

**Weekly Mass Times, Intentions and Parish Diary**

Sat	6 <sup>th</sup> May	10:00	Remy Rodrigues, SI SI for the Coronation of King Charles
		18:30	Gladys Mary Snudden, FM
Sun	7 <sup>th</sup> May	08:00	People of the Parish
		09:15	Mick Moore, RIP
		11:00	Lola Afo, SI Jane Chen, RIP
Tue	9 <sup>th</sup> May	10:00	Cirilo & Ana Rita Dias, A
Wed	10 <sup>th</sup> May	10:00	Lee Justice, RIP
Thur	11 <sup>th</sup> May	10:00	Shawn Soares, RIP
Fri	12 <sup>th</sup> May	10:00	
		13:00	<b>Don Sprong, RIP Funeral Mass</b>
Sat	13 <sup>th</sup> May	10:00	Fernandes Family, SI
		18:30	
Sun	14 <sup>th</sup> May	08:00	People of the Parish
		09:15	Herbert & Margaret Tremeer, RIP Sonia Wall, RIP
		11:00	Vera Wheatley, 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

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



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 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – Year A

The gospel presents Jesus as the guide in life, the **'way, truth and life'**. The Christian centre is the person of Christ. Our work for Jesus and our love for people, no matter what our calling in life, flow from this. Mother Teresa was once asked why she did what she did, and she simply said 'for Jesus'. This centre always holds, it cannot be unhinged. It is a deeply personal relationship: we are led by Jesus 'one by one', known by name, not as one of a group. We follow him as one we know, not a stranger.

We study his life and times, getting to know the places and events of his life, we become familiar with the gospels and get to know him in the heart. Prayer is the way of keeping our centre of conviction and motivation strong. Freedom grows and we begin to find him everywhere.

Different types of people and spirituality stress different aspects of Jesus.  
 The Eastern approach to Jesus is very much the **'way'**;  
 The African is very much the **'life'**;  
 The European stress is the **'truth'**.

In Europe we need to rediscover also the joy and vibrancy of the African and Latin American expressions of faith, and also the presence of God in all life's moods and journeys of the Indian and Eastern traditions. We can get so caught up in small or even big truths and doctrines that we miss other centres of faith. All faith needs the balanced approach to Jesus - **way, truth and life**. Recall people who guided you well in your life. Pray for them.

*Jesus, our way - guide me in life;  
 Jesus, our truth - teach me your meaning of life;  
 Jesus, our life - love me always.*

**Readings:**

1st Reading: **Acts 6:1-7.** *Under pressure, a solution is found to deal with new needs of the community.*  
 Responsorial: Ps32:1-2.4-5.18-19. **R/ May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.**  
 2nd Reading: **1 Peter 2:4-9.** *Like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house.*  
 Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me.' Alleluia!**  
 Gospel: **John 14:1-12.** *We have a deep basis for inner peace, because Christ has prepared a place for us in the Father's house.*

**Deceased:**

**Don Sprong, RIP,** Funeral Mass will take place on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May at 1pm in St. Joseph's Church.  
**Angela Gilmore, RIP,** Funeral Mass will take place on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 12.30pm in St. Joseph's Church.  
*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
 May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

**"THE BIG HELP OUT"**

To mark His Majesty The King's Coronation, thousands of organisations across the country are coming together to give us the chance to help out in our own local communities.  
 On Monday 8th May, there will be opportunities for everyone to join in. No matter what you are good at, there'll be something to suit helping hands of all shapes and sizes!  
**There will be an opportunity for all willing helpers to give a Spring Clean to the Grounds around St Joseph's Church and Car Park on Monday 8th May from 10:00 – 12:00.**  
 If you cannot do physical work outside, please come along anyway and help to provide Refreshments in the Hall and to support the labourers! If you can spare even an hour – fantastic! If we all do a bit, it will really help a lot.

**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.**

**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.

2nd June 10am and 7pm Mass celebrated at St. Edmund Campion.

7<sup>th</sup> July 10am and **7.30pm** Mass celebrated at St. Joseph's Church.

**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.

**The Bereavement support Group** would like to invite those of you who are grieving after a bereavement to join us for an informal meeting at St Edmund Campion parish Hall with tea and cake on Sunday 21st of May at any time between 2.30pm and 5pm this a opportunity to meet others in similar position and to consider seeking support through small group meetings, one to one or just to be able to share with each other you would be very welcome.

**Room to rent.** Please contact Eleanor on 07526526052 for more details.

**SVP Quiz:** Thank you so much to those parishioners from St Joseph's and St Edmund Campion's Churches and parents from St Mary's school who supported our quiz held last week. Through ticket sales and generous support of a raffle, we managed to raise £859 to help support vulnerable individuals and families in Maidenhead. Thank you for your support!

### ***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



The Parish Team wishes to invite all our volunteers from St Elizabeths and St Joseph's Churches to a lunch party on **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June after 11am Mass** in the Parish Centre. With the help of the Vision Group, we are organising this special event as our way of saying thank you for all of your help. We very much appreciate it.

#### **Due to Shauna moving back to Ireland in July a vacancy has now arisen in the Parish office:**

A vacancy has arisen for an Administration and Finance Officer to work full time 35 hours per week to provide administrative and finance services to the Parish Priest and the parish, support the administration of day-to-day parish work and provide a sympathetic focal point for enquiries.

If you would like to join our busy parish team please contact: [recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) for a job description and details of how to apply. Closing date for applications: Noon on 19th May 2023 with interviews to take place over Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd May.

**Message from Liz Wilson:** A big thank you to all parishioners from St Joseph's and St Elizabeth's who sponsored me for my CAFOD Big Lent Walk. Your support helped me meet my target and motivated me to complete the distance! I am truly blessed to be a part of such a generous community.

**MISSIO Red Box Collection:** In England and Wales, there are Red Boxes in over 200,000 homes and together we have collected millions of pounds for the missionary Church. You can become part of this vital fundraising and request a Red Box from your Missio Local Secretary, who is Louise Jennings or the parish office. Or get the app on your phone: <https://missio.org.uk/red-box-app/> The need to stand alongside our Mill Hill Missionaries in prayer and solidarity has never been so urgent and necessary. In many areas of the world, they will be the first to respond to the physical and spiritual needs of our sisters and brothers who are suffering. Meanwhile, those who have a Red Box, it is ready to be emptied. Please bring it in over the coming weeks. It is hoped that we can send Missio a cheque by the end of May with all your contributions. Thank you.

**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 6<sup>th</sup> June and Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July

**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)

**The Vision Group** have committed at least £500 per annum to the Closer to Christ campaign. Our idea is that all parishioners can be involved in this by contributing to fund-raising events. The first event is a Tabletop Sale on 18 June after 11am Mass. To book a table for £10 please see Trisha Ray or email [Patriciaray980@btinternet.com](mailto:Patriciaray980@btinternet.com). No clothes or food please.

**19th Maidenhead (St Joseph and St Edmund Campion) Scout Group** currently have a few spaces in Beavers for boys or girls aged 6 - 7 1/2. If you would like your child to join the great scouting adventure, please contact: [liz@19thmaidenheadscouts.org.uk](mailto:liz@19thmaidenheadscouts.org.uk)