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## 24th Ordinary Sunday Year B

Dear family,

May peace and grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ be with you and those you love. We would like to thank you for choosing this community of St Joseph's as your spiritual home. You are truly God's collaborators in both creating and forming a communion of life and love. There is no better way to foster this life other than providing it a stable family, which, for Catholics, should always arise with a valid/sacramental marriage.

What is a valid/sacramental marriage according to the Church? A valid Catholic marriage results from four elements:

- the spouses are free to marry;
- they freely exchange their consent;
- in consenting to marry, they have the intention to marry for life, to be faithful to one another and be open to children; &
- their consent is given in the presence of two witnesses and before a properly authorised Church minister.

(Exceptions to the last requirement must be approved by Church authority.)

What difference does it make to marry in the Church?

Marriage is a beautiful gift from God where God forms an intimate union and equal partnership of a man and a woman. The family arises from marriage. Parents, children, and family members form what is called a 'domestic church' or 'church of the home'. This is the primary unit of the Church – the place where the Church lives in the daily love, care, hospitality, sacrifice, forgiveness, prayer and faith of ordinary families.

Isn't it a beautiful gift to give to your child and yourselves?

We would like to invite you to participate in a 'convalidation' and marriage event during the year 2025.

To refresh our memories, a 'convalidation' (or blessing of a marriage) from the Latin word meaning "to firm up" or "to strengthen." A 'convalidation' is for couples who married outside of the church – either civilly or in a non-Catholic church. It is not merely a renewal of vows made previously but is a new act of consent which is essential to marriage, and the words that the couple expresses are the outward sign of the gift of self that they exchange. Please consider this as an act of love you can do to yourself and your children.

It's something that has been happening at St. Joseph's for a long time. It can just be the two for marriage, two witnesses and the priest... or if you wish, more elaborate!

As you pray about this, we will eagerly wait for your response.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isa 50:5-9** *I offered my back to those who struck me.*

**Psalm 114 R/ I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: James 2:14-18** *If good works do not go with faith, it is quite dead.*

**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: Mrk 8:27-35** *You are the Christ. The Son of Man is destined to suffer grievously.*

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**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection this Sunday: Home**

**Mission** Via our devices, website or <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/catholic-education-service-second-collection-2024>

**ATTN:** During term time, if you are late in entering the 11am Mass, please be mindful that empty seats with reserved cards are for children & parents attending the Children's liturgy. Thank you!

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**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.

Please contact Fr Ephraim to discuss.

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**Stewardship: The church needs you!** Have you signed up yet?



## Mass Times & Mass Intentions

<b>Sat</b>	14th	10:00	Carmo Rodrigues, A Chaundy Family, SI
		18:30	Moraes & D'Souza Family, SI Conrad Weaver, RIP
<b>Sun</b>	15th	08:00	Carina Antuncs, SI John Coleman Jr, FM
		09:15	People of the Parish
		11:00	Maria Lim, RIP Nuala Mulhern, A
<b>Mon</b>	16th	10:00	<i>Mother's Prayers in Church</i>
<b>Tue</b>	17th	10:00	John & Faye McLoughlin, A
<b>Wed</b>	18th	10:00	Corrine Noble, SI
<b>Thu</b>	19th	10:00	Coleman Family, FM
<b>Fri</b>	20th	10:00	Teresa & Peter Walls, SI
<b>Sat</b>	21st	10:00	Blandina Rodrigues, A
		18:30	Andre & Aurora Barreto, RIP Victorino DaSilva, RIP
<b>Sun</b>	22nd	08:00	Carina Antuncs, SI
		09:15	People of the Parish
		11:00	

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

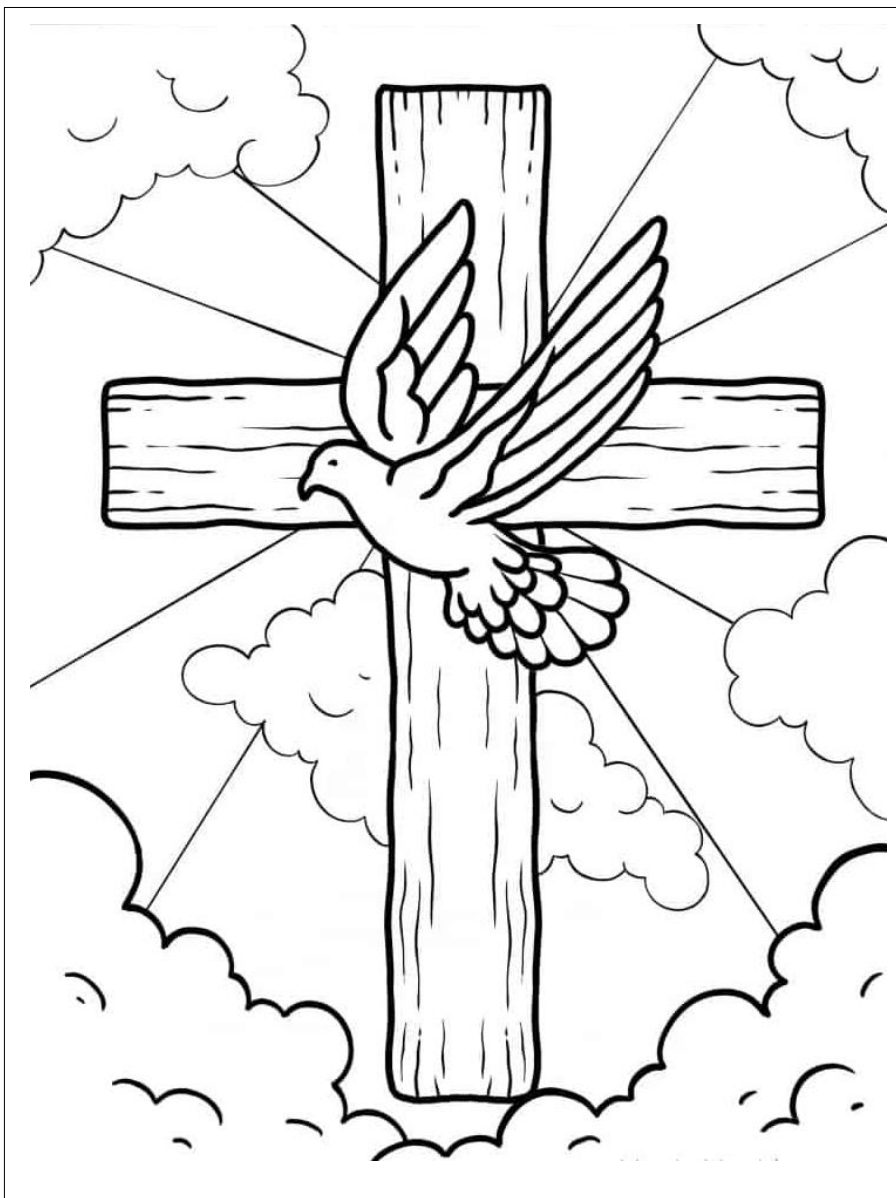
Did you know you can do the following on our website [www.stjosephsparish.co.uk](http://www.stjosephsparish.co.uk):

- Check **Mass Times**  
[www.stjosephsparish.co.uk/mass-times/](http://www.stjosephsparish.co.uk/mass-times/)
- Sign up** for baptism, First Holy Communion, RCIA, etc?  
[www.stjosephsparish.co.uk/our-faith-journey/](http://www.stjosephsparish.co.uk/our-faith-journey/)
- Check your **Rota**?  
[www.stjosephsparish.co.uk/rotas/](http://www.stjosephsparish.co.uk/rotas/)
- Book the Hall/ Bar**?  
[www.stjosephsparish.co.uk/parish-centre/](http://www.stjosephsparish.co.uk/parish-centre/)
- Sign up for **Gift Aid**, make **direct donations**, etc?  
[www.stjosephsparish.co.uk/fundraising-and-finance/](http://www.stjosephsparish.co.uk/fundraising-and-finance/)
- Find out the **contact details** of the priests, office, school, safeguarding?  
Go to [www.stjosephsparish.co.uk/contact-page/](http://www.stjosephsparish.co.uk/contact-page/)

**THANK YOU! SVP's Grenada Disaster Fund** The members of SVP Maidenhead would like to sincerely thank parishioners for your kindness and generosity in contributing towards SVP's Grenada Disaster Fund earlier in the summer, which followed the news that Grenada and other countries in the Caribbean were tragically hit by the devastating Hurricane Beryl. Your generous donations are greatly appreciated and raised £1,350 across St Edmund Campion and St Joseph's parishes, in addition to which SVP Maidenhead contributed a further £500. All funds raised have now been sent to the SVP Grenada appeal. Sincere thanks for supporting this worthwhile appeal.

### UPCOMING KEY DATES

to 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
20 Oct	Harvest Mass (11am)
10 Nov	Remembrance Sunday
1 Dec	Christmas Bazaar
15 Dec	Christingle
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.



## **BABIES to TEENS PROGRAMMES**

- **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** meeting for parents & children on **Sun 15 Sep** after 11am Mass, in Church. **Attendance is compulsory.**
- **CHILDREN'S LITURGY** 11am Mass. Children from 3 years old (and their parents) are very welcome to come and celebrate and have fun. Contact Tricia [triciaweeksmail@gmail.com](mailto:triciaweeksmail@gmail.com) / 01628 627265 for more details - or offers of help!
- **Fridays 8.45-10:45am Baby & Toddler Group** in St Edmund Parish Centre (term time only)
- **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
- The **Children's Snug** has been updated (Thank you Maria B!) Your child is welcome to use the space – please do keep it tidy!

**St Mary's Catholic Pre School** are on a treasure hunt for the following items:

- Bangles, beads and bags.
- Hats, flat caps & fascinators
- Older children's /small adult clothing for dressing up such as waistcoats, dresses, skirts, Sari's
- Glasses
- Rattan/wicker and old fashioned lamp shades
- Mirrors
- Pictures in gold frames
- Bean bags, cushions, blankets, rugs in soft and neutral colours
- Indoor plants
- Baskets
- Wooden animals
- Chandeliers
- Tablecloths
- Tea cups, saucers and tea pots
- Nature's treasures: shells, pebbles, pinecones
- Large tins (catering tins)
- Large cardboard tubes

Please drop them off at the preschool or to Maria Beasley in the office.

# THE CHURCH WORD SEARCH

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## 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](http://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!!

### Readers!

On Saturday 19th October from 10.30 am to 2.00 pm, there will be a Diocesan Formation Day for Readers. The Day will be led by Fr. Anthony Fyk, the Director of Liturgical Formation, and it takes place at St Bede's Church/Hall, Basingstoke. The purpose of their biblical formation is to give readers the ability to understand the readings in context and to perceive by the light of faith the central point of the revealed message. The liturgical formation ought to equip the readers to have some grasp of the meaning and structure of the liturgy of the word and of the significance of its connection with the liturgy of the eucharist. The technical preparation should make the readers more skilled in the art of reading publicly, either with the power of their own voice or with the help of sound equipment (55)."

If you are a reader at Mass, regularly or occasionally, this day is for YOU! Registration for the Day is by email: [liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk).

## CHURCH NOTICEBOARD & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **15 Sep 3pm Filipino Mass** All are welcome!
- **21 Sep** for four weeks: we will have our **Mass Count**. This happens in every Catholic Church in England and Wales, during last two weeks of September and first two weeks of October.
- **28 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)
- **6 Oct 12-3pm Fr Ephraim's Birthday Party**  All are welcome!
- **13 Oct 2.30-5pm LOSS & BEREAVEMENT GROUP** monthly in St Edmund Parish Centre
- What does "Two Little Ducks", "The Brighton Line", "Key of the Door" have in common?  
**BINGO NIGHT!!** Come along for a fun evening in St Joseph's Parish Centre on **18 Oct 7pm**. Tickets at £5 includes Bingo Cards. Bring your own nibbles and the bar will be offering wine, beer & soft drinks for cash donations. Tea, coffee and a Raffle will be available during the interval. Get your tickets after Mass, from the Vision Group. Buy early to avoid disappointment! Why not get a group of friends together and reserve a table to make the evening even more fun!  
All proceeds will be shared between The Thames Hospice and St Mary's Primary School.
- **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](mailto: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>

