

Weekly Mass Times, Intentions and Parish Diary

Sat	20 th May	10:00	
		11:00	First Holy Communion
		18:30	
Sun	21 st May	08:00	People of the Parish
		09:15	Deceased members of the O'Mahony Family
		11:00	Carl ODonovan, RIP
Mon	22 nd May	09:30	Mothers Prayers meet in St Edmund Campion Church
		12:30	Funeral Mass Angela Gilmore, RIP
Tue	23 rd May	10:00	Roy Dias, SI Ignatius Rodrigues, SI
Wed	24 th May	10:00	Winifred Maud Russell, FM Lee Justice, RIP
Thur	25 th May	10:00	Ellen Hogan, FM
Fri	26 th May	10:00	Susan Lilienwald, RIP
Sat	27 th May	10:00	
		18:30	Jairo Rodrigues, SI
Sun	28 th May	08:00	People of the Parish
		09:15	
		11:00	Manuel and Maria Mateo, A Patricia William, A

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)

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

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7th Sunday of Easter – Year A



Jesus speaks from the depths of his heart. He tells us of the Father's love for him and his love for his Father, who is the heart and core of his very being. The Father's love continues to be with him right to the end, even to the Cross, to the point of giving his all, his life.

"This is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent". All our life we struggle to know him, through words and parables, and through the world which he has entrusted to us. At no stage can we say that we understand God. My human mission is to seek God through every means, and to remain a God-seeker until the day when he reveals himself to me face to face.

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me." What powerful words and what a wondrous gift Jesus gave to his disciples! Take a moment and think back to your childhood/early adulthood. Who was it that introduced you to God and to Jesus? Was it your parents or was it the priests, sisters, or teachers in your parish or at your school? Was it an encounter with someone who had a great impact on you? Was God manifested to you in the beauty of nature? Perhaps it was all of the above!

The question for us today is: How are we making Jesus' name known to the people in our lives? How do you strive to share Jesus' love, compassion and generosity to the people in your life? When we strive to share Jesus' love and care with others, we are making Jesus known to them.

Who was it that makes Jesus known to you? How do they do that? Is it by their care and appreciation of who you are? Did they do something to make your day brighter? Today we are invited to be mindful of the small yet wondrous gifts of care and love the people in our lives share with us. Give thanks for their goodness and love! And give thanks for the goodness and love of Jesus!

Readings:

1st Reading: **Acts 1:12-14.** *The apostles all joined in continuous prayer with Mary, the mother of Jesus.*

Responsorial: **Psalm 26: 1-8.** *I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.*

2nd Reading: **1 Peter 4:13-16.** *It's a blessing for you when they insult you for bearing the name of Christ.*

Gospel: **John 17:1-11.** *Father, it is time for you to glorify me.*

Deceased:

Angela Gilmore, RIP, Funeral Mass will take place on Monday 22nd 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.

MARY - FULL OF GRACE Our next monthly Talk will be presented by Dr. Judith Thomas. How can we let Mary and the amazing story of salvation speak to us? How can the 'Magnificat', the song of Mary, challenge and confront us today? Please join one of the sessions:

Monday 22nd May at 10.00 am St. Edmund Campion Church, Maidenhead (after the 9.30 am Mass)

All welcome

Feast of Pentecost 28th May:

Happy birthday to the Catholic Church! Happy birthday to you, who are the body of the Church! We're all familiar with our own birthdays, and we celebrate them because they mark the day of the year in which we entered into this life. But did you know you have a second birthday? Because you are part of the body of the Church, Pentecost is the Church's birthday, and yours as well. And like any birthday, it's a cause for celebration. The word Pentecost is Greek and it means "50th day." Fifty days after Easter Sunday, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and their followers, and the beginning of their Earthly ministry to make disciples of all nations. So come and celebrate in our Church on this day with family and friends. Welcome and Happy Birthday!

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.**

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.

UCM Meeting this Tuesday evening, 23rd, at 7:30pm, in St Elizabeth Room. The guest speaker will be John Lynn. He will talk about the Knights of St Columba, the annual Pilgrimage of the relics of St Edmund Campion and the relevance of Lyford Grange. Please join us - everyone welcome!

Laudato Si' Week, 21 to 28 May, is a way to celebrate the 8th anniversary, on 24 May, of Pope Francis' papal encyclical letter "**Laudato Si': On Care For Our Common Home.**" The annual celebration is a focus for all Catholics to unite and rejoice in the progress that has been made in bringing Laudato Si' to life and to commit ourselves to further prayer and action for our common home.

Pope Francis' focus this year is "Hope for the Earth: Hope for Humanity". You can find out more about Laudato Si' week and join some of the events by following this link <https://laudatosiweek.org>.

There will be an opportunity for you to register your interest in forming a new LSi' Group in our Parish after Mass this weekend. As we show our Care for God's Creation, please come along on Saturday 27th May at 1030 for phase two of our "Big Help Out" to clear up around our Church and Car Park.

Many thanks and God Bless your work to Care for Our Common Home.

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.

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

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



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.

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.*

First Holy Communion: We congratulate the children who will receive their First Holy Communion Saturday 20th May. We pray that the Lord will keep them faithful to him in the years ahead and to be glad to receive him in the Blessed Sacrament. Likewise, we thank our wonderful group of catechists who gave up their Sundays to instruct them; many of them with young families and other commitments, but who said '**YES, I believe in them**'. That is a wonderful gift. To the parents who got involved as well, and all others (you!) who helped them in their preparation for the sacrament.

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!

Did you know that Church teaching says that we should not only support those in poverty but also tackle the root causes of poverty? Pope Benedict XVI said that "Love — caritas — is an extraordinary force which leads people to opt for courageous and generous engagement in the field of justice and peace." For decades CAFOD has spoken out against injustice. To find out more about our seeds campaign and get involved in tackling the root causes of poverty, please go to cafod.org.uk/latestcampaigns

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

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.