

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 safeguard 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. 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-morning preparation programme held on the 2nd and 3rd Saturdays of each month, 10:45am. Please contact the Parish Office for more information. No Baptisms 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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Andrew Strowbridge (Chairperson) Eleanor Chinkondenji (Vice Chairperson), Fr John Lee, Françoise Rogoszewski, Gloria McQueen, Norma Machray, Anthony Marques, Yvonne Piekut, Don Leange and Edgar Fernandes

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

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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 NEWSLETTER FOR ST. JOSEPH'S, MAIDENHEAD & ST. ELIZABETH'S, COOKHAM

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**The Baptism of the Lord
Year A**

Weekly Mass Times, Intentions and Parish Diary

Sat	11th Jan	10:00	Vincent Ray, RIP
		10:45	Baptism Course in Presbytery
		18:30	Charles Malpass, A
Sun	12th Jan	08:00	Mary Simon, RIP
		09:15	Catherine Witt, SI
		09:45	First Holy Communion Programme
		10:45	People of the Parish
Mon	13th Jan	10:00	Mothers Prayers
	13th Jan	12:00	Funeral Service, Barbara Mitson, RIP,
Tue	14th Jan	10:00	Vincent Ray, RIP
Wed	15th Jan	10:00	Vincent Ray, RIP
Thu	16th Jan	10:00	Blandina Rodrigues, RIP
	16th Jan	19:00	Mass: Renewal of the Parish
Fri	17th Jan	10:00	Holy Souls
Sat	18th Jan	10:00	Sheila McKenna, RIP
		10:45	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
		10:45	Ray Whealing, 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.

We welcome our First Holy Communion candidates at 10.45am Mass today. Today is the first day of the 2020 Programme and we pray for them with their families.

Sunday 12th January 2020



Matthew 3:13-17

And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

Thought for the day

Begin by recalling some special moment between yourself and your parents. Did you ever hear from them the equivalent of "This is my son, my daughter, the beloved: my favour rests on you"? In Jesus' ministry, on several occasions, he felt such a word from his Abba, his Father. His baptism by John was one such moment, as was the Transfiguration later on. Such deep love and affirmation grounded him as a human being and as God's prophet to the people of Israel. Our sense of calling grows out of our relationship with the Father, who's beloved we are, whose favour we too enjoy

Prayer

Let us hear again, Abba, Father, your words of favour to each one of us. Direct us on the Way of discipleship, that we may be bearers of the Good News by simply being who we truly are before you, your children.

Sick

Please pray for all those who are sick or housebound within the Parish, including: Pat Cairney, Kitty Birchenough, Don Leanlage, 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 Maria 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.

Deceased

Please pray for the souls of: Tracey Bailey, RIP, Mary Conroy, RIP, Felicity Cotran, RIP, Roger Dance, RIP, Veronica Heaver, RIP, John Grant, RIP, John Szewczyk, RIP, Eileen O'Mahony RIP, who are recently deceased.

Barbara Mitson, RIP, Funeral Service will take place on Monday 13th January at 12 noon in St Joseph's Church

Stephen Drye, RIP, Requiem Mass 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

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

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

Suggestion boxes: The eagle-eyed amongst you may have spotted bright pink plastic pots at St. Joseph's (*please add where*) and St. Elizabeth's (at the back of the church). These are suggestion boxes to encourage feedback from parishioners to the Parish Pastoral Council of your ideas for the parish. Just write your suggestion(s) on a piece of paper and slip it in, name and contact details are optional. These could be to do with our worship, social events or outreach to the wider community, and about things you want to see more of or less of. The PPC will review these each time it meets, which is every 6 to 8 weeks. We will consider them seriously, even more so if several people are saying similar things. For those who prefer talking to writing, feel free to speak to a member of the PPC at any time. Our names are on the back of this bulletin and our photos are on the wall of the Parish Centre.

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

Secretary Needed: We are in need for a secretary for the Parish Pastoral Council and the Finance Committee. The role is to circulate agendas and take the minutes at each meeting. If you would be interested, please contact Shauna in the office.

Rotas

Reader's Rota: Copies of the Readers' Rota for Jan to Mar 2020 are in the Sacristy. Please do find substitutes if you are unable to fulfil your duty. Readers are needed for 8.00am and 10.45am please contact Mike Daly on michaelgdaly@yahoo.co.uk if you are available.

Eucharistic Minister Rota: is now available in the Sacristy and on the Parish website.

Parish Offertory Collections

Collections: Our collection last Sunday amounted to £1,180, many thanks for your offering.

Monthly collection: December had five Sundays, and the monthly offerings totalled £9,200. This was made up of direct debits £1,168, standing orders £2,742, planned gifting £2,126 and loose plate £3,164. We can claim back gift aid on the gift aided offerings. We cannot get anything back on any offerings in the loose plate. This means that potentially we have lost out on £785 of gift aid. If you are a UK taxpayer and you give to St Joseph's, but you have not got around to completing a gift aid declaration, please make this a priority for us this year and complete the declaration. Forms are in the church, in the Parish Office and on the website. Many thanks.

Second collections: We have a second collection for The Cathedral next Sunday.

Children's Liturgy

Christmas Eve Nativity - thank you to the children who took part, to Helen Meanwell for her brilliant organisation, to organist Tim Brice for the magical music, to Liz Wilson for getting the costumes ready and to the readers, parents and helpers - you were all wonderful!

Children's Liturgy - we welcome the children back this Sunday 12th January during the 10.45 a.m. Mass. All children from about 3 upwards are invited to come and enjoy exploring the Gospel of the day every Sunday in term time. Any newcomers please fill in a name card at the door so you can be added to the register.

Liturgists - your packs are ready in the filing cabinet.

Have you made your New Year's Resolutions yet?!! The Children's Liturgy group need new volunteers to run the sessions as sadly 2 of our team are moving away this term. Please will you consider trying to lead one session this year? You will always work with a team of 3, help and support will be on hand and all the plans are provided. Perhaps you have a child doing their First Communion and would like to contribute? Or maybe you are a retired teacher willing to help us out very occasionally? You do not need experience, and this could be a wonderful chance for you to try out a new vocation - several of our Liturgists have gone on to be wonderful teachers in schools! Please contact Tricia Weeks (Tel. 01628 627265 or triciaweeksmail@gmail.com) for further details, you will be welcomed with open arms. We really do need your help.

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

Weekly e-News

Have you signed up for Bishop Philip's weekly e-News? Bishop Philip invites you to sign up for his FREE weekly e-Newsletter to keep in touch with the latest news and forthcoming events around the diocese. To sign up visit :- www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/enews

CAMINO WALKING PILGRIMAGE 15th/16th-23rd/24th Sep 2020. Camino del Norte Stage 2: Vilalba to Santiago 125km over six days. Prices for flights and coach £290 approx. Hostel or hotel extra. Must be reasonably fit & prepare by walking regularly before the Camino. **Information evening: Thu 6th Feb at 7.30pm in St James Church, Forbury Road, Reading, RG1 3FD.** Full information sheet and booking forms available at the meeting or afterwards from the St James parish office.

Marriage Preparation Course: St. Edward's Church in Windsor is running a Marriage Preparation Course in 2020. The dates are January 16, 19, 23, 30 and 6 February. All engaged couples are more than welcome to attend. Please email Kathy to register on kathyarundale@hotmail.com