

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



7 & 8
Sep
2024

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23rd Ordinary Sunday

Today's gospel reminds us of our own baptism when these words were spoken while our ears were and mouth were touched, "The Lord Jesus made the deaf hear and the dumb speak. May he soon touch your ears to receive his word, and your mouth to proclaim his faith to the praise and glory of God the Father."

In our own experience, we open our door for those we are familiar with, for messengers and for those we are ready to welcome. The message of today's Gospel calls us to be familiar with "The Word" so that we welcome him in our lives and proclaim him with our lips to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

1st Reading: Isa 35:4-7 *The ears of the deaf shall be unsealed and the tongues of the dumb shall be loosed.*

Psalms 145 R/ My soul, give praise to the Lord.

2nd Reading: James 2:1-5 *God chose the poor to be the heirs to the kingdom.*

Acclamation: Alleluia 2x! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Mrk 7:31-37 *He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.*

2nd Collection this Sunday: Catholic Education

Service. Via our devices, website or

<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/catholic-education-service-second-collection-2024>

BABIES to TEENS PROGRAMMES

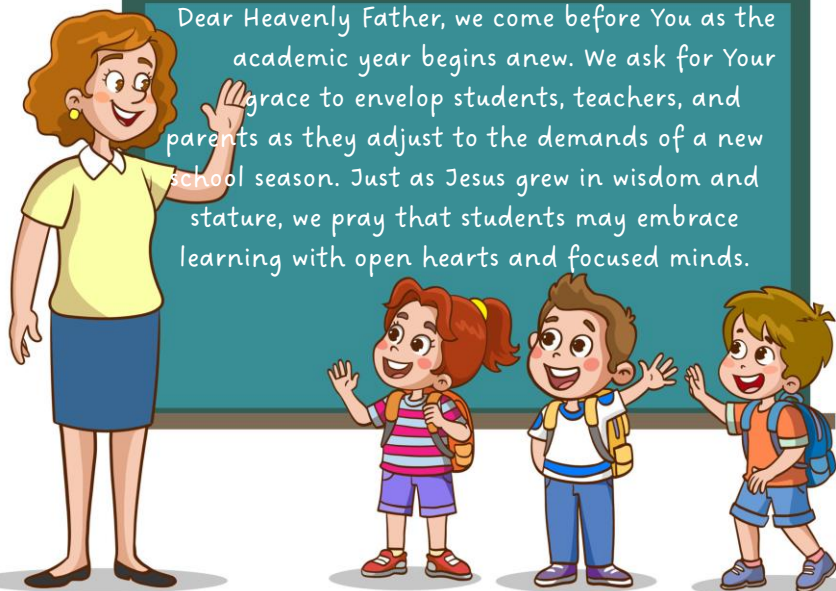
- **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** meeting for parents & children on **Sun 15 Sep** after 11am Mass, in Church. **Attendance is compulsory.** Signup by **8 Sep** <https://forms.office.com/e/i5a9vcWdyv>
- **CHILDREN'S LITURGISTS** - The Team hopes that all the children & their families have had a wonderful summer break. New term starts **8 Sep** during the 11am Mass. Children from 3 years old (and their parents) are very welcome to come and celebrate and have fun. **Liturgists:** Please pick up your new rotas from the top drawer of the filing cabinet in the kitchen lobby. Please contact Tricia 01628 627265 / triciaweeksmail@gmail.com for more details - or offers of help!
- **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
- **2 Oct Baptismal Course** at St Joseph's. For parents whose child is being baptised in M'head. Please meet the parish priest before attending.
- Next **Confirmation** programme: 2025/6

* Goodbye Francis! *

We will miss you a lot, and we hope to see you come back for a visit soon!

Wishing you all the best for your studies!

Dear Heavenly Father, we come before You as the academic year begins anew. We ask for Your grace to envelop students, teachers, and parents as they adjust to the demands of a new school season. Just as Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, we pray that students may embrace learning with open hearts and focused minds.



Advent/ Christmas Shopping

Buy gifts, candles, statues, calendars etc at **15% discount** off RRP, and no shipping fees! Please go to the repository after 11am Sun Mass to peruse the catalogue and fill up the order form, or see online: cbcdistributors.co.uk/productcatalogues/christmas/CHRISTMAS_2024.pdf

Please place and pay for your order with the repository team **by 30 Sep** for delivery by end Nov. Whilst stocks last!!

Mass Times & Mass Intentions

AUGUST

Sat	7th	10:00	Manueline DeCosta, SI Cyrila Alfonso, SI Shirley Fernandes, SI
		18:30	Miguel Varella, A Henry DeSouza, A
Sun	8th	08:00	John Coleman Jr, FM
		09:15	People of the Parish
		11:00	Giuseppina Campobello, A
Mon	9th	10:00	Mother's Prayers in Church
Tue	10th	10:00	Viriato & Clara Fernandes, RIP
Wed	11th	10:00	Suzy Fernandes, SI Katie & Sydney Bond, A
Thu	12th	10:00	John Coleman Jr, FM Special Intention
Fri	13th	10:00	Ediwig Fago, SI
Sat	14th	10:00	Carmo Rodrigues, A Chaundy Family, SI
			Moraes & D'Souza Family, SI

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

7 Sep 2pm SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS: Are you celebrating a 25th/30th/40th/50th/60th or anniversary over 60 years? Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Celebration Mass at St Bede's church in Basingstoke. Please request for a form from

annivesaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk This address is not monitored daily, so please be patient for a reply. Please also provide a COPY of your Wedding photograph in your email.

The RCIA Programme 2024-5 will begin with the completion of the ten-step programme of the Rescue project, on Tuesdays from 6-8.15pm at St Edmund Campion's Parish Centre from Oct-Nov.

RCIA will run from Jan – April 2025.

A: Anniversary; FM: Foundation Mass;
RIP: Rest in Peace; SI: Special Intention

CHURCH NOTICEBOARD & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **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
- **8 Sep 2.30-5pm LOSS & BEREAVEMENT GROUP** monthly in St Edmund Parish Centre. Also: 13 Oct
- **12 Sep 2pm Weekly online Rosary** resumes (see card)
- **15 Sep 3pm Filipino Mass** All are welcome!
- **23 Sep 7.30pm SVP Musical evening** Musicians from M'head parishes who want to perform, contact Peter: 07976625813. Tickets @ £8 on sale. Soft drinks & snacks available to buy at the event (please bring cash)
- **4 Oct 10am Healing Mass** (7pm at St Edmund Campion's)
- **9 Nov 7.30pm Catenians 35th Annual evening:** Musical & Opera with 4 professional opera singers. Clare's Court School. Profits to The Lifestyle Club (a charity supporting people with diabetes). Tickets £28 pp (£24 pp before 30 Sep from Jonathan: manorcott@outlook.com or 07740 430599)
- **Weekly Yoga with Una** Thurs 7pm in the Hall. Bring a mat & towel. All levels welcome! Donation £5 or more, proceeds to St Joseph's Church. Prepay to book your spot <https://pay.sumup.com/b2c/QQP1DYDH>



UPCOMING KEY DATES

- 4 Oct	Season of Creation
24 Sep	Feast Day of Our Lady of Walsingham (*New*)
4 Oct	CAFOD Harvest Family Fast Day
18 Oct	BINGO Night in St Joseph's Parish Centre
10 Nov	Remembrance Sunday
1 Dec	Christmas Bazaar (tentative)
24 Dec	Opening of The Holy Door in St Peter's (Start of Jubilee Year)
25 Jan 25	BURNS Night Dinner in St Joseph's Parish Centre.

If you had previously attended a pilgrimage organised by Knock Pilgrimages, and recently received a letter requesting for information or money, please **do not respond or send any money** as it is a scam and not related to the company. Please also report via www.actionfraud.police.uk/reporting-fraud-and-cyber-crime

