Square, London SW1V 1NU  
Telephone: 020 7821 9755

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