

Parish Office Notices

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.

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

Christmas Card: Please take away a card if you have not already done so. The card contains the dates and times of Masses and liturgies that are taking place during Advent and the Christmas season.

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.

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.

Contact Us:

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Head Teacher: Mrs Sandra Barry

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Parish Pastoral Council

Andrew Strowbridge (Chairperson) Eleanor Chinkondenji (Vice Chairperson), Fr John Lee, Francoise 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.

Assistant Priest: Fr Jude Mbonu

The Presbytery, 36 Cookham Road, Maidenhead, SL6 7EG

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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.

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



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

Mass Times Over Christmas

Christmas Eve:

6.30pm Children's Christmas Mass
11.30pm Christmas Readings and Carols followed by Midnight Mass

Christmas Day:

8am and 10.45am Mass in St Joseph's Church
9.15am Mass in St Elizabeth's Church

In this final run-up to Christmas, life gets ever busier. Our parish is offering several opportunities to refocus on what Christmas is truly about.

This Sunday at 6pm will be our Advent Service - if anyone would like to sing they are welcome to join us from 1pm (refreshments and breaks are included!)

Next Sunday, our final 'Hour with the Lord' at 6pm is a perfect time to prepare for the Christmas week.

On Christmas Eve, we have a special Mass designed for our families. **Mass begins at 6.30pm, and a music rehearsal will begin at 5pm - all those who love singing are welcome to come and help make the Christmas music amazing for Mass! We will have a break before the Mass begins.**



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, Veronica Heaver, Vincent Ray, Sakunthala Thillainayagam, 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 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.

Moire Erskine, RIP, Requiem Mass will be held on Thursday 27th December 12 noon 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?

Annual Financial Report: The annual financial report is now available for you to take away after Mass this Sunday. Please contact Fr John if you have any questions or queries relating to the annual report.

Christingle - on **Sunday 23rd December** during Children's Liturgy in the 10.45 a.m. Mass - all children very welcome!

Children's Liturgists: please come and join us to make the Christingles in the Main Hall before the 10.45 a.m. Mass on **Sunday 23rd 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.** 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)

The Children's Liturgy Team wish all our children and their families a very Happy Christmas. We look forward to seeing you all for the first Liturgy session of 2019 during the 10.45 a.m. Mass on January 6th to celebrate the Epiphany.

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 if you are available.

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

Bazaar: A massive thank you to all those that helped with the Bazaar last Sunday 9th December. Without all your help the day would not have been such a success. The amount raised currently stands at £1500 which includes £213 raised at the fun day in St Elizabeth's Church

Collections: The plate collection for last weekend, made up of cash and planned giving envelopes, amounted to £1057.

Maidenhead Catenians - the monthly Circle meeting will be on Wednesday 19 December at 19:30 in St Joseph's Parish Centre

Wednesday evening prayer group is taking a break for Christmas and will recommence on Wednesday 9 January

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

CAFOD are selling Christmas Cards and Christmas gifts after 10.45am Mass this Sunday and after the Advent Carol Service on Sunday 16th December in the Hall. Please support this great cause.

Our next Parish Newsletter will appear on the Feast of the Epiphany, 5th / 6th January 2019.

Fr John, Fr Jude and ALL the team wish our parishioners and friends of St Joseph's a very Happy, Peaceful Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

Weekly Mass Times, Intentions and Parish Diary

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
Mon	17 th Dec	10:00	No Mass - Mothers Prayer Group meet in Church
Tue	18 th Dec	10:00	Willard Chink
Wed	19 th Dec	10:00	Milagrine Marques, SI
Thu	20 th Dec	10:00	Canon John Doran, FM
Fri	21 st Dec	10:00	David Cloet, SI
Sat	22 nd Dec	10:00	Mary Oulds, FM
		18:30	Deceased members of the Cooney & Donovan Families
Sun	23 rd Dec	08:00	Thomas Doyle, A
		09:15	People of the Parish
		10:45	Anthony Felton, RIP
Mon	24 th Dec	10:00	Holy Souls, Followed by Confessions
		18:30	James Coady, FM
		00:00	Frank Allen, RIP
Tue	25 th Dec	08:00	Cornelius Hayes, RIP
		09:15	Bill and Alice Witt, RIP
		10:45	John and Ellen Kissane, RIP
Wed	26 th Dec	10:00	Michael Flynn, SI
Thu	27 th Dec	10:00	Noel Daly, SI
		12:00	Requiem Mass, Moire Eskrine, RIP
Fri	28 th Dec	10:00	Cirilo Dias, RIP
Sat	29 th Dec	10:00	Rev John Lord Lewington, FM
		18:30	Carmen and Rachel Duthie, RIP
Sun	30 th Dec	08:00	People of the Parish
		09:15	Edward Cairney, A
		10:45	Lena Sweeney, RIP
Mon	31 st Dec	10:00	No Mass
Tue	1 st Jan	12:00	Marissa Pereira, SI
Wed	2 nd Jan	10:00	Rose Roberts, SI
Thu	3 rd Jan	10:00	Rachel Fimer, SI
Fri	4 th Jan	10:00	Mass of the Sick and Housebound in St Edmund Campion
Sat	5 th Jan	10:00	Private Intention
		18:30	Patricia Pope, RIP
Sun	6 th Jan	08:00	Chris Palme, SI
		09:15	Hannie O'Brien, RIP
		10:45	People of the Parish

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.