

Thought for the day

In John’s Gospel, the first thing that any human being says of Jesus is found on the lips of John the Baptist: Look, there is the Lamb of God. We think naturally and correctly of the Passover lamb and of the Passover, the feast which marks the liberation of Israel. To be set free is a wonderful experience and we could reflect on how I experience my freedom in Christ. From what have I been set free? (For example, fear of death, the risk of absurdity, sins and false directions in life) Even more important, for what have I been set free?

Please pray for all those who are sick or housebound within the Parish, including: Pat Cairney, Kitty Birchenough, Don Leamage, Jim Ryda, Johnny Pereira, Tony and Rosa Ruffolo, Lena Watson, Alexandra Donaldson, Joan Lennarz, Derek and Bernadette Clarke, Christopher and Catherine Browne, Helen O’Donovan, Mary Wall. Your prayers asked specially for Peter Eyre who is seriously ill at this time.

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.

Please pray for the souls of: Vincent Ray, RIP, Ray Whealing, RIP, Barbara Mitson, RIP, Dennis Horwood, RIP who are recently deceased.

Stephen Drye, RIP, Funeral Service will take place on Monday 20th January at 11am in St Joseph’s Church
Elizabeth Buckley, RIP, Requiem Mass will take place on Tuesday 21st January at 12 noon in St Joseph’s Church
Thelma Halcrow, RIP, Requiem Mass will take place on Thursday 23rd January at 10am in St Joseph’s Church
Annita Emmanuel, RIP, Funeral Service will take place on Friday 7th February at 11.30 in St Josephs Church

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?

Parish Notices

Maidenhead Catenians - the monthly Circle meeting will be on Wednesday 22 January at 19:30 at Desborough Bowls Club. More information about the Catenians can be found at <https://www.thecatenians.com> or by contacting Tim Manning on 01628 32853, timmanning1507@gmail.com

Christmas Flowers: A special thank you to all those who donated to the flowers in St Josephs for Christmas. As we had 25 prayer cards the flower team were able to produce a beautiful display. Prayer cards are on Our Lady’s Altar for collection.

Parish Offertory Collections

Collections: Our collection last Sunday amounted to £1,239, many thanks for your offering.

Second collections: This weekend we take the annual collection in support of our Cathedral in Portsmouth. This collection is the only support our Cathedral receives from the wider Diocesan family. Please give generously, gift aiding your donation wherever possible.

Around the Diocese

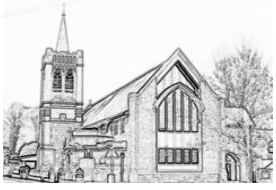
CAFOD Update Meeting 1st Feb: You are invited to a CAFOD update meeting on Saturday 1st February at St Luke’s’ Church Theale RG7 4AG from 2:30pm to 4:30pm. At the meeting Gisele Henriques CAFOD’s Sustainability & Technical lead will be speaking about our livelihood’s projects, and I will give an update on how your generous donations are making a difference to people’s lives. Everyone is welcome so please let me know if you are coming by emailing portsmouth@cafod.org.uk or call 01252 329385 . Jo Lewry CPC CAFOD Portsmouth

Parish Office Notices

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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ST. JOSEPH'S, MAIDENHEAD &
ST. ELIZABETH'S, COOKHAM**

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Psalter Week 2, Year A



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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 Pastoral Council

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

Have you seen the new relaunched diocesan website?

<https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/>

Have you signed up for Bishop Philip's weekly e-News?

www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/enews

Dear Friends

Beginning today we again march through the Sundays of Ordinary Time – the Church on her pilgrimage through history – with our Lord Jesus always in our midst. We will listen to His teaching, share in the Eucharist, celebrate the mysteries of our salvation, and, made one in the Holy Spirit, sing the praises of our great God and Father.

What is new at the start of this New Year? Our newsletter has a new look thanks to Shauna who we welcome back from maternity leave. Shortly we will be introducing a new Scripture programme as a response to the initiative launched by our Catholic bishops – The God who Speaks: The Year of the Word. Also this Sunday you will each receive a beautiful prayer card for the Renewal of Our Diocese. From this Sunday we will pray this prayer at the end of each Mass. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed each weekday and Saturdays for your own personal prayer. Mass on Thursday evenings is offered for the Renewal of our Parish and will normally be followed with a Holy Hour.

My thanks to each and every one of you for all the cards and gifts received at Christmas. Thank you too for your very generous offering which helps me to meet those expenses incurred in my ministry as Parish Priest.

Please continue to pray for me.

God bless you all.

Fr John Lee

Weekly Mass Times, Intentions and Parish Diary

Sat	18th Jan	10:00	Holy Souls
		10:45	Pre-Baptism Course in Presbytery
		18:30	Salvatore Scozzare, A
Sat	19th Jan	08:00	People of the Parish
		09:15	Liam and Kitty O'Connor, RIP
		09:45	First Holy Communion Programme in Centre
		10:45	Ray Whealing, RIP
		18:00	Churches Together in Maidenhead are holding a Prayer Service for Christian Unity Week in <u>St Edmund Campion</u>
Mon	20th Jan	11:00	Funeral Service, Stephen Drye, RIP,
Tue	21st Jan	10:00	Lissis, SI
		12:00	Requiem Mass, Betty Buckley, RIP
Wed	22nd Jan	10:00	Vincent Ray, RIP
		16:00	Reception of Thelma Halcrow, RIP
Thu	23rd Jan	10:00	Requiem Mass, Thelma Halcrow, RIP
		19:00	Mass: Renewal of the Parish
		19:30	Parish Finance Committee Meeting in Centre
Fri	24th Jan	10:00	Peter Eyre, SI
Sat	25th Jan	10:00	Mary Pouile, RIP
		18:30	Ian Noble, A
Sun	26th Jan	08:00	James Buckley, A
		09:15	Bill & Alice Witt, RIP
		10:45	People of the Parish