

### Weekly Mass Times, Intentions and Parish Diary

Sat	22 <sup>nd</sup> Apr	10:00	
		18:30	
Sun	23 <sup>rd</sup> Apr	08:00	People of the Parish
		09:15	
		11:00	Private Intention Carl O'Donovan, RIP
Mon	24 <sup>th</sup> Apr	09:30	Mothers Prayer meet in St Edmund Campion Church
Tue	25 <sup>th</sup> Apr	10:00	
Wed	26 <sup>th</sup> Apr	10:00	Elizabeth and Joseph Wheke, FM
Thur	27 <sup>th</sup> Apr	10:00	John Coleman, FM
Fri	28 <sup>th</sup> Apr	10:00	Julia Maraggun, SI
Sat	29 <sup>th</sup> Apr	10:00	
		18:30	
Sun	30 <sup>th</sup> Apr	08:00	Gladys Mary Snudden, FM
		09:15	People of the Parish
		11:00	Fr Vincent Flanagan, A Johnny Bertin Fichte, RIP

**Sunday Mass times: 6.30pm (Saturday vigil), 8.00am & 11am at St. Joseph's, Maidenhead; 9.15am at St Elizabeth's, Cookham.**

**Sick and Housebound:** If you know anyone that is unable to come to Church and would like a visit from the priest either for a blessing, hear confessions and to receive Communion please let Shauna in the office know.

During Covid Fr John started a weekly **Rosary group** via zoom. We are delighted to say we are re starting this again every Thursday at 2pm. When you log into zoom, please insert 862 8616 8309 as the meeting ID. No password is required.

**If you're away from your church or the Diocese, you can still keep in contact with all the latest news from the Bishop or the Diocese via:** E- News <https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/communications/news/enews/> (subscription service available) Twitter @PortsmouthRC Facebook @PortsmouthRC

**The Parish Website and Facebook page:** [www.stjosephsparish.co.uk](http://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

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#### Safeguarding Team

If you have any queries on safeguarding issue, please speak to one of the team, George Lam and Bernice Fernandes or get in touch with the Parish Office 01628 783988 or email the team.

E: [safeguarding@stjosephsparish.co.uk](mailto:safeguarding@stjosephsparish.co.uk)



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

Number 367 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2023

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter – Year A

The disciples are walking away from Jerusalem to the village known as Emmaus. It seems they are going to a wrong direction and will need to come back to Jerusalem. This can be a history of our lives. As we travel, Jesus joins us though we are not able to recognize him. He is with us, he associates with us in our everyday situation, weak and sinful as we may be. Even in death, he was crucified between two thieves, giving up his life that we might live. God loved the world so much despite its chaos and sinfulness that He sent his only begotten Son to save us from our wretchedness. As God's Son walks with us, he revives our shattered hopes. Like the two disciples who could not piece together the puzzle of his life, Christ takes the initiative to explain to us all about himself. When we allow him to be our guest, we encounter him and this encounter changes or transforms our lives forever. In every mass we experience Christ in the liturgy of the Word and in Eucharist, the breaking of bread. At the end of the Eucharist, together with Christ, we vanish into the world to bring the Good News by serving humanity. This is the meaning of "Go the mass is ended". This narrative is about our Eucharistic celebration. The road that leads to Emmaus is "the road, every Christian, every person, takes. The Risen Jesus makes himself our travelling companion as we go our way, to rekindle the warmth of faith and hope in our hearts and to break the bread of eternal life." (Pope Benedict XVI). Stay with us Lord on our journey.

#### Readings:

1st Reading: Acts 2:14, 32-33. Jesus' greatest moment was when God raised him to glory. His resurrection shows the Father's plan for all of us.

Responsorial: Psalm: Ps15:1-2.5.7-11 **R/ Show us, Lord, the path of life.**

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21. Christians are called to live in obedience to the Father. This life is founded on faith and hope in Christ who has been raised from the dead.

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us. Alleluia!**

Gospel: **Luke 24:13-35.** They recognised him at the breaking of bread.

#### FEAST OF ST GEORGE - PATRON SAINT OF ENGLAND

It is uncertain when Saint George was born and historians continue to debate to this day. However, his death date is estimated to be April 23, 303 A.D.

#### Interesting Facts:

- Saint George stands out among other saints and legends because he is known and revered by both Muslims and Christians.
- It is said Saint George killed the dragon near the sea in Beirut, thus Saint George bay was named in his honour.
- Saint George is the patron saint of England and Catalonia and his cross can be found throughout England.
- In older works, Saint George is depicted wearing armour and holding a lance or fighting a dragon, which represents Christ's enemies.

Prayer to St. George. **Heroic Catholic soldier and defender of your Faith, you dared to criticize a tyrannical Emperor and were subjected to horrible torture. You could have occupied a high military position, but you preferred to die for your Lord. Obtain for us the great grace of heroic Christian courage that should mark soldiers of Christ. Amen**

#### The Holy Spirit - Monthly Talk

Fr. Kevin Hughes MHM will present a reflection on the Holy Spirit on the following dates:-

**Monday 24th April** at St. Edmund Campion Church, Maidenhead at 10.00 am (after 9.30 am Mass)

**Saturday 29th April** at St. Mark's Church, Dedworth Road, Windsor at 10.00 am

Come, listen and prepare for the Feast of Pentecost, the beginning of the Church, when the promise of Jesus was fulfilled in sending our helper and guide, the Holy Spirit. The presentation will last one hour. All welcome.

**FIRST FRIDAY HEALING MASS** Each First Friday will see a 'Healing Mass' being celebrated alternatively at St. Joseph's Church and St. Edmund Campion Church for 2023. We bring together all our needs and especially asking God's healing spirit upon people and situations in our parish. You are very welcome.

5<sup>th</sup> May 10am and 7pm Mass celebrated at St. Joseph's.

2<sup>nd</sup> June 10am and 7pm Mass celebrated at St. Edmund Campion.

**Financial Contribution:** To contribute to St Joseph's and St Elizabeth's. You can **donate direct to our Parish bank account** and setup a monthly standing order for regular donations with these details: Name: **PRCDT St Joseph Maidenhead** Sort-code: **30-93-04** Account no.: **00882667**. **Credit/Debit card donation via the 'SumUp' device in the church.** Thank you.

**Maidenhead SVP** will be holding an evening quiz at St Joseph's Parish Hall on Friday 28th April 2023 with doors opening at 7:30pm for 8:00pm start until 10:00 pm. Tickets are £5 per person and team sizes will be maximum 8 and adult only please. This is a cash only event. There will be prizes for the winning team plus a raffle and other games to participate in. All welcome. The bar is also open to purchase drinks from. If you are interested, tickets will go on sale from Sunday 12th March 2023 after masses at St Joseph's and St Edmund Campion churches. Also from Hilda (St Edmund Campion) on 07749917134 or Siobhan (St Joseph's) on 07816445416

**A date for your diary:** Safeguarding Course has been scheduled for Saturday 17th June in St Edmund Campion School. 1000-1200 for Child Protection and 1300-1500 for working with vulnerable Adults. The training is open to all those in recruitment for, or currently working in roles with children and/or adults at risk. In accordance with the National Safeguarding Standards, safeguarding training must be completed every 2 years. You will receive a certificate on completion of this training. Anyone working or volunteering in a relevant role across the Diocese is most welcome. To book your place on this course please email: [safeguarding@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**REQUEST FOR ITEMS FOR THE ASYLUM SEEKERS** Thank you for all your generosity in the past. There has been a big turn around with many new residents at the local hotel and there is always an ongoing need for certain things. If anyone has any of the following to donate, could you contact the SVP on 07749 917134 or bring to the Parish Office, please. We know some are a big ask: - Adult bikes, laptops, iPhones (we can factory reset these to clear personal information), scooters (age 10+), bike locks, deodorant, men's trainers all sizes. Some residents need special diets and have asked for small fridges (like a drinks fridge) if possible.

**GROVE SINGERS CONCERT** featuring Taplow Boys' Choir Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 4pm in St Edmund Campion Church. Mixture of sacred and secular music. Tickets £10 available at the door, children under 12 don't pay. Profits to WORK charity.

### **May – The Month of Mary**

#### **Regina Caeli**

V. O Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.

R. For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.

V. Has risen, as he said, alleluia.

R. Pray for us to God, alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

R. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

V. Let us pray: God our Father, you give joy to the world by the Resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, Through the prayers of his Mother, the Virgin Mary, bring us to the happiness of eternal life. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

R. Amen

#### **The Memorare Prayer**

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the word incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen

**Job Vacancy coming up in the Parish...** As most of you are aware Shauna is leaving in July to return home to Ireland. Watch this space for details to follow on how to apply for her role. If you know anyone that would be ideal for this rewarding job, please ask them to contact the office.

#### **House Blessing:**

House blessings (also known as house healings, house clearings, house cleansings and space clearing) are rites intended to protect the inhabitants of a house or apartment from misfortune, whether before moving into it or to "heal" it after an occurrence. It is also there asking God's protection and blessing upon each member of the family.

In Christianity, house blessing is an ancient tradition dating back to the early days, that is usually performed by a priest who sprinkles holy water and blessed salt as he walks through every room of the house, accompanied by the occupants of the house, whilst praying for the occupants.

Leader: "Peace be to this house and: to all who dwell here, in the name of the Lord.

All: Blessed be God forever.

If you would like your home/apartment/room blessed, then please contact one of the priests and a time and date can be arranged. The blessing ritual takes about 20 minutes, and it is lovely if all occupants of the home are present.



**BAPTISMAL COURSE** The Baptismal Course is available for all Parents whose child is being Baptised at either St Joseph's, St Elizabeth's or St Edmund Campion. The course is a 90-minute preparation and guidance. It is held at St Joseph's the first Tuesday of the month at 7pm. The next meetings are: Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023, Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June and Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July

**Children's Liturgy:** - We hope all the children had a very Happy Easter and look forward to seeing you and your families for the **new term which starts on Sunday 23rd April** during the **11.00 a.m. Mass at St. Jo's**. Come and join us to worship and have fun!

**Children's Liturgists** - Please pick up your new rotas from the filing cabinet in the kitchen lobby.

*" Making Jesus known to children, young people AND staff in schools of Slough, Windsor & Maidenhead "*



Illuminate Maidenhead presents LZ7 + Saintz in concert in Braywick on Friday 28th April SHOW 7:30-9PM (DOORS 7PM) | £5 BRAYWICK LEISURE CENTRE, SL6 1BN  
**GET YOUR TICKETS AT: [WWW.ILLUMINATEYOURCITY.COM/MAIDENHEAD](http://WWW.ILLUMINATEYOURCITY.COM/MAIDENHEAD)**

#### **Thank you for your support!**

We are delighted to announce that we have now secured £215,493 in pledges for the **Closer to Christ** Campaign, surpassing our goal of £215,000. My heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you.

I know there are some families out there who are still considering their pledge and I would be delighted to have your support. While we are guaranteed to receive one third of the initial £215,000 raised, the parish will receive 50% of everything raised over this and so we have much to benefit from.

Thank you for your support and please pray for the continued success of the **Closer to Christ** Campaign in our parish.

