

Parish Newsletter for St. Joseph's Maidenhead & St. Elizabeth's Cookham

6th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B

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People make a Difference.

Any story involving leprosy is a story of inclusiveness with Jesus. The people whom nobody wanted were deep in his heart. Jesus wanted to make his life better and, in this case, the man was cured. The news spread of this new religious man, a prophet maybe, but one who went where nobody else would go. Jesus sees into the heart and there he finds a home, because God his Father lives in each of us. His motivation is his deep relationship with all of us. He will cleanse any of the unacceptable sides of ourselves so that we see ourselves as image of God, forgiven and clean. Can we see others like that?

Who would be those he would reach today like this? Maybe the people who want to change their lives from condemnation by self and others. We can name them often, and our society can be cruel on many people. He offers a way out of condemnation and that is often through the goodness and care of another. When we come to him, we meet his followers, and that also can make a difference.

Recall someone who made a difference in your life at a bad time.

Give thanks for it!

Jesus, healer of souls, heal what keeps me from loving like you.

1st Reading: . Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

Psalm: Psalm 32 **R/: I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation**

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Gospel: Mark 1:40-45S

Parish Magazine: We need writers, contributors, photographers for our upcoming Parish Magazine. Please contact the office if you're interested in helping or for advertising opportunities!

Ministry of Reader and Ministry of Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

The Church in Maidenhead is giving a workshop for those in our community who feel called to be Ministers of Word and/or Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, and Ministry to the Sick and Housebound. You are welcome to attend a **90-minute** session on either **7pm Fri 16 Feb** or **11am Sat 17 Feb** at St. Joseph's Church, but it is open to all Christians in the Maidenhead area.

Please come along to either session if this is something that you feel called to do, as a service to our community. Both Ministries are essential, and we need more people to serve in these roles. At present, we are very short of both. Father Liam will guide these two meetings.

See our special Season of Lent 2024 insert for more information and resources to help prepare for Lent

✦ **Lenten Project:** As we approach the beginning of Lent, Ash Wednesday on 14th February, we are reminded that the three "Pillars of Lent" are Prayer, Fasting and Alms Giving. There will be many opportunities for us to Pray together, and individually, as well as exercising self-denial throughout Lent. This year, the chosen Charity for our Parish Lenten Project is the "Basankusu Missionary Charity" in The Congo. We at St Joseph's and St Elizabeth's will be helping to provide a Fast River Ambulance. It is intended to raise funds for the Project through Soup Lunches on Sundays, Raffles, a Quiz Night on 15 March and 2nd Collections after weekend Masses. In addition, any other individual Alms Giving for the River Ambulance will be appreciated by Father Philip. Donations to **CDP Maidenhead St Josephs Church Ac 00882667 / 30-93-04**. Please include your name and **"+Lent"** as reference, to earmark your contribution.

✦ **14 Feb Ash Wednesday Mass:** 10am & 7pm St Joseph's | 9.30am & 7pm St Edmund's | 7pm St Elizabeth's

✦ **Fri 23rd Feb CAFOD Family Fast Day** This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal will help hardworking people like James the fisherman in Liberia with resources, tools and training to feed their families for good. Give using the envelope or online at cafod.org.uk and please join us in praying with James that our sisters and brothers around the world have what they need to feed their families.

✦ **Reconciliation services:** 9 Mar 11am St Edmund's 20 Mar 7pm St. Joseph's

✦ **Stations of the Cross:** Every Friday after 10am Mass in St Joseph's

✦ Please be reminded we will **not have flowers** at the altars during Lent.

✦ **Check newsletter for regular updates**



IN CHURCH

10 Feb 4.30pm Confirmation session at St Edmund Campion Primary School. Next one: **2 Mar**

25 Feb 9.30am FHC in the Parish Hall

Children's Liturgy - We wish all the children and their families a great half term. We look forward to seeing you again on **25 Feb 11am!**

11 Feb, 2.30-5pm, Bereavement Support Group St Edmund Campion Hall. Come for a cup tea and cake to talk or share with others who are also grieving

18 Feb, Filipino Mass All are welcome!

5 Mar Baptismal Course at St Joseph's: For all parents whose child is being baptised in M'head. Please meet one of the parish priests before attending the class

Toddlers Group Every Friday in termtime, 8.45am-10.45am St Edmund Campion Hall

10-18 Mar Novena to St Joseph. After Mass 10am weekday & Sun 11am. Zoom 6pm millhillmissionaries.co.uk/novena/

Mass Times & Mass Intentions (Feb 2024)

Sat	10th	10:00	Louisa Coleman, FM
		18:30	Brian Weavers, A
Sun	11th	08:00	Patricia Conner, SI
		09:15	People of the Parish
		11:00	Mothers' Prayer Group, SI Holda & Chelchyk, A
Mon	12th	10:00	Mothers' Prayers / No Mass
Tue	13th	10:00	Ivan Fernandes, SI
Wed	14th	10:00	ASH WEDNESDAY
		19:00	See Lent section for more masses
Thu	15th	10:00	Coleman Family, FM
Fri	16th	10:00	Imelda McConnell, RIP
		11:00	Funeral Mass: Michelangelo Antinoro
Sat	17th	10:00	Basilia Batista, RIP Alex & Jessica Outram, FM
		18:30	Maria Rosada Fernandes, A Juliet, Conrad & Veer D'Souza, SI
Sun	18th	08:00	People of the Parish
		09:15	
		11:00	John Barton, A

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

15 Feb, 2pm Rosary + 6pm Journeying together through Holy Scripture with Fr Bernie. Both via Zoom: ID 82806901794 Password 312990 or: <https://tinyurl.com/2hz5axvp>

1 Mar, 2pm WORLD DAY OF PRAYER (WDP) 2024 is hosted by High Street Methodist Church. Focus of prayer: Women of Palestine. Please join this ecumenical church service and stay for refreshments afterwards. More details available from St Joseph's WDP representative, Bel Flynn.

2 Mar 10am 2024 Day of Recollection led by Fr Liam Cummins at Corpus Christi Church. £10/person includes lunch and refreshments. Parking at St Teresa's Catholic Academy, Easthampstead Road

2 Mar Safeguarding Training Training is mandatory for anyone working with **children (10.00am-12pm)** or **Adults at Risk 1-3pm**. Email safeguarding@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk to book a place

16 Mar Bishop Philip's Symposium 2024 on medical and social ethics entitled 'What does it mean to be Human? In Winchester. Tickets at £20 can be purchased from: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/what-does-it-mean-to-be-human-medical-ethics-and-social-care-today-tickets-773097012977>

Holy Week & Easter 2024 Walking Pilgrimage (104 miles over 7 days) to Walsingham, Norfolk. More info/sign up here: <https://pilgrimcross.org.uk/event/oxford-leg-24/> or call Marguerite on 07505 368 218. Join us to deepen your faith, find fellowship with friends or just to take some time to think.

- **SVP** please refugees who are facing homelessness & destitution. If you want to donate clothes, please leave them by the Sacred Heart Altar for collection. Alternatively, you can donate to **CDP Maidenhead St Josephs Church** sort code **30-93-04 A/C 00882667** with your name and **+SVP"** as reference
- **19th Maidenhead (St Joseph's and St Edmund Campion) Scout Group** has spaces for boys and girls in all sections: **Squirrels 4-6yo** (if younger, they can go on the waiting list), **Beavers 6-8yo**, **Cubs 8-10½yo**, **Scouts 10 ½-14yo**. Email liz@19thmaidenheadscouts.org.uk if your child would like to join the great scouting adventure. Adult volunteers always welcome - Full training and uniform provided.

COMMUNITY

To contribute to St Joseph's and St Elizabeth's (instead of HMRC), you can boost your contribution by 25%!

Gift Aid if you can! Please use our contactless machine or see our information pack/website or contact parish office. Thank you!

MISSIO Red Box Collection: Grab a box from the church entrances and/or parish office.

Last week's collection

Gift Aid: **£102.00**
Non-Gift Aid: **£688.95**

Lenten Project

£2.00
£265.04

TRIPS 3rd Mar 24 Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock & Co Mayo, £899pp. Please see Notice board/ online newsletter for more information.