

Sacraments

Are you thinking of getting married? Please note that the Church is now asking for twelve months' notice in order that necessary paperwork and other marriage preparation can be completed. In the first instance, please contact the Parish Office to make an appointment to see Father 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.

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.

Holidays: Please note Centre office is closed from 18th December to 3rd January. The Parish Office will be open week beginning 18th December from 9.45am to 12 noon and reopen on the 3rd January.

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.

As we are now in "holiday mode" the Parish print will be taking a short break and our next Newsletter will be out at the beginning of January.

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.

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.

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



PARISH NEWSLETTER FOR ST. JOSEPH'S, MAIDENHEAD & ST. ELIZABETH'S, COOKHAM 3rd and 4th Sunday in Advent, The Nativity of the Lord, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph, Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Do I have to go to Mass twice on Christmas Eve this year?

Christmas Eve falls on the 4th Sunday of Advent this year. What does that mean for Mass attendance?

Christmas Eve could be confusing for Catholics this year. As well as being the standard day-before-Christmas, it is also falls on a Sunday. As per usual, Catholics are obliged to attend Mass on a Sunday, but the following day is also a holyday of obligation. This may all seem straightforward so far – why not just go to Mass on Sunday then again on the following day? However, there is a big complication: vigil Masses.

These Masses, which let you fulfil an obligation the evening before the feast day, are especially popular at Christmas. Many families with young children, for example, treat the Christmas Eve crib service as an annual tradition, thus keeping the following day free for all the other activities associated with Christmas.

However, if those families go to a Christmas Eve vigil Mass this year, have they also fulfilled their Sunday obligation? The short answer is: no. The Liturgy Office of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales says that you cannot fulfil both the Sunday and Christmas obligations in just one Mass. They told the Catholic Herald: The primary purpose of a holyday of obligation is to call the faithful to celebrate particular dimensions of the mysteries of Christ and His Church. Since obligation is attached to specific mysteries being celebrated, it is not possible to fulfil two obligations in one celebration. So those who usually go to Mass on Sunday evening take note: if the evening Mass is for Christmas rather than the fourth Sunday of Advent, you have to go to a different Mass earlier in the day, or on Saturday evening. Of course, there are all sorts of ways you can fulfil the obligations that weekend, depending on what your parish offers.



Weekly Mass Times and Intentions

Sat	16 th Dec	10:00	Valerie Verbinnen, RIP
		18:30	Anthony Felton, RIP
Sun	17 th Dec	08:00	Tommy Doyle, RIP
		09:15	People of the Parish
		10:45	Francoise Rogoszewski, T
Mon	18 th Dec	10:00	Mothers Morning Prayer Group
Tue	19 th Dec	10:00	Vincent Ray, SI
Wed	20 th Dec	10:00	Asher Abreu, SI
Thu	21 st Dec	10:00	Patricia Verbinnen, RIP
		14.00	Requiem Funeral Mass Francis Flynn, RIP
Fri	22 nd Dec	10:00	James Crawford, A
		12:30	Requiem Funeral Mass, Kenneth Perkins, RIP
Sat	23 rd Dec	10:00	Seamus Gararan
		18:30	Cooney and Donovan Families, SI
Sun	24 th Dec	08:00	People of the Parish
		09:15	Anthony Allum
		10:45	Margaret Gomes, RIP
		18:30	Hanrahan Family, SI
		00:00	Ian Raines, RIP
Mon	25 th Dec	08:00	Brian Meleady, RIP
		09:15	George Henry Snudden, FM
		10:45	Deceased members of Galligan & Terry Families
Tue	26 th Dec	10:00	Cornelius Hayes, RIP
Wed	27 th Dec	10:00	Merlyn Dsouza, SI
Thu	28 th Dec	10:00	Billy Meehan & Tony Joyce, A
Fri	29 th Dec	10:00	Anne Lampkin
Sat	30 th Dec	10:00	James Lee, SI
		18:30	John Gilmore, SI
Sun	31 st Dec	08:00	People of the Parish
		09:15	Terry Webb, RIP
		10:45	Charles Malpass, A
Mon	1 st Jan	12:00	Ken Perkins, RIP
Tue	2 nd Jan	10:00	Lawrence Graham Leigh, A
Wed	3 rd Jan	10:00	Myra OSullivan, SI
Thu	4 th Jan	10:00	Mary Towmey, RIP
Fri	5 th Jan	10:00	Mass of the Sick and Housebound – St Edmund Campion
Sat	6 th Jan	10:00	Silvio OSullivan, SI
		18:30	Brendan Walsh, RIP
Sun	7 th Jan	08:00	Deceased members of the Wall Family
		09:15	Mary Jamieson, RIP
		10:45	People of the Parish

Sunday Mass times: 6.30pm (Saturday vigil), 8.00am & 10.45am at St. Joseph's, Maidenhead; 9.15am at St Elizabeth's, Cookham.

Hymns for 10.45am Mass Sunday 17th December

Verse 1

The Christingle begins with an orange,
like the world which the Lord God made.
For creation is full of His glory;
all around we see His love displayed.

Sing Christingle! Sing Christingle!
Sing Christingle, it's the light of Christ.
Sing Christingle! Sing Christingle!
Sing Christingle, light of Christ.

Verse 2

Every year we give thanks for the seasons,
and the fruits of the earth to share.
The Christingle is here to remind us
that the love of God is everywhere.

Communion Hymn

Word made flesh, Son of God,
Come Lord Jesus, come again.
Come Lord Jesus, come again.

- 2 Lord and Saviour, Son of God, ***come...***
- 3 Prince of Peace, Son of God, ***come...***
- 4 Alleluia, Son of God, ***come...***
- 5 Bread of Life, Son of God, ***come...***
- 6 Light of the World, Son of God, ***come...***
- 7 Jesus Christ, Son of God, ***come...***

Verse 3

God of love, we give thanks now for Jesus;
we remember His birth again.
But the red ribbon round the Christingle
tells the story of His Cross and pain.

Verse 4

To complete the Christingle: a candle
shining out in the darkest night.
Jesus promised to lead us and guide us:
come and celebrate the world's true light!



St Joseph's and St Elizabeth's Annual Financial Report: Fr John Lee will issue the second annual report at the beginning of the New Year.

Bible School Report: Fr John writes... We held our 'Bible Weekend' on 24th / 26th November. A few of us – including the Parish Priest – wondered if this would work for our Parish. We would have deemed this project a success if we had just thirty people turn up over the weekend. We had well over one hundred participants! The experience far exceeded all our expectations. David, Sarah and Molly's approach to the Bible – the Sacred Scriptures of our faith – was exciting, innovative and creative. We are all left thirsting for more. In his opening presentation David placed before us a challenge: engage with the Bible and it will change your life!

There were two experiences that stood out for me. Firstly, the Lectio Divina session whereby the participants were given a practical demonstration on how to pray with scripture using an ancient-but-new method. This is something that we will now set up in our Parish as part of our spiritual and faith formation programme. Those who took part in this session went away with a deeper understanding of how immersing oneself in the Word of God can lead to real change. Another big surprise was the impact of the session 'How do I know what God is saying to me in prayer?'. This session was led by one of our parishioners who is an experienced spiritual director. We had nearly forty attendees for this which, frankly, was astonishing! We are now looking at the possibility of running a week of guided prayer in 2018 along with a 'lectio group' and possibly a 'Bible Timeline' group as well. Thanks to the Catholic Bible School we at St Joseph's Parish, Maidenhead, have turned a page and lives are now beginning to change.

Notices

Looking towards Advent and Christmas

Advent & Christmas: Please take home a Christmas card after Mass this Sunday. This card has all the times of Liturgies and Masses for the Advent and Christmas season.

Churches Together in Maidenhead 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

Early Christmas Gift from Bishop Egan: You are welcome to take a copy of 'Rediscover Jesus: An Invitation' by New York Times bestselling author Matthew Kelly. Please collect your copy after Mass this Sunday.

Sunday Evening Liturgy in Advent: There will be an evening liturgy during Advent. Everyone is welcome.

17th Dec: Advent Carol Service at 5.30pm in St Joseph's followed by refreshments

17th Dec: Filipino sponsored Mass at 7pm in St Joseph's followed by refreshments. All welcome

Advent Carol Service: Please join us at 5.30pm on Sunday 17th December. It will be St Joseph's version of the traditional Nine Lessons and Carols. There will be a mixture of readings and carols both to join in and to listen to. Children from St Mary's will read the Nativity and sing their own carol and it is hoped that members of some of our ethnic groups will also contribute. After the service there will be a collection for the Parish St Vincent de Paul Society, assisting members of our community that need help.

Calling all musicians and singers!

You are all invited to bring your musical gifts to make Christmas a special and beautiful season. The 'Christmas Choir' will be leading music for the Advent Carol Service and all Christmas Masses at St Joseph's – you can come and sing/play at any services you are already planning to attend.

You will need to commit to joining us for the following rehearsals at St Joseph's:

- **Sunday 17th December 3:30pm (before the Advent Carol Service at 5.30pm)**
- Sunday 24th December 5pm (for 6.30pm Christmas Eve Mass)
- Sunday 24th December 10:30 pm (for Midnight Mass)

Advent and Christmas for all Children.

Christingle: this **Sunday 17th December** during Children's Liturgy in the 10.45 a.m. Mass - all children very welcome!

Children's Liturgists: - please come and help make the Christingles in the Main Hall before the 10.45 a.m. Mass this **Sunday 17th December**. Help also welcome with the Children's Nativity at the 6.30 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass.

CHILDREN'S NATIVITY - during the **6.30 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve**. All children are invited to dress up and take part! Just call Helen (helen.meanwell@btopenworld.com or 01628 623707) or tell any Liturgist if you will be coming and the part you would prefer. Try to come to a quick run through after the 10.45 a.m. Mass on **Sunday 17th December**, then a **dress rehearsal at 6.00 p.m. on Christmas Eve**. Can you help at the Mass?
- lend costumes? - make a star/crown? Let Helen know what you can do.

Happy Christmas from the Children's Liturgy team!

Christmas Crib Collection: Friends of the Holy Land. The poor and the weak become more desperate during times of crisis.

Our next Parish Newsletter will appear on the Feast of the Epiphany, 7th January 2018. Fr John Lee wishes everyone a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas Day and a Blessed New Year.

Notices

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is suspended until the week beginning 8th January

Confession - Saturday immediately after 10:00 Mass and later between 17:30 and 18:15.

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

Please pray for all those who are sick or housebound within the Parish, including: Mary Toovey, Johnny Pereira, Tony and Rosa Ruffolo, Lena Watson, Maura Gray, Margaret Gallagher, Josie Dooley, Cecilia Leauge, Betty Buckley, Alexandra Donaldson, John Webb, Maria Wiggins, Denis Sullivan, Veronica Heaver, Vincent Ray, Sakunthala Thillainayagam, Joan Lennarz, Moira Erskine, Ray Whealing, Pauline and Frank Allen, Derek and Bernadette Clarke, Alf and Joan White, Christopher and Catherine Browne.

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.

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.

During this holiday time if you have any urgent enquiries or if you need to see a Priest please telephone the Parish Office number. Please note there may be a delay before you receive a reply.

Please pray for the souls of; Mary Jamieson, RIP, and William Franks, RIP, Pat Wallis, RIP who are recently deceased.

Francis Flynn, RIP, Requiem Mass, Thursday 21st December, 2.00pm in St. Joseph's Church

Kenneth Perkins, RIP, Requiem Mass, Friday 22nd December, 12.30pm in 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?

Please note that the next Mass of the Sacrament of anointing will take place on Friday 5th January in St. Edmund Campions Church at 10am. (Altwood Road, Maidenhead)

Mother's Prayer Group: are meeting on the 18th December and will break until the 8th January. You are invited to leave your petitions in the Blue Book on our Lady's altar and they will be prayed for on a Monday.

Thursday St Joseph's Prayer group is taking a break over the summer holidays and will be back in January.

RCIA: The Journey of faith – is now on a break until 10th January. If you or if you know anyone that wishes to find out more about the Catholic faith, please call the Parish Office for more information.

Offertory Collection: Last week's collection was £842. Thank you.

Cleaning of the Church: Christmas Deep Cleaning of St. Joseph's Church Saturday 23rd December. Please join in if you can. Anyone willing to help please contact Eleanor on 0752 6526052.

A big thank you to all the people who donated used stamps this year for the charity MS, I received a letter saying they have raised £2.800 from donations all over England, well done.

St Joseph's Church Rotas:

Readers Rota: The next rota for Jan to Mar 2018 is available in the Sacristy. **If you cannot fulfil your duty please find a substitute – this also applies to those reading the Bidding Prayers at 10.45am**

Eucharistic Minister's Rota: The next rota for Jan to Mar 2018 is available in the Sacristy. If you are available over Christmas, please put your name on the sheet in the Sacristy.

Sacrament in 2017

Baptism January - December 2017

Anna Saggars	Chloe Cox	Filip Pantaleao	Sonny Harte
Oskar Jastrzebski	Pamela King	Imogen Roberts	Kian Whelan
Oliwia Jastrzebski	Thea Wheeler	Joseph Hayes	Jason Trzcinski
Enya Devika	Erin Boshoff	Daniel Gonzalez	Lilly Magdzinska
Freya McCarroll	Latoyah Mtumbula	Natalia Goldie	Ian Joynson
Imogen McCarroll	Cameron Clarke	Lewis Ludlow-Webb	Ella Biggs
David Gbenedio	Elissa Koumi	Keira O'Farrell	Erica Fletcher
Leonardo Monastero	Alice Johnson	Ciena Stevens	Lena Matyja
Grayson Mullan	Olivia Nash	Greyson Bagotlo	Amiyah Cristie
Millie-Anne Thackeray	Dylan Sanmartin	Adam Baughn	Edward Chetter
Julia Thackeray	NII Martey Akrong	Olivia Morse	Edward Rodrigues
Philippa Blaney	Valentino Castiglione	Zofia Sudul	Adele Molloy
Beatrix Beasley	Jonathan Jakubowski	Sienna Coulson	Victoria Rozputynski
Malakai Rosini-Ballantyne		Freya Scripture-Shardlow	

First Holy Communion

Rick Fernandes	Sheen Philip	Maja Leja	Aaliyah Locicero
Julia Cousin	Miguel Hope	Isaac Taylor	Antoni Orzel
Owen Ryan	Kizhiera Huerto	Lily Niedbala	Sophia Hills
Matylda Fryt	Rocco Piazza	Harrison Gilmour	Janusz Orzel
Justin Czyszcz	Cathryn Ashok	Darcy Veazey	Natasha Shaw
Sophia Fernandes	George Norton	Stanislaw Wrobel	Brandon Crofts
Edward Lennarz	Giordan Eustache	Kacper Wrobel	Zuzanna Dabrownny
Nikola Zamojska	Nuno Martins Brito	Wiktoria Zygmunt	Rosita Papoff
Chiara Brancato	Henry Irvine-Fynn	Aleksandra Reczynska	Zuzanna Piankowska
Victoria Rozputynski	Megan Rhodes	Kenneth Pancho	Pavla Matouskova
Marie Sophie Macquarrie	Diego Fernandes Sousa	Andre Fernandes de Freitas	



Sacraments in 2017

Confirmation

Rónán Kelsall	Lucas Prosper	Naomi Dias	Niamh Denton
Alex Denton	Shannon McBride	Samuel Randell	Sherwin Fernandes
Shlain Fernandes	Lauryn Tagne	Caitlin De Alwis	Ilaria Di Cioccio
Stephanie Moraes	Dominic Ashok	Abigail Hutley	Isabel Figueira
Adrianna Leja	Sean Procter	Ciara Procter	Ciara Rainey
Andrew Dobson	Emmie Bui	Callum Bui	Kiera Bui
Becky Marques	Terry Marques	Victoria Rozputynski	Charlotte Constantino
Victoria Rozputynski	Kenneth Pancho	Pavla Matouskova	

Marriages January - December 2017

Esther Ansari & Stephen Corkery

Charlotte Constantino and Bradley Halloran

Members of our Parish that have died in 2017

Brian Nolan	Assunta Altomare	Carmel Thompson	Molly Cain
Gaetana Attardo	Margaret Killoran	Maria Hall	Frank Joseph Kompanik
Cheryl Manning	John Tibbles	Cornelius Hayes	Carmen Duthie
James Buckley	Duncan Falconer	Lionel Conroy	Yiu Shing Lee
Anna Keohane	Michael Oke	Christine Cronshaw	Joan Horwood
Bridget Puzio	Lidia Filice	Joyce Zerilli	Mary Jamieson
Ethna Officer	Kathleen Connolly	Kathleen Carter	William Franks
Oliver McGuinness	Julia Kellerman	Sarah Lazenby	Francis Flynn
Nabil Fanous	Jamie Coleman	Margaret Gomes	Kenneth Perkins
Christopher Treacy	Joseph Ball	Veronica Steadman	Patrick Leonard
Kathleen Connolly	Mary Cullivan	Marie Clark	

