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Weekly Mass Times, Intentions and Parish Diary

Sat	27 th May	10:00	Frank and Megan Reilly, RIP
		18:30	Jairo Rodrigues, SI
Sun	28 th May	08:00	People of the Parish
		09:15	Deceased members of the Madden Family
		11:00	Manuel and Maria Mateo, A Patricia William, A
Tue	30 th May	10:00	Tara Theogarajan, A
Wed	31 st May	10:00	Brett Sivyver, RIP
Thur	1 st Jun	10:00	Albert Matthews, A
Fri	2 nd Jun	10:00	Mass of the Sick and Housebound in St Edmund Campion Church
		19:00	Mass of the Sick and Housebound in St Edmund Campion Church
Sat	3 rd Jun	10:00	Vincent Ray, RIP Rodrigues Family Intentions, SI
		18:30	Cornelius Hayes, A
Sun	4 th Jun	08:00	People of the Parish
		09:15	Deceased members of the O'Mahony Family
		11:00	Intentions for all our Volunteers

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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Pentecost Sunday – Year A



Birthdays deserve to be celebrated. They are occasions when we can be thankful for the gift of life, and for the love we have received. They provide the opportunity for families to get together and recall good memories from the past and also a chance to look to the future, aware of how far we have come.

So it is with Pentecost. Today is the birthday of the church, a time for us to celebrate who we are and to rediscover what it means to be the people of God. Down through the centuries the Holy Spirit has guided the church, despite the weaknesses of its members, both clerical and lay. We have the witness of many generous and heroic people who have been 'led by the Spirit' and whose lives have given eloquent testimony to the power of God at work in them. Today, then, let's take heart and invoke the Spirit of God that we may be filled with a joyful appreciation of who we are and what we have to give. This brings with it many challenges, since for many religious people their faith acts as a sort of security blanket, offering certainty and security.

However, the good news is not about how things were in the past but about the Spirit of God at work now and always.

***Come Holy Spirit;
 Fill our hearts.
 Bring your peace and unity
 To our world.
 May your kingdom come and your will be done.
 Amen.***

Readings:

1st Reading: Acts 2:1-11 *They were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak.*
 Responsorial: Psalm 103 *Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.*
 2nd Reading: Gal. 5:16-25 *If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you.*
 Gospel: John 20:19-23. *As the Father sent me, so am I sending you: receive the Holy Spirit.*

Pilgrim Walks: The Vision Groups of St Edmund Campion and St Joseph's are offering opportunities for all in the Maidenhead area to meet those who pray in the various churches of St. Edmund Campion, St Joseph's or St. Elizabeth's. The first of these encounters will take place on Sunday 9th July with a walk from St Joseph's Church after the 11am Mass. There will be an opportunity to meet over refreshment and for those of you who would like to, to join us for a walk to St Elizabeth's. Refreshments on 9th will be very special as it is also Shauna's farewell party before leaving the parish and moving to Ireland.

The second walk is 30th July. After the 9.15am Mass at St. Elizabeth's, to walk to St. Edmund Campion church. Hospitality from 12.15am onwards. The third walk is 3rd September. After the 11.15am Mass at St. Edmund Campion Church, walk to St. Joseph's. You are welcome to attend Mass in your own church or join in the Mass of the hosting Community. Details of the walk can be obtained from Carolyn Foster: candrfoster@btinternet.com.

Love the Stranger - Monthly Talk for June: 'Every migrant has a name, a face and a story' Pope Francis

Fr. Kevin Hughes MHM will be exploring this issue in the light of the document 'Love the Stranger - A Catholic Response to Migrants and Refugees' published by the Bishop's Conference of England and Wales in February 2023.

Saturday 3rd June at 10.00 am St. Edward's Parish Centre, Windsor
 Monday 5th June at 10.00 am St. Edmund Campion Church, Maidenhead
 Wednesday 7th June at 7.00 pm St. Joseph's Church, Maidenhead
 All welcome

Childrens Choir is starting back up again!!!! Starting Sunday 28th May at 10.30am in St Joseph's Church for Year 3 and above children. Please see the forms at both entrances of the Church for more details or contact James in the choir or Shauna in the office.

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: **CDP Maidenhead St Joseph, Sort-code: 30-93-04 Account no.: 00882667.** Credit/Debit card donation via the 'SumUp' device in the church. **Thank you.**

UCM Meeting Tuesday 6th June at 7:30pm, in St Elizabeth Room. The guest speaker will be Martin Pring who will give a talk on recycling. Please join us - everyone welcome!

Children's Liturgy: There will be no Liturgy sessions at the 11 a.m. Mass on 28th May and 4th June during the holiday as we know many of you will be away. We look forward to seeing you all again after the break on **Sunday 11th June.**

Lyford Grange Mass: Sunday June 25th. A coach has been organised to take parishioners of St Joseph's Parish and St Edmund Campion Parish to the Lyford Grange Mass. As usual it will leave at 11.30am from outside Altwood School and travel to Lyford, stopping for a carvery lunch on the way. We expect to be home at 06.45pm. Signup sheets are on the church noticeboard. Any problems getting to Altwood school or other enquiries please contact John Lynn 07931-292934.

What is your Country of Origin? This weekend, the Feast of Pentecost, when we celebrate the Holy Spirit descending upon the Apostles we would like to recognise the many nationalities in our Parish community who celebrate the Sacraments at St Joseph's and St Elizabeth's Churches. All Parishioners are invited to add their NAME and Country of Origin to the lists at the entrances to the Church and to put a pin on the World Map that will be available at all Masses this weekend. The Map will be on display in the Church for the following couple of weeks so that we can all appreciate the extent of our "Global Community".

Class teacher vacancy for September 2023 (Full time or part time considered).

At St. Mary's Catholic Primary school, we are committed to providing an inspiring educational experience that is aspirational for all our children. Our belief is that with God at the centre of everything we do, we aim to nurture our children to become the best possible version of themselves and of whom God intends them to be, 'learning and loving on our journey with Jesus'.

If you are a creative and reflective practitioner with high expectations for children's achievement; if you are looking for a new challenge and want to be part of something special; then we would love to meet you and find out more about you. Please go to our school website for more information about this vacancy: <https://st-marys-catholic-primary-school-berkshire.secure-primariesite.net/vacancies/>

SVP Friday 6th October 2023 Musical Evening Fundraiser – St Edmund Campion

St Vincent de Paul (SVP) Maidenhead will be holding a musical evening on Friday 6th October from 7.30pm at St Edmund Campion. Proceeds from the evening will be split equally between the local branch of Care4Calais, a volunteer-run asylum seeker charity and SVP Maidenhead - to help sustain and expand the support given by SVP to those in need, including local people who are lonely, sick, housebound or just struggling to cope.

Tickets will be £7 per person and available from July.

This is a cash only event and drinks and snacks will be available to buy from a Donations Bar

In the meantime we would love to hear from anyone who would like to take part, whether you're a singer or if you play an instrument, solo or part of a group - this informal event is about getting local people involved and giving those who are interested a chance to perform while raising funds for a worthwhile cause.

For event planning, interested musicians (instrumentalists or singers) who get in touch will have a place reserved in the programme and we'll need to do this on a first come first served basis until we have a full programme (likely to be around one hour each half plus interval).

If you would like to take part, please contact Peter (St Edmund Campion) on 07976 625 813 or Siobhan (St Joseph's) on 07816 445 416. Thank you for your support.



The Parish Team wishes to invite all our volunteers from St Elizabeths and St Joseph's Churches to a lunch party on **Sunday 4th 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. This party is fully catered. Please come join us and relax!

PILGRIMAGE to Our Lady's Shrine, Banneux, Belgium, for the 90th anniversary of the Apparitions, 70th Anniversary of 'Pilgrimage GB') and for the Feast of the Assumption, **11th-16th August 2023.** A coach will leave from St. Edmund Campion Church, Maidenhead SL6 4PY. Accommodation and full board (including travel and excursions): staying at the Hospitalité is £420. (Single room supplement +£100).

The Hospitalité is very spacious and can accommodate all pilgrims, especially those who are sick, disabled or elderly. It also includes a full catering and medical staff. *(There is a hotel next door for £650 sharing and single room supplement +£200).* Fr. Liam Cummins (St. Edmund Campion Parish) will be the Spiritual Director for this pilgrimage and has been going to Banneux since 1996.

If you are interested and you would like more information or to reserve a place before June 30th, please contact Lisa Pirie, pilgrimage director, on 07500288384; banneuxndgb@gmail.com or Father Liam, on 07776580596 (email him on lcummins@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk). Also Goggle 'Our Lady's Shrine, Banneux', for history and more detail. The GB pilgrimage has been going for 70 years and it looks like this will be the last official trip from England, so get on board!

Are you a budding journalist or someone that has plenty of time to spare?? We are wanting to resurrect the biannual Parish Magazine. If you would like to get involved, please contact the Parish office for more details.

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. Sacrament of Reconciliation and Anointing with Holy Oil will be available.

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

7th July 10am and 7.30pm Mass celebrated in St Joseph's Church

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 6th June and Tuesday 4th July

We cordially invite you all to our "Flores de Mayo" Our Tribute to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Filipino Community Sunday Mass Celebration!

Sunday 28th May in St Josephs Church

Procession of Blessed Virgin Mary

2:00 –3:00 p.m.

Rosary

3:00--3:30 p.m.

Mass start at Church

3:30 p.m.

After the Mass there will be "Food, Cakes and Drinks" to be served at the Parish Centre! Please join us!!!

Thank You!!!

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Table Top Sale on Sunday, 18th June

there will be a **Table Top Sale** in St Joseph's Parish Centre, after 11am Mass. "Buy" a table, for only £10, to sell your no-longer-used household, craft or garden items. See how much money you can make! (At this sale, no foodstuffs or clothes to be sold, thank you.) Book your table from Trisha Ray, patriciaray980@btinternet.com Light refreshments will be on sale, too! Shoppers - bring your money and your bags! All proceeds will go to supporting our Parish in its valuable work. Thank you. *St Joseph's Vision Group.*