

Please pray for all those who are sick or housebound within the Parish, including: Pat Cairney, Kitty Birchenough, Don Leamage, 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: Seamus Toal, RIP, Annita Emmanuel, RIP, and James Ireland, 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?

CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day is on Friday 06 March this year: Please support CAFOD by joining us in prayer, fasting and almsgiving. The proceeds from your fasting on Friday 06 March, and throughout Lent, could be donated for the benefit of CAFOD's Local Partners in impoverished communities throughout the world. A "Soup Lunch" will be served in The Parish Centre between 11:15 and 13:00 on 06 March.

Envelopes and Prayer Cards will be available this weekend and the collection will be taken on 07 and 08 March.

If you require more information, please visit "cafod.org.uk/fastday". Thank you, in advance, for all your support and for your generosity".

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

The collection Last Sunday's collection amounted to £1,091.

Planned giving envelopes for the year 2020/21 are available, in box number order, at the Parish Centre side of the church. If anyone would like to start giving via the envelope scheme, please contact Louise Wood.

The Parish Pastoral Council, at its most recent meeting on 28th Jan, agreed its three top priorities for 2020. By the end of this year we would like to have made a real difference to what is done, and how we feel as parishioners, about the following three areas:

1. Welcoming people when they come to mass
2. Providing more, and regular, opportunities for deepening our faith outside of the sacraments
3. Providing more opportunities for meeting other parishioners socially, recognising that different situations and timings will suit different people

Prioritisation was a hard process, as there are some other things we would like to have included, but you can't work on everything at once. Let us know what you think of these choices and whether you can help in any way, by either speaking to a member of the PPC or putting written feedback into one of the suggestions boxes found at each church.

World Day of Prayer Friday March 6th at 2pm: This year the service is at St. Marks Methodist church in St. Marks Road Maidenhead and it has been prepared by ladies in Zimbabwe

19th Maidenhead (St Joseph and St Edmund Campion) Scout Group: We currently have a few vacancies in our Scout Troop for girls and boys aged 10 to 13. More information is on our website. <https://19thmaidenheadscouts.org.uk/> If interested, please contact Martin email martin@19thmaidenheadscouts.org.uk

Bishop Philip writes...

Bishop Paul Mason has issued Guidelines in relation to the coronavirus.

*Ask anyone with cold or flu symptoms to refrain from taking Holy Communion from the Chalice and receive the Host on the hand only.

*Ensure you combat discrimination against Chinese people and others wrongly assumed to have or be spreading the virus.

*There is no need as things stand, for the Chalice to be withdrawn or the Sign of Peace to be suspended, such as was advised during the 2009 'flu pandemic. This advice would only come if we had a very serious epidemic in the UK and at the time of writing this is unlikely.

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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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	29th Feb	10:00	Franco Bigoni, A
		13:30	Wedding of Christine Granger and Brian Heffernan
		18:30	Anna & Wladyslaw Zurawski, A
Sun	1st Mar	08:00	Conceicao Joaquim, RIP
		09:15	People of the Parish
		09:45	First Holy Communion Programme
		10:45	Ann Hart, A
Mon	2nd Mar	10:00	Mothers Prayer Group meet in Church
Tue	3rd Mar	10:00	James & Betty Buckley. RIP
Wed	4th Mar	10:00	Betty Phelan, RIP
		19:30	RCIA meet in the Presbytery
Thu	5th Mar	10:00	Cathy O'Connor, RIP
		19:00	Mass for Renewal of the Parish followed by Holy Hour
Fri	6th Mar	10:00	Mass of the Sick and Housebound – St Joseph's Church followed by Stations of the Cross
		19:00	Stations of the Cross in St Elizabeth's Church
Sat	7th Mar	10:00	Tomas Aquino Fernandes, SI
		18:30	Kurt Karl Godinho, SI
Sun	8th Mar	08:00	Romana Dias, RIP
		09:15	People of the Parish
		10:45	Raffaele Ruocco, RIP

Code:

SI: Special Intention, **RIP:** Rest in Peace, **A:** Anniversary, **FM:** Foundation Mass

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place before the 10:00am Mass Tuesday to Saturday. Confession - Saturday immediately after 10:00 Mass and later between 17:30 and 18:15.

Sunday Mass times: 6.30pm (Saturday vigil), 8.00am & 10.45am at St. Joseph's, Maidenhead; 9.15am at St Elizabeth's, Cookham.

The Rededication of England as The Dowry of Our Blessed Lady: On the weekend of March 28/29th there will be celebrations throughout England as, after nearly 500 years, the country is once again called the Dowry of our Blessed Lady. The title was lost at the Reformation when the holy shrine of Walsingham was desecrated. Today it is again a place of pilgrimage.

On Saturday March 28th the 6,30pm Mass will be our parish contribution to the event. After Mass a film showing the history of Walsingham as a place of pilgrimage will be shown in the parish centre. All are welcome to come.

The next UCM meeting will be on Tuesday, 3rd March, in the Bar Area, at 7:45pm. This will be the time to organise the UCM members for the special evening on Saturday 28th March, for the Rededication of Our Lady of Walsingham. We will also arrange helpers for the Soup Lunches during Lent. I hope all members will be able to attend. Refreshments included.