

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, Grace Thrower 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. *James Anthony Ireland, RIP*, Funeral Service will take place on Tuesday 17th March at 12noon in St Elizabeth'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.

Bible Study Group

We are aiming to set up a Bible Study group every Friday evening beginning Friday 13th March at 8pm. The session will revolve around a video produced by Catholic Productions featuring Dr Brant Pitre – a Catholic Theologian and Research Professor of Scripture, as he explores the weekly Mass readings including the First Reading, the Psalms, the Gospel reading and the Second Reading. In these videos, Dr Pitre dissects the meaning behind these readings and explains them in a clear and insightful way.

We will then have an informal chat around tea/coffee and biscuits about the video and what we've learned. And anything else you wish to discuss! If you would like a taster, some of Dr Pitre's videos can be found on YouTube where he focuses on subjects such as Mother Mary, John the Baptist, as well as Jesus' Teachings on Purgatory, as examples. I encourage you to have a look so that you can get a feel of the nature of his videos and see whether you would like to enjoy more of these!

Romans 15:4 says; "For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide, we might have hope."

It would be wonderful for this study group to not only bring new light to Scripture and to help us grow in hope, patience and faith, but also to bring together a Christian community where we can encourage each other in our everyday lives in true, Christian fellowship, as well an opportunity to form close friendships - supporting each other on our Christian journey.

Collections: Last week's collection amounted to £1,252 and the Lent Project collection raised £367. Please remember, those of you who gift aid your donations to St Joseph's, that if you use an envelope with your name or box number written on it, we can claim the extra gift aid on Lent fund donations.

Clergy Assistance Fund: We are rescheduling this second collection from 22 March to **19 April**. Please save your envelope for the later date, many thanks.

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.

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

Children's Liturgists - a reminder that there is a short meeting for everyone on Sunday 15th March, immediately after the 10.45 a.m. mass in the Bar area. Please bring your diaries. Any new helpers or parishioners with suggestions are very welcome at the meeting. Please contact Tricia Weeks on **01628 627265** or email triciaweeksmail@gmail.com for further details.

Do you have a spare room to rent out? One of our Parishioners is looking to find a nice place to live for long term. Please contact Theresa on 07417378495

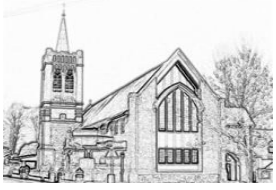
Did you lose anything at Church over the last few weekends? Please contact Shauna as I have a few items on my desk.

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



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

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Second Sunday of Lent, 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 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	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
Mon	9th Mar	10:00	Mothers Prayer Group meet in Church
Tue	10th Mar	19:30	Novena: Chapman Family, SI
Wed	11th Mar	19:30	Novena: Nyarai Chima, A
		19:30	RCIA meet in Presbytery
Thu	12th Mar	19:30	Novena: Vincent Ray, RIP
Fri	13th Mar	10:00	St Mary's School
		12:00	Stations of the Cross
		19:30	Novena: Christopher Hopper, RIP
Sat	14th Mar	09:00	Mass for the intentions of those attending the Bereavement Support Workshop that follows at 10am in the Hall.
		10:00	Novena: Vincent Ray, RIP
		18:30	Kurt Karl Godinho, SI
Sun	15th Mar	08:00	Charles & Pauline Van de Verve, FM
		09:15	People of the Parish
		09:45	First Holy Communion Session
		10:45	Novena: Derek Webber, A

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.

Sunday 8th March at 4.30pm Film has been cancelled due to the Bishops office making the decision to enter stage 2 of guidance. Please see the posters at each entrance and the website for more details.

**PLEASE USE THE HAND SANATISER
AT EACH CHURCH ENTRANCE.**