

### Thought for the day

Our Gospel today describes two very old people—Simeon and Anna—who are very attractive in their old age. They have lived prayerful lives of faith and, in particular, of hope and expectation. Being wise, they are people of discernment and they recognise the moment of grace, the coming of the Messiah. Wouldn't it be wonderful to be like them in old age? The secret is to be now what we hope to be then. If we wish to be serene, wise, discerning, full of faith—then now is the time.



### PRAYER FOR THE RENEWAL OF OUR DIOCESE

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, we beg you to change us, to convert us and to make us holy. Fill us with a deeper faith, hope and love for you. Send into our hearts the cleansing fire of the Holy Spirit and powerfully renew all the clergy, religious and laity of our Diocese. Unit us in love and respect for one another and unify us as your one, holy people. Grant us a new passion and zeal for our Catholic Faith, for mission, outreach and service. Help us to proclaim your Gospel generously to the poor and needy that many more souls may be saved by finding their way to you in your Church. May Mary Immaculate help us. May St Edmund of Abingdon and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati pray for us. Amen.

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

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:** Thelma Halcrow, RIP, Elizabeth Buckley, RIP, Stephen Drye, RIP, Vincent Ray, RIP, Ray Whealing, RIP, Barbara Mitson, RIP, Dennis Horwood, RIP who are recently deceased.

*Jacqueline Brett, RIP*, Funeral Service will take place on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 2pm in St Joseph's Church

*Seamus Toal, RIP*, Requiem Mass will take place on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February at 10am in St Joseph's Church

*Annita Emmanuel, RIP*, Funeral Service will take place on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> 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

#### **Domestic help needed by the Mill Hill Missionaries**

**Maidenhead:** We are currently looking for a domestic worker for the following weeks: 17th-22nd February and 20th -25th April 2019. The person will be needed to work for 40 hours during each of those weeks and will be paid £12.00/hour. Their work will be the following: cleaning our communal kitchen and dining room, setting dining tables and helping clean dishes after each meal. If you are interested and available, please contact Fr Brian Oswald MHM, rector of the MHM community, on 07876208616.

**Parish Lenten Project:** If you have any suggestions of a Charity you would like us to support this year please let the Parish Office know by Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February.

**Liturgy Meeting: Planning for Lent:** There will be a meeting for choir leaders; ministry coordinators and servers in the Presbytery on Tuesday evening, 4<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm. At this meeting we will begin to make some plans for the celebration of Lent, Holy Week and Eastertide.

### Parish Offertory Collection

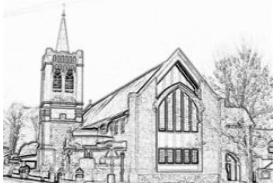
January's offerings amounted to £8,404, comprising envelopes £1,930, standing orders £2,712, direct debits £1,168 and loose plate £2,594. We still need more people to sign gift aid forms so that we can collect some of the tax back on the loose plate which currently we are missing out on. Please make this a priority if you are a taxpayer. Thank you.

### 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***



**PARISH NEWSLETTER FOR  
ST. JOSEPH'S, MAIDENHEAD &  
ST. ELIZABETH'S, COOKHAM**  
Number 246, 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2020  
**The Presentation of the Lord, 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 Leauge 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](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/enews)

**Weekly Mass Times, Intentions and Parish Diary**

Sat	1st Feb	10:00	Renee & Rey Dias, SI
		18:30	Eileen O'Mahony, RIP
Sun	2nd Feb	08:00	James & Betty Buckley, A
		09:15	People of the Parish
		09:45	First Holy Communion Session in Centre
		10:45	Ray Whealing, RIP
Mon	3rd Feb	09:30	Mothers Prayer Group meet in St Edmund Campion to celebrate St Blaise
Tue	4th Feb	10:00	Anastasia Chinkondenji, RIP
		19:30	Liturgy Meeting in Presbytery
Wed	5th Feb	10:00	Mary Conroy, RIP
		14:00	Funeral Service, Jacqueline Brett, RIP,
		19:30	RCIA meet in the Presbytery
Thu	6th Feb	10:00	Requiem Mass, Seamus Toal, RIP
		19:00	Mass for Renewal of the Parish followed by Holy Hour
Fri	7th Feb	10:00	<b>Mass of the Sick and Housebound – St Edmund Campion</b>
		11:30	Funeral Service, Annita Emmanuel, RIP,
Sat	8th Feb	10:00	Eda Catenna Ward, A
		18:30	Eileen O'Mahony, RIP
Sun	9th Feb	08:00	Cirilo Dias, RIP
		09:15	Mr & Mrs Michael Philip, A
		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.**

**WAMCF Dialogue  
TUESDAY 4th February 2020  
Maidenhead Mosque 7pm to 830pm  
Followed by refreshments  
The topic is:**

***Does our faith & our beliefs influence our attitude towards mental health?***

**EVERYONE WELCOME  
Admission Free  
Car Park opposite the Mosque is free after 7pm.  
Windsor & Maidenhead Community Forum  
Registered Charity No: 1131156**

**UCM:** There will not be a meeting at the Parish Centre this week.

Instead, UCM members will be going individually to the WAMCF Dialogues noted above.