



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

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If you have any queries on safeguarding then please speak to one of the team, Louise Wood and George Lam. 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

The Parish Website and Facebook page:

www.stjosephsparish.co.uk

<https://www.facebook.com/StJoMaidenhead/>

is being updated regularly. If you would like to update any existing information, please do so via the Parish Office.

Weekly Mass Times, Intentions and Parish Diary

Sat	12 th Sept	10:00	Kenneth Strotten, RIP
		18:30	Private Intention
Sun	13 th Sept	08:00	Sick and Housebound
		09:15	Maria & Kevin Nealon, A
		11:00	People of the Parish
Mon	14 th Sept	10:00	Deceased Mill Hill Missionaries Clergy
Tue	15 th Sept	10:00	Holy Souls
		19:30	Deceased Oblates of Mary Immaculate (OMI)
Wed	16 th Sept	10:00	Joseph, Eileen and Eglam RIP
Thu	17 th Sept	10:00	Carmo Rodrigues, RIP
		19:30	Private Intention
Fri	18 th Sept	10:00	St Marys School, SI
Sat	19 th Sept	10:00	Nuala Mulhern and Patricia Williams, RIP
		18:30	Deceased member of the Hanrahan Family, RIP
Sun	20 th Sept	08:00	People of the Parish
		09:15	Renewal of the Parish
		11:00	Blandina Rodrigues, RIP

Code:

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

Masses Accessible through Zoom on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10am. Saturday vigil at 6.30pm and Sunday morning at 8am. Please check the Facebook page and Website for the link.

To attend 11am at St. Joseph's, Maidenhead; 9.15am at St Elizabeth's, Cookham you **MUST** book by going onto the website via Eventbrite, Facebook page or ringing the Presbytery and leaving a message.

If you need help to book your place for any Mass either in St Joseph's Church or St Elizabeth's Church, please call Shauna in the office.

**PLEASE USE THE HAND SANATISER AT
CHURCH ENTRANCE AND EXIT.**

My Dear Friends

Greetings to you all from St Joseph's, Maidenhead. I hope this finds everyone bearing up during these very strange and difficult times. As Bishop Philip Egan writes in his Pastoral Letter: 'These last months have been extraordinary. The pandemic has caused great harm, physical, mental, emotional and financial.' The Bishop continues: 'At the same time, medical staff and key workers have responded with remarkable generosity and courage'. In all our parishes too brothers and sisters have been most generous with their love and care of each other. In this Parish I have received great support from all of you. From my heart can I say that I cannot thank you enough. This has been a very difficult and challenging time for ALL serving Parish Priests.

Many of you have asked after Fr John Chadwick. As many of you know Fr John has been very ill since the start of the pandemic. He is currently waiting to see a specialist. I know you will keep Fr John and those other priests who are ill in your prayers at this time.

On Monday I will be heading off for a short two-week break. I will be back on 28th September. The Mill Hill Missionaries will be supplying for me in my absence and I want to express my heartfelt thanks to them for their generosity and kindness. You have heard me say before that we are very blessed to have these great men live among us. The Mass Schedule - made up of public and live-streamed Masses - will continue in my absence. If you intend to come to a Mass during the week, please book online or call the Parish Office. There will be a slightly different arrangement for live-streamed Masses for the next two weeks. More information will appear on our Parish website later on today. Please call the Parish Office if you have any questions or for anything you need. Someone will get back to you in due course.

May God bless you, your families and loved ones. We continue to pray for one another.

John Lee

Bishop Philip writes...

This autumn, we bid farewell to Mgr. Tom McGrath, another of our best-known and best-loved priests, who is retiring. Mgr. Tom was an especial support and personal help to me in my early days here in Portsmouth as he was one of the Vicars General, a post he held from 2005 until 2013. It was always good to tap into his wisdom, knowledge and long experience. Tom comes from Ballycotton in Co. Cork and was ordained from St. John's Seminary, Waterford in 1968. He has served in our Diocese of Portsmouth since 1969, first as an assistant priest at St. Joseph's Aldershot, at St. Michael's Leigh Park and at St. James's Reading, and then, from 1979, as Parish Priest of St. Margaret Clitherow in Bracknell. He became PP of Sacred Heart, Waterlooville and Dean of Havant in 1984 where he spent 10 years before becoming PP of St. Swithun and Our Lady of Lourdes, Southsea from 1994. In 1999, he moved to St. Joseph's, Maidenhead where for 15 years he was the Dean and Coordinating Pastor. In 2014, he moved to St. Peter and the Winchester Martyrs as assistant priest. He will be especially remembered and loved for his work as chaplain to the Royal Hampshire County Hospital. Grateful for his service of the Lord and His Church, we wish him every grace and blessing in the years ahead, with good health and much joy. He is retiring within our Diocese and will continue to assist in various ways, so we look forward to seeing him often in the years ahead.



St. Edwards & St. Mark's parish in Windsor is offering the Alpha Course (online) every Thursday, beginning 1 October from 19:30. Traditionally Alpha was offered live in the parish centre, but due to the global pandemic, we have decided to run the course online. It will last approximately 1 hour each week, and include time to meet each other, watching a short video and small group discussion.

Alpha is a 10 weeks course that explores life's big questions, in an open, non-judgemental, and safe place. We will be discussing questions like: Is there more to life than this? Does God exist? Why did Jesus have to die? And, why is there so much suffering in the world?

Millions of people have already tried Alpha in over 100 countries and languages around the world - won't you?

To RSVP, please follow this link: <https://forms.gle/4FdskgfGxQzBtDsAA>

Or, if you have questions, please send an email to Ryan and Kim Greig at alphawindsor316@gmail.com

Sick List

Please pray for all those who are sick or housebound within the Parish, including:, Joan Lennarz, Tony & Rosa Ruffolo, Valerie Doonan, Noreen Kerrison, Elsie Cummins, Theresa Fernandes, Bernadette & Derek Clarke, Seamus O'Byrne, Mary Buffory, Graham Loudon, Mary Mayne, Pat Cairney, Mary Porter, Sarah Jane Bruckshaw, Winifred Rooney, Rita Leggett, Nora Shaughnessy, Maureen Francis, Catherine Atwell, Beryl Skelton, Roddy Wilson, Michael Haugh, Kitty Birchenough, Christopher and Catherine Browne and Fr John Chadwick.

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.

Giving to the Parish

A really big thank you to all of you who have so faithfully continued to give our Parish the financial support it so desperately needs over the past months. We have had so many offerings left at the Parish office and have recently been able to get these into the bank. Many of you give by monthly standing order or direct debit and we greatly appreciate your regular offerings going straight to our bank account. We don't have to pay bank charges on this type of payment, unlike cash or cheques, so if you would like to change to either of these methods please look on the website or talk to Louise, our finance officer. But that doesn't mean we aren't happy to accept your offerings however you choose to make them!

CAFOD

We were able to send a payment to CAFOD from the Lent family fast day of £987.08. This will go towards helping some of our poorest brothers and sisters and if you feel that you would like to give them more support please go to the CAFOD website for more details.

Lent Project

We went into lockdown in the middle of Lent so were unable to do as much fund raising for our two projects, St Mary's School and **Age Concern**, as usual. Louise is getting together the figures of what we did collect and will report back with the final totals soon.

A notice from Abram and Kerry Graham of Maidenhead – Sadly, we have decided to leave Maidenhead to return home to the USA to be closer to family and friends. We just want to thank everyone who goes to St Joseph's and St Elizabeth's for making us feel SO welcome and 'at home' in Maidenhead and Cookham. Being so far from our families in America, we could not have dreamed of a better place to live in the UK, with such a wonderful church community to be a part of. A special thanks to Fr John and Norma Machray for allowing Abram to be an RCIA catechist, which he so greatly enjoyed. We will miss you all very much and we hope to continue to be with you in Spirit and prayers.

God Bless! Abram & Kerry

