

Mass Times & Mass Intentions			
Sat	27th	10:00	Maria Lim & Henry Seet, SI
		18:30	Mariquinha Santana Josefina Pires, A
Sun	28th	08:00	Marta Fernandes, A
		09:15	People of the Parish
		11:00	Mary Brennan, A
Mon	29th	10:00	No Mother's Prayers, No Mass
Tue	30th	10:00	Mass in St Elizabeth's Room (works in Church) Mary Oulds, FM
		11:00	Funeral Mass for Colin Britnell
Wed	31st	10:00	Mass in St Elizabeth's Room (works in Church) Rev John Lord Lewington, FM
AUGUST			
Thu	1st	10:00	Mass in St Elizabeth's Room (works in Church) Coleman Family, FM Seisy Cardoso, SI
Fri	2nd	10:00	Healing Mass
		19:00	Healing Mass in St Edmund Campions
Sat	3rd	10:00	Rodrigues, SI
		18:30	
Sun	4th	08:00	Fred Hick, RIP
		09:15	People of the Parish
		11:00	Sarah Chethy, FM
Mon	5th	10:00	No Mother's Prayers, No Mass
Tue	6th	10:00	Michael & Margaret O'Rourke, A
Wed	7th	10:00	
Thu	8th	10:00	Coleman Family, FM
Fri	9th	10:00	
Sat	10th	10:00	Rodrigues, SI
		18:30	Minino Marques, A
Sun	11th	08:00	People of the Parish
		09:15	
		11:00	
Mon	12th	10:00	Mother's Prayers, no Mass
Tue	13th	10:00	Maria Cardozo, SI
Wed	14th	10:00	Henry Coleman, FM
		11:00	Requiem Mass for Lena Mullane
Thu	15th	10:00	Coleman Family, FM
Fri	16th	10:00	
Sat	17th	10:00	John S Fernandes, A

Confessions: Saturday after 10:00 Mass, and between 17:30 and 18:15
Come join us for **Adoration** in the Church from 9-10am on Saturdays

Hospitality: Tea/coffee and biscuits are served after the Friday 10am and Sunday 11am masses

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 contact the priests/ parish office.

House blessings 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. If you would like your home 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.

GIFT AID APPEAL The old white envelopes are now replaced by the **new green ones!** If you qualify for Gift Aid, please fill it up for offertory collection. *We do **not** have access to your personal tax information!*

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

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Summer
2024

Reflections

God has plenty for us. He loves us extravagantly and never withdraws his love from us even when we go astray. We too are to share that which God has lavished upon us. But often we feel what we have is only enough for us as we hear from the story of Elisha and his servant, and of Jesus and his disciples. It is the small boy in the gospel who saves the situation through his generosity to share that which he has.



Pope Francis tells us about the temptation to individualism; As a well-known Egyptian saying goes: "Me, and after me, the flood!" This is the temptation of selfish people: along the way, they lose sight of the goal and, rather than think of others, they are unashamed to think only of themselves, or even worse, to justify themselves. The Church is the community of the faithful, the Body of Christ, where the salvation of one member is linked to the holiness of all. An individualist is a cause of scandal and conflict. (from Pope Francis to Religious in Egypt)

RCIA 2024/5

We are all on a journey of faith, which is unique and personal, and yet a journey that we know is greatly enriched when we can come together and share with others. Maybe you are a non-Catholic Christian accompanying your family to Church and now feel drawn to become part of this community of faith. Maybe your "roots" are in another religion, or in none. Maybe you are a Baptised Catholic but never received, as a young person, the Sacrament of Confirmation.

This programme is widely used in many parishes throughout the Diocese. RCIA is both a learning and teaching programme that aims to help those who would like to know more about the Christian faith from a catholic perspective and might be thinking about becoming a Catholic.

To be a full member of the Catholic Church you need to complete the process of Christian Initiation, which is when you have been Baptised, Confirmed and made your First Holy Communion.

The RCIA Programme will begin with the completion of the ten-step programme of the Alpha course run at Windsor. (Sept-Nov 2024). RCIA (Jan – April 2025). Please contact Fr Ephraim to discuss.

See also **Other Info**

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: 2 Kgs 4:42-44
They will eat and have some left over.

Psalms 144: 10-11, 15-18
R/ You open wide your hand, O Lord, and grant our desires

2nd Reading: Eph 4:1-6 *One Body, one Lord, one faith, one baptism.*

Acclamation: Alleluia 2x! *A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!*

Gospel: John 6:1-15: *Jesus gave out as much as was wanted to all who were sitting ready.*

18th Sunday

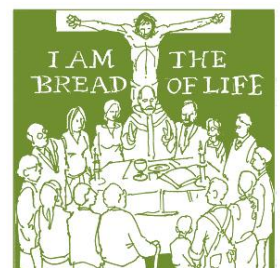
1st Reading: Exod 16:2-4, 12-15 *I will rain down bread for you from heaven*

Psalms 77: 3-4, 23-25. 54
R/ The Lord gave them bread from heaven

2nd Reading: Eph 4:17, 20-24
Put on the new self that has been created in God's way

Acclamation: Alleluia 2x!
I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 6:24-35 *He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.*



CHURCH NOTICEBOARD & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Mother's Prayers** will resume 9 Sept
- **St. Mary's School:** vacancies for Catholic Foundation Governors to help provide strategic direction to the school. For further information and application pack, contact Clerk@Stmarys-maidenhead.org.uk
- **18 Aug 3pm** Filipino Mass All are welcome!
- **23-30 Aug Lourdes Pilgrimage** with Fr Tom
- **6 Sep 10am Healing Mass** (7pm at St Edmund Campion's)
- **7 Sep 2pm SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS:** Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or anniversary over 60 years? If so, Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of Celebration at St Bede's church in Basingstoke. It is a wonderful occasion to celebrate and witness to Marriage. Please send an email to annivesaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk to request a form for you to complete and return. Please note this address is not monitored daily and you may have to wait for a reply, so please be patient. To help celebrate the occasion please provide a COPY of your Wedding photograph in your email
- **8 Sep 2.30-5pm LOSS AND BEREAVEMENT GROUP** second Sunday of every month month in St Edmund Parish Centre. Future dates: 13 Oct, 10 Nov, 8 Dec.
- **23 Sep 7.30pm SVP Musical evening** Musicians from M'head parishes who want to perform, contact Peter: 07976625813. Tickets @ £8 on sale now. Soft drinks & snacks available to buy at the event (please bring cash) BYO drinks & glasses.
- Weekly **Badminton** (Mondays 7.30pm) & **Taichi** (Weds 5pm) in Hall. All levels welcome! 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. She is now in hospice care in Singapore and we are grateful that she can receive the Eucharist daily. I am also very touched by the outpouring of love and prayers from all of you. I have no access to emails so please contact Fr Ephraim for church related requests and I'll support him where I can.

BABIES to TEENS PROGRAMMES

- **2 Sep 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.
- **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** sign up is open now. Please complete online form and all requested info by **31 Aug:** <https://forms.office.com/e/i5a9vcWdyv>. First meeting on a Saturday in late Sept/early Oct.
- Next **Confirmation** programme will be 2025/6
- **Fridays 8.45-10:45am Baby & Toddler Group** in St Edmund Parish Centre (term time only)
- **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.

OTHER INFO

- **THE RESCUE PROJECT** In Fr Liam's last newsletter (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.

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY Pope Francis established a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly which took place for the first time on Sunday 25th July 2021. The World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly will be celebrated for the fourth time in 2024 on **Sunday 28th 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" (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.

A Summer Prayer

Long warm days...
 The pace of life slows...
 A time for picnics and rest in the shade...
 Lord, help me to rest awhile
 in the cooling shade of your presence.
 Slow down my restless heart and fill
 me
 with gentle compassion for all your
 people.
 Amen.
 - Author unknown

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 Closing date for applications is **1st Sep 2024**.

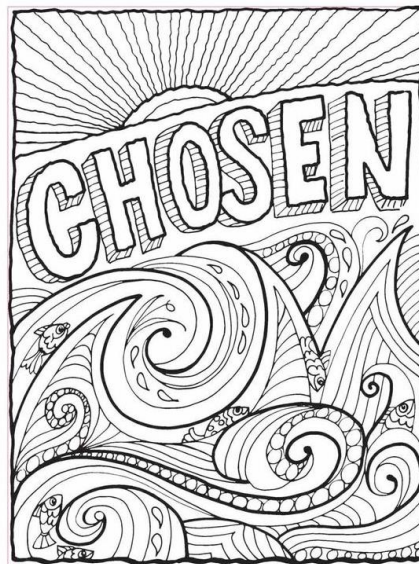
SVP needs most at the moment are new packs of underwear, socks and donations of any summer clothes in medium size for women and especially for men. Please pack donation items neatly and drop them off at the Sacred Heart Altar in Church.

Ideas for Summer 2024!

Celebrate the Assumption of
 the Blessed Virgin Mary
15 August



Watch
 The CHOSEN



Pray the
 Family Rosary

