

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



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## St. Joseph's 140th Anniversary Celebrations

From our PPC chair, **Michael Kennedy**: I would just like to thank each and everyone of you for the magnificent day we had last Sunday. I thought the whole event went fantastically well and that is down to all the hard work, dedication and organisation of all the teams.



Also received from **Joshua Reynolds**, our new MP: My apologies for not picking this email up sooner. It's been a busy few days getting used to everything in my new role, so lots to learn still. I hope the event went well, and I'm looking forward to visiting St Joseph's in the future.

**1st Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6** *God will raise up worthy shepherds for his people.*

**Ps 25 R/ The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want**

**2nd Reading: Ephesians 2:13-18** *A people reconciled and brought near by the blood of Christ.*

**Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!** *The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord. I know them and they follow me. Alleluia!*

**Gospel: Mark 6:30-34** *After a quiet retreat, Jesus returns to serve the crowd.*

**From Fr Noah:** I have had a safe journey back home to Uganda. I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to the parishioners of St. Edmund, St. Joseph, St. Elizabeth and St. Thomas More for the love, care and support shown to me during my stay in Maidenhead. I sincerely thank everyone for the generous collection and lovely cards. From the bottom of my heart, I remain grateful to all of you and for being there all the time for me.

### Mass Times & Mass Intentions

|            |      |       |                                      |
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| <b>Sat</b> | 20th | 10:00 | Rodrigues, SI                        |
|            |      | 18:30 |                                      |
| <b>Sun</b> | 21st | 08:00 | People of the Parish                 |
|            |      | 09:15 |                                      |
|            |      | 11:00 | Tony Walsh, A                        |
| <b>Mon</b> | 22nd | 10:00 | No Mother's Prayers                  |
| <b>Tue</b> | 23rd | 10:00 |                                      |
| <b>Wed</b> | 24th | 10:00 | Coleman, FM                          |
| <b>Thu</b> | 25th | 10:00 | Mary Brennan, A                      |
| <b>Fri</b> | 26th | 10:00 |                                      |
|            |      | 10:00 |                                      |
| <b>Sat</b> | 27th | 10:00 | Maria Lim & Henry Seet, SI           |
|            |      | 18:30 | Mariquinha Santana Josefina Pires, A |
| <b>Sun</b> | 9th  | 08:00 | Marta Fernandes, RIP                 |
|            |      | 09:15 | People of the Parish                 |
|            |      | 11:00 | Mary Brennan, A                      |

### World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

Pope Francis established a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly on Sunday 25 July 2021. The World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly will be celebrated for the fourth time in 2024 on Sunday 28 July - the Sunday closest to the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, Grandparents of Jesus. The theme chosen by Pope Francis for this year's celebration is: "Do not cast me off in my old age" (cf. Psalm 71:9). Pope Francis emphasized the importance of grandparents and grandchildren getting to know one another, because "as the prophet Joel says, grandparents seeing their grandchildren dream," while "young people, drawing strength from their grandparents, will go forward and prophesy." All Masses over the weekend of 27th/28th July are for the intentions of grandparents and the elderly in our community.

## CHURCH NOTICEBOARD

- There will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> collection for Stella Maris collection at the 11am Mass
- **Mother's Prayers** will resume 9 Sept
- **2 Aug 10am Healing Mass** (7pm in St Edmund's)
- **23 Sep 7.30pm SVP Musical evening.** Musicians (instrumentalists /singers) from M'head parishes who want to perform, please get in touch with Peter on 07976 625 813. Tickets @ £8/person will be available from July. Soft drinks and snacks will be available to buy (cash only). BYO wine, beer and glasses.
- **Weekly Badminton** (Mons 7.30pm) & **Taichi** (Weds 5pm) in Hall. Contact Peter 075477 42578 if attending for first time.
- Dear parishioners, I am so sorry to have to close the office until mid Aug as I need to be with my mother – her health is deteriorating faster than expected. Please email if you can and I'll do my best to respond in between hospice visits.

## BABIES to TEENS PROGRAMMES

- **CHILDREN'S LITURGY** 11am Mass Sunday 21st July is the last session for the term. Many thanks to the Children's Liturgy Team for all their wonderful work during the year. We wish all the children and their families a fantastic summer holiday and look forward to welcoming you back on Sunday 8th September. Have fun!
- **4 Jun Baptismal Course** at St Joseph's. For parents whose child is being baptised in M'head. Please meet one of the parish priests before attending.
- **11- 18 yr olds:** Youth St Vincent de Paul (YSVP) group is launching in Sept 2024. <https://svp.org.uk/youth-svp>; Register/info Hilda 07749 917134.

**THE RESCUE PROJECT** In Fr Liam's last newsletter updating the You Will Be My Witness initiative, he highlighted how the new Holy Family combination of churches would collaborate on future projects. Commencing in October we plan to deliver a new 8-week course, on Tuesday evenings, based at St Joseph's Maidenhead - The Rescue Project. This course seeks to proclaim the gospel in a compelling and attractive way, in a small group format. The intention is to further collaborate with parishes from Windsor and Ascot to bring this christen community closer together. The weekly format will include an optional evening Mass, followed by the group welcome, prayer, a simple meal, followed by music, a video and reflection. Further details will be available in September. The Rescue Project is aimed at all levels of faith from priest to no faith and will be of particular interest to those seeking to join the Catholic Church next Easter, via the RCIA 25 programme.

## **St Vincent De Paul**

**SVP's Grenada Disaster Fund** As you may have seen in the news recently, the Caribbean was tragically hit by the devastating Hurricane Beryl. Among the countries hit was Grenada with which we have a special connection, since SVP Maidenhead has a twin parish conference in Grenada called Battle Hill. SVP Maidenhead will be giving a donation directly but in addition to this and given the devastating impact of the hurricane and level of help needed, we are also reaching out to members of all parishes to support this vitally important fundraising appeal. We are told the destruction caused is staggering, with significant damage to infrastructure, homes and livelihoods, leaving many of citizens in urgent need of assistance. There is no food, water or sanitation. Almost every building on the islands of Carriacou and Petite Martinique has been damaged, including the main health facility; there is literally no vegetation left on Carriacou and the entire communication system is completely destroyed. Fr. Liam has kindly allowed us to have a second collection this weekend for SVP's Grenada Disaster Fund. If you would like to donate directly you can also do so by bank transfer: Name: SVP Twinning, Account no: 46084975, Sort code: 606004. Use the reference code: "GRE DIS".

**SVP MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT OFFICER (MSO)** The St Vincent de Paul Society is a Catholic lay organisation whose members seek out and help those in need in the community. It would like to recruit an MSO for the Portsmouth diocese to support member recruitment and development, provide general support for members and be the link between groups and National Office. This is a part time, home-based role (15 hours per week – 2 days equivalent) working as part of the SVP Membership Team. It requires the ability to travel around the diocese to make recruitment appeals, work with existing groups, attend meetings and meet with interested parties where appropriate. Having your own transport is essential. Travel expenses are paid. For further information and details how to apply contact Lance Philpott, Head of Membership at [lancep@svp.org.uk](mailto:lancep@svp.org.uk) Closing date for applications is Sunday 1st September 2024.

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