

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



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2024

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online newsletter!

26th Ordinary Sunday Year B

World Day of Migrants and Refugees was established in 1914 as an occasion of prayer and concern for people who had to flee conflict and persecution. It is especially apt for Britain in recent times). The followers of Jesus are not meant to be an exclusive group that despises the good work that others do. We are encouraged to work with other Christians, and indeed with anyone of good will. We have no monopoly on Jesus.

Appreciation of the good deeds done by others is essential. In his kingdom, power-seeking and rivalry have no place: they are an obstacle and a cause of scandal.

The old slogan, 'Outside the Church there is no salvation' was a stumbling block to many good people and must be left aside. Boasting has no place in the kingdom of God. The Holy Spirit blows like the wind wherever it pleases and is at work incognito in every heart. God has a large imagination and labours to orchestrate all things for the world's good.

Remember a time you made a difference in someone's life.

Ask the Lord that we be able to do this again.

Lord, teach me to serve you as you deserve

1st Reading: Num 11:25-29 Moses shares his leadership of God's People with others who have gifts of prophecy.

Psalms 18 R/ The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

2nd Reading: James 5:1-6 Wealth is often gained by exploiting the weak.

Acclamation: Alleluia 2x! Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mrk 9:38-48 Be tolerant, and yet don't scandalise the little ones.

The RCIA Programme 2024-5 will begin with the completion of the 10-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.

23 Nov in-person Marriage Prep at Corpus Christi Catholic Church, Wokingham, Berkshire, RG40 2HE. See www.marriagecare.org.uk

Mass Times & Mass Intentions

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| Sat | 28th | 10:00 | Maria Fortado, SI Michael O'Rourke, SI Frank O'Rourke, Patty & Brian Sloane, SI |
| | | 18:30 | Conrad Weaver, RIP |
| Sun | 29th | 08:00 | Carina Antunes, SI |
| | | 09:15 | People of the Parish |
| | | 11:00 | Piotr Chelchyk, A |
| Mon | 30th | 10:00 | Mother's Prayers in St Elizabeth's Room |
| Tue | 1st | 10:00 | Larissa Sequeira, SI Hannah Brito, SI |
| Wed | 2nd | 10:00 | Rev John Lord Lewington, FM Winifred Maud Russell, FM |
| Thu | 3rd | 10:00 | Joaquim Joao Barreto, RIP Coleman Family, FM |
| Fri | 4th | 10:00 | Healing Mass (7pm at St Edmund's) |
| Sat | 5th | 10:00 | |
| | | 18:30 | David Goode, SI |

UPCOMING KEY DATES

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| 4 Oct | CAFOD Harvest Family Fast Day |
| 18 Oct | BINGO Night |
| 20 Oct | Harvest Mass (11am) |
| 10 Nov | Remembrance Sunday |
| 30 Nov | Christmas Fayre |
| 15 Dec | Christingle |
| 24 Dec | Opening of The Holy Door in St Peter's (Jubilee Year) |

Stewardship

Have you signed up yet?



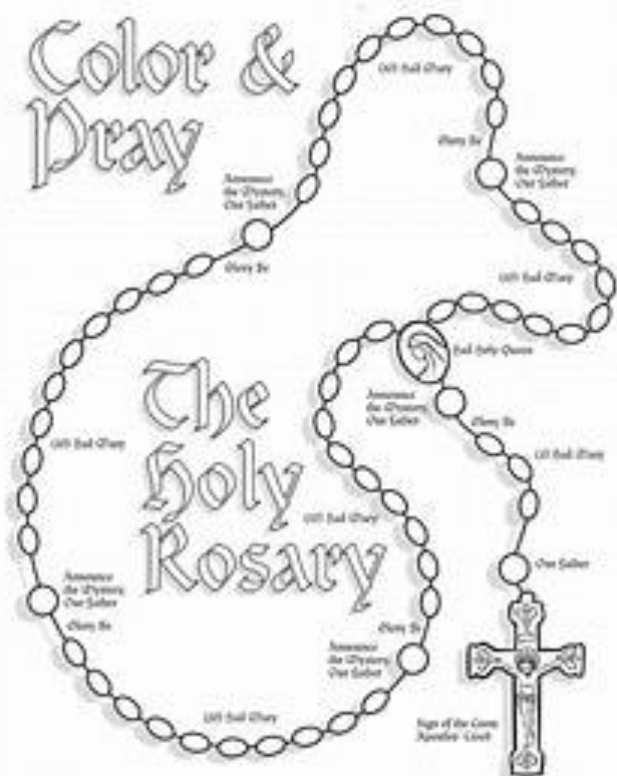
We need a tombola drum for the fayre. Can you gift/ lend one? Contact patriciaray980@btinternet.com

BABIES to TEENS PROGRAMMES

- **29 Sep after 11am Mass** Catch up FHC for parents who missed last week's briefing.
- **CHILDREN'S LITURGY** 11am Mass. Children from 3 years (& their parents) are welcome.
- **2 Oct Baptismal Course** For parents whose child is being baptised in M'head. Please make an appointment & meet the parish priest before attending.
- **Fridays 8.45-10:45am Baby & Toddler Group** in St Edmund Parish Centre (term time only)
- **Doing DofE?** You can help us on Sundays or in your spare time! Contact Office/ Youth team (see below)

****ALL WHO GIFT AID DONATIONS TO THE PARISH****

The Diocese operates under a new Registered Charity number from Jan 2023 following changes to its governance. The previous Gift Aid declarations are no longer valid. We have to obtain new declarations from all parishioners who gift aid their donations in order to comply with Charities Commission and HMRC rules. If you Gift Aid your donations via direct debit or envelopes, please take a new form from the Church entrances, complete and sign it, ticking the "in the last four years" box and return it to the Parish office/ leave in the Sacristy.



NOTICEBOARD & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Thank you** to all you contributed to the vestments. We have some lovely new ones! We're almost halfway to the new lectionaries! They cost £6p95 for St Joseph's and £395 for St Elizabeth's.
- **28 Sep 7.30pm SVP Musical evening** Contact Peter: 07976625813 for tickets @ £8
- **29 Sep** after 11am Mass **Prayers in the Park for Season of Creation** Meet in Kidwell's Park (weather permitting) for about 15 minutes to pray for our world and reflect on what we can do. Please bring a small plant, some seeds or a prayer to share
- **29 Sep 2-5pm Interfaith event: Visit My Mosque** All welcome at the Al-Tawheed Islamic Education Centre
- **4 Oct 10am Healing Mass** (7pm at St Edmund Campion's)
- **6 Oct 12-3pm Fr Ephraim's Birthday Party** All are welcome! Bring a dish/ drink/ or just yourself!
- **10 Oct Bible studies** resume (see info pack)
- **12 Oct 9-6pm Space for Women** online event by **Cor et Lumen Christi**. See <https://tinyurl.com/bdybdene>
- **13 Oct 2.30-5pm LOSS & BEREAVEMENT GROUP** monthly in St Edmund Parish Centre
- **18 Oct 7pm BINGO NIGHT** 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 tickets from Vision Group. All proceeds to Thames Hospice and St Mary's Primary School.
- **19 Oct 10.30am- 2pm** Diocesan Formation Day for Readers at St Bede's Church Hall, Basingstoke. Registration for the Day is by email: liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.
- **20 Oct 3pm Filipino Mass** All are welcome!
- **2 Nov 7-10pm Pub Quiz** in aid of Sense UK (St Joseph's Hall). Colin (ex-pupil of St Mary's) is fundraising for the London Marathon. Bring a team or we'll find a team for you. Tickets £15 includes Ploughmans, Raffle & Bar. Buy tickets from Teresa Dale: 07789 847401
- **9 Nov 7.30pm Catenians 35th Annual evening:** Musical & Opera with 4 professional opera singers. Claire'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