

Matthew 5:13-16

Thought for the day

We can easily see how Jesus should be the light of the world. Even though the words are familiar, we are perhaps unaccustomed to reflecting on ourselves as the light of the world and salt of the earth. This is an act of profound trust in us by God. Jesus has faith in us to be bearers of his Good News in our time. How are we to be that? Not first by our words or even by our deeds. We are the light and salt on account of who we are as disciples. As the Gospel text puts it, a city built on a hilltop cannot be hidden. We cannot help being seen as his disciples, for that is who we are.



Prayer

Jesus, we believe that you are the light of the world and that you call us to bear your light to the world. Help us to be authentic disciples of yours, not drawing attention to ourselves, but to you, the source of our light and life.

Please pray for all those who are sick or housebound within the Parish, including: Pat Cairney, Kitty Birchenough, Don Leanage, 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, Valerie Doolan 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, Barbara Mitson, RIP, Jacqueline Brett, RIP Seamus Toal, Annita Emmanuel, RIP, who are recently deceased.

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

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 10th February.

Mill Hill Missionaries National Novena to Saint Joseph in St Joseph's Church, Maidenhead.

Tuesday 10th March Mass at 7.30pm

Wednesday 11th March Mass at 7.30pm

Thursday 12th March Mass at 7.30pm

Friday 13th March Mass at 7.30pm

Saturday 14th March Mass at 10.00am

Sunday 15th March Mass at 10.45am

Monday 16th March Mass at 7.30pm

Tuesday 17th March Mass at 7.30pm

Wednesday 18th March Mass at 7.30pm



Parish Offertory Collection

Last week's offerings amounted to £1,134, many thanks. Next Sunday, 16 February, we have a second collection for the White Flower Appeal

Diocese Notices

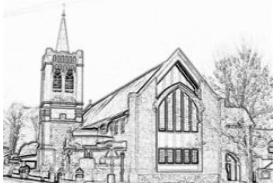
WALKING THE St James Way from Reading Abbey to Southampton in 6 stages on a Saturday starting 21st March at St James Church, Reading RG1 3FD. The route passes through beautiful countryside, past points of historic and religious interest, to a place where many pilgrims in former days will have set sail for Spain. Why not re-enact their journey by joining us this year? Please email the St James parish office on stjames@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk to register your interest. See poster for full list of dates.

Parish Office Notices

The Parish Website: 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**

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Psalter Week 1, 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 Leanlage 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

Weekly Mass Times, Intentions and Parish Diary

Sat	8th Feb	10:00	Eda Caterina 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
Mon	10th Feb	10:00	Mothers Prayer Group meet in Church
Tue	11th Feb	10:00	Gerard McAuley, RIP
Wed	12th Feb	10:00	Rev John Lord Lewington, FM
		19:30	RCIA meet in the Presbytery
Thu	13th Feb	10:00	Peter Chalmers, A
Fri	14th Feb	10:00	Lily D'Souza, A
Sat	15th Feb	10:00	Angel Sanjurja, RIP
		18:30	Vincent Ray, RIP
Sun	16th Feb	08:00	Bridget Kane, RIP
		09:15	People of the Parish
		10:45	Cynthia D'Souza, RIP

Please note there is no Mass for the Renewal of the Parish on Thursday 13th February at 7pm.

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.

Website: www.stjosephsparish.co.uk is the address for St Joseph's Parish website. Fr John would like to thank George and Paul Lam for their hard work and dedication on the much-needed revamp of the website. This work will be ongoing for the next few weeks as we make the website a hub of information for our Parishioners. We are looking for volunteers, young and old, to help with the running of the website. Are you a budding journalist who would like to write about Parish life or are you a photographer who would like to record events we have in the Parish? If so, please get in touch with Shauna in the Parish Office.

Lent & Easter 2020: Coming soon – details of a Scripture Programme in part of our preparation for the Season of Lent. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, 26th February.

Welcoming Team: Would you be willing to become a 'Welcomer' at all Weekend Masses in St Joseph's Church on a rota basis? Welcoming requires giving out the Mass Books, hymn books, bulletins and obviously making people, particularly newcomers, welcome. For more information, or if you would be willing to help, please speak to Shauna in the Parish office. This is a great way to contribute and meet Parishioners.