

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.

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-evenings 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.

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Parish Pastoral Council

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

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

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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

Psalter Week 3

Weekly Mass Times, Intentions and Parish Diary

Sat	23 rd Feb	10:00	Angelica and Giuseppe Antinoro, RIP
		18:30	Kathleen, James and John O'Shea, RIP
Sun	24 th Feb	08:00	People of the Parish
		09:15	Cancio Fernandes, RIP
		10:45	O'Rourke Family Deceased
Mon	25 th Feb	10:00	Mothers Prayers
Tue	26 th Feb	10:00	Rhea Manuel, SI
Wed	27 th Feb	10:00	Murial Veronica Roberts, FM
		18:30	Evening Prayer Group meet in Church
Thu	28 th Feb	10:00	Mcloughlin Family Deceased
Fri	1 st Mar	10:00	Mass of the Sick and Housebound in St Edmund Campion
Sat	2 nd Mar	10:00	Jian Crisostimo Severino, A
		18:30	Caitano Eustaqueo Fernandes, RIP
Sun	3 rd Mar	08:00	Frank Griffin, RIP
		09:15	People of the Parish
		10:45	Peter and Agatha Lowrey, RIP

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

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.

Sunday 24th February 2019

But I say to you
that listen,
love
your
enemies
do
good
to those who
hate
you.
Luke 6:27

Luke 6:27-38

But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return

Thought for the day

In the kindest perspective, the desire for retaliation represents a longing for justice and equity. For example, "an eye for an eye." Such justice is easily distorted into vengeance, hence the limiting of vengeance to precisely equal retaliation in the Old Testament. That tempering of vengeance does not really go far enough. The problem is responding in kind—the ultimate logic of which would be one person left with one eye!! Jesus goes to the heart of the matter: do not respond to violence with violence, do not engage at the level offered. Instead, turn the dynamic on its head: love your enemies and break the cycle of hatred and violence.

Prayer

Help us, compassionate God, to take to heart the teaching of Jesus that love without limit may be our rule of life.

Bishop Philip Egan's Pastoral Letter – Healing: Bishop Philip Egan has issued a pastoral letter for this Sunday 24th February, Healing. A copy is available after mass left beside the parish newsletters.

Flame Congress: Saturday 2 March 2019. This is the largest Catholic Youth event in England and Wales and is a day of celebration and praise in words and music at Wembley Arena. Our confirmation candidates are attending but we have spare tickets available. They are £23 each and you must provide your own transport to Wembley. Check out the website: <https://www.ssearena.co.uk/events/detail/flame-1>.

Everybody who has attended Flame in the past says it really is an inspiring and fun day. Contact Maria in the Parish Office 01628 783988 if you are interested

Please pray for all those who are sick or housebound within the Parish, including: Michael Micallef, Eileen O'Mahony, Barbara Cooper, Jim Ryda, Mary Toovey, Johnny Pereira, Tony and Rosa Ruffolo, Lena Watson, 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 Maria know in the office as soon as possible so that a visit can be arranged. Thank you.

Please pray for the souls of: Zita Marie Gibbs, Fr. Adrian Walker, Sylvia Choules, Dolores Sanchez, Mary Ranger, Margaret Gallagher, RIP, Moire Eskrine, RIP, Andrew Faulkner, RIP, James Nash, RIP and Jean Davison, RIP (Mother to Ros Granger) who are recently deceased. Please remember their families and loved ones at this sad time.

Nader Chaichian, RIP, Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Monday 4th March at 11:30am in St Joseph's Church

David Richard Holden, RIP, Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday 12th March at 12:00pm 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?

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 will meet every Wednesday. The revised time is at 6.30pm due to the darker colder nights.

CAFOD: You are invited to a CAFOD meeting on Tuesday 5th March from 7:15pm to 9pm at St Joseph's Church London Road Newbury RG14 1JP Kezia Harrow our Step into the Gap Volunteer will be talking about her recent trip to visit CAFOD's projects in the Holy Land. Everyone is welcome so please book your place by emailing portsmouth@caofd.org.uk or call 01252 329385

CAFOD Lent family fast day Friday 15th March CAFOD Lent family fast day is an opportunity to support our brothers and sisters overseas who are in need. On Friday 15th March can you eat simple meal so that others can simply eat. Through CAFOD's global network your support can reach to the ends of the earth so please collect your fast day envelope from church and give whatever you can or you can donate online at <https://caofd.org.uk/Fundraise/Fast-Day>

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.

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time: February 24, 2019 "Love one another as I have loved you." Are you discerning a call to follow the Lord? To explore further, contact Fr. John Cooke. vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869

READING AT ST JOSEPH'S: I will be preparing the next Readers Rota for April to June in the next few weeks. If there are any existing readers that want to stand down from this important ministry, please let me know asap. There have been occasions when readers have not turned up for their duty meaning someone else has to read unprepared. This is most unfair. All have the contact list, so it is not difficult to find a replacement before the Mass. On the other hand, if there are parishioners that would like to read please contact me. All you will need is a good, clear voice as some training can be given. We are particularly short of readers at 8.00am Mass. Email triciabrooking@gmail.com

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): is designed to help adults explore the Catholic Faith. RCIA meet every Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm in the Presbytery. New inquiries are most welcome to attend. For more information you may contact Parish Office on 01628 783988

Collections: Last Sunday's plate collection amounted to £992. Many thanks.

Can you spare a Sunday morning at the 10.45am Mass to help keep the Repository running on a rota? Or can you go one step further and take on joint responsibility? Please contact the Parish office or Joan Boland on 01628 637863.

Comboni Missionary Appeal: A warm welcome to Fr. John Downey. Mission Appeal will be conducted on 23rd and 24th February at all masses.

Living our Faith: We have plans to install black-out blinds in the Parish Centre Hall. This will improve visibility when the projector and screen are in use for parish events and courses. It will also be much appreciated by our various hall users who struggle with brightness issues when the sun comes out. We aim to provide hall facilities which are well looked after and attractive to our users. We will apply to use the Parish's Living our Faith fund to cover the cost of the blinds.

The World Day of Prayer this year will be at St. Luke's Church Norfolk Road on Friday March 1st at 2pm. It will start with the Children's Choir from St. Luke's School. Both Gentlemen and Ladies are welcome to the service which has been written by ladies in Slovenia. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

Cookham World Day of Prayer will take place at Cookham Rise Methodist Church on Friday 1st March at 7.30pm. Refreshments afterwards.

Lenten Programme - A small team of parishioners has put together our 2019 Lenten Programme, and we need your help! If you are able to lend a hand setting up rooms, welcoming people in or giving ideas for our children's events we would love to hear from you. Please get in touch via the parish office.

The Parish Website: We are looking to form a committee for our Parish Website, if you have experience in editing, photography, and reporting, and able to spare a little time for our Parish, please see Fr John or Maria in the Parish Office.

Goan Community Retreat in Konkani: On Saturday 9th March from 2pm to 6pm in St. Joseph's Church. All are Welcome!



St Mary's Catholic Pre School are looking for a Pre School Practitioner Qualified to NVQ Level 3 (or equivalent) 4 days per week. Please email your CV to stmaryspreschool@btconnect.com or contact Michelle on (01628)627013. All applications will be processed in line with our safeguarding and safer recruitment policy and procedures

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD TRAINING AND SUPPORT DAY

30th March St James – Reading, 15th June St Edward the Confessor - Chandlers Ford Saturdays, 10am to 2.30pm

Portsmouth Diocese is organising a training and support day for all those who are liturgy leaders or who would consider the ministry. The days are 30th March in Reading and 15th June in Chandlers Ford. Further details and booking is through the diocesan website Please send any questions to Paul O'Beirne at CLOW@portsmouthdiocese.co.uk

VOCATION SEEKER EVENING: Friday 1 March, 7-9pm at the Sacred Heart Church, Fareham, 41-42 Portland Street, PO16 0NF. Diocesan Vocation Seeker Group meets monthly, on the First Friday, for food, prayer, reflection & friendship. For information/invite contact: Fr. John Cooke. vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PORTSMOUTH

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APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF OPERATION OFFICER FEBRUARY 2019: This appointment is extremely significant for the life of the Diocese and pivotal to professionalising its future. The Chief Operating Officer will be responsible for the entire business function of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth Trust ("The Charity") to deliver the Bishop's Vision. Working closely with the Trustees of the Charity and the Chairs of each of the 3 Vicariates to develop processes by which their respective strategies are implemented.

To express an interest in this role and to be considered for it, please submit the following via the GatenbySanderson website. If you have any queries about any aspect of the appointment process, need additional information or wish to have an informal and confidential discussion, then our advising consultants at GatenbySanderson, Katy Giddens (020 7426 3973) or Mark Bate (0113 205 6288) will be pleased to take your call. Closing Date: 24th FEBRUARY 2019

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND 15TH—22ND MAY 2019. Due to a cancellation we have **2 places available in a twin or double room.** Cost: £1360pp. Deposit: £250 pp. Flights from Heathrow. Led by Frs. John & Michael. Contact St James: stjames@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or phone 01189 574171 **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**