

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



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online newsletter!

Thank you for celebrating World Mission Sunday Thank you for your donations to the World Mission Sunday appeal. Your prayers and support will help missionaries work alongside communities worldwide, regardless of background or belief. Please continue to pray for all who share the love and hope of Christ with our sisters and brothers in need throughout the world. To support mission year-round, visit [missio.org.uk](http://missio.org.uk) or call 020 7821 9755 (office hours).

## 30th Ordinary Sunday Year B

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Jer 31:7-9** *I will comfort the blind and the lame as I lead them back*

**Psalm 125 R/ What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Heb 5:1-6** *You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and forever*

**Acclamation: Alleluia 2x! I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!**

**Gospel: Mk 10:46-52** *Master let me see again*

## 31st Ordinary Sunday Year B

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Deu 6:2-6** *Listen, Israel: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart*

**Psalm 17 R/ love you, Lord, my strength.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Heb 7:23-28** *Because he remains for ever, Christ can never lose his priesthood*

**Acclamation: Alleluia 2x! Your words are spirit, Lord and they are life: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!**

**Gospel: Mk 12:28-34** *This is the first commandment. The second is like it.*

## UPCOMING KEY DATES

01 Nov	All Saints' Day
10 Nov	Remembrance Sunday
22 Nov	International Dinner
30 Nov	St Joseph's Christmas Fayre
01 Dec	St Mary's Christmas Fayre
15 Dec	Christingle
24 Dec	Opening of The Holy Door in St Peter's (Jubilee Year)
25 Jan 25	BURNS Night Dinner

## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Gift Aid: £174.5 Non-GA: £463.48

Missio: GA: £50 NGA: £571.08

**Have you updated your GA form yet?**

If not, please pick up a form from the church entrances or download via

<https://tinyurl.com/35fuemv9>

Return to office **OR** Scan & email to [office@stjosephsparish.co.uk](mailto:office@stjosephsparish.co.uk) **OR** take a clear photo and WhatsApp to +44 (0) 7424 489922



St. Mary's Primary School are very pleased to announce that they have received a GOOD rating from the Catholic Schools Inspectorate after their recent inspection at the beginning of the month. A huge congratulations to Rosie Akehurst and her wonderful team on this achievement!!

From 3 – 24 November, we will be collecting Advent calendars for Alexander Devine Hospice in Maidenhead.

Please consider buying a chocolate Advent calendar when doing your weekly food shop and placing into the box provided in the Church. Alternatively, you can contribute via our contactless machines



Office closed on 28 & 31 Oct  
No newsletter next week

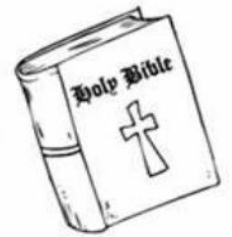
## BABIES to TEENS PROGRAMMES

- **Confirmation certificates** are now available for collection from the Sacristy
- **The Children's Liturgy Team** wishes the children and their families a very happy half term break. We look forward to seeing you all again at 11am on Sun 10 Nov
- **5 Nov Baptism Course** For parents whose child is being baptised in M'head. Please complete the online form, and meet the parish priest before attending
- **Fridays 8.45-10:45am Baby & Toddler Group** in St Edmund Parish Centre (term time only)
- **Shoutout to those doing DofE.** Can you help with children's liturgy, bake sale, hall tidy after tea, etc on Sundays? Or with our social media, website, etc in your spare time? Contact Office/ Youth team

## Blind Bartimaeus

"What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked him. The blind man said, "Rabbi, I want to see." Mark 10:51 (NIV)

Words are taken from Mark 10:46-52 (NIV).



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Jericho	city	begging	cheer	faith
Jesus	blind	shout	jumped	healed
disciples	Bartimaeus	mercy	feet	sight
crowd	roadside	quiet	Rabbi	followed



Isn't this a beautiful bouquet of flowers? Can you imagine what

it must be like to be blind and never see the beauty of things such as these beautiful flowers?

The gift of sight is one of the most precious of all of God's gifts.

There is a story in the Bible of a man named Bartimaeus. He had never seen the beauty of a bouquet of flowers, because Bartimaeus was blind. One day as he sat begging beside the road, he heard the sound of a large crowd of people coming his way. He asked someone what was happening, and they told him that Jesus was passing by. Bartimaeus had heard of Jesus and about how he had healed many who were blind. He began to call out to Jesus. Others in the crowd tried to get Bartimaeus to be quiet, but he would not be silent.

Jesus heard the voice of Bartimaeus calling out to him and he stopped and asked, "What do you want me to do for you?"

"Teacher, I want to see!" said Bartimaeus.

"Go," said Jesus, "your faith has healed you."

The Bible tells us that immediately, Bartimaeus received his sight.

That is a wonderful story, isn't it? Unfortunately, stories about the blind don't always end that way. There are many blind people who want to see, and yet they are never healed. Frances Crosby was one of those people.

When Frances was only six weeks old, she was left blind by an illness. Even though she was blind for the rest of her life, Frances was never bitter or complaining. Instead, she made the most of her life by using the other gifts that God had given her. She had a wonderful gift for writing poetry and during her lifetime, she wrote over 8000 poems. Some of her poems were set to music and many of them are still in our hymnals today.

One day a well-meaning priest said to Frances, "I think it is a great pity that the Master did not give you sight when He showered so many other gifts upon you."

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"Oh no!" Frances replied. "If I could have only one request, it would be to be born blind."

"Why?" asked the surprised priest.

"Because," answered Frances, "when I get to heaven, the first face that these blind eyes will ever see is the face of Jesus, my Saviour."

Some, like Bartimaeus, receive the gift of sight. Some, like Frances Crosby, are blind their entire life. One thing is certain, when we get to heaven, we will all see Jesus.

*Dear Father, we thank you for the gift of sight, but more than that, we thank you that one day we will see you in heaven. Amen.*

## TALKS / EVENTS / PILGRIMAGES

- **31 Oct & 21 Nov 10-12pm** Christmas Pop-Up Store at the Salvation Army Quench
- **1 – 3 Nov Praying with St Dominic Retreat** by Fr Lawrence Lew, OP. Explore the life and faith of St Dominic de Guzman, founder of the Dominicans, whose objective was to continue safeguarding the Catholic faith. Special focus on his Marian devotion and the place of the rosary in Christian prayer. For more info and registration: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/praying-with-saint-dominic/>
- **2 Nov 11-3pm Lecture on Divine Will** by Derek Williams. St Augustine RC, Datchet, Slough
- **13 Nov 10am: Interfaith Week@Thames Hospice SL6 2DN** Morning of celebration, conversation and Cake. Sign up <https://tinyurl.com/3yr8abwv>
- **21 – 24 Nov Be Still and Know that I am God Retreat** by Fr Roger Dawson, SJ. Explore the human condition with practices common to mindfulness and to Christian contemplative prayer. The retreat will seek to reclaim those practices that share common ground with the tradition of apophatic prayer and theology rooted in the monastic and the Eastern Orthodox traditions. For more info and registration: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/be-still-and-know-that-i-am-god/>
- **23 Nov in-person Marriage Prep** at Corpus Christi Church, RG40 2HE. See [www.marriagecare.org.uk](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk)

## IN THE PARISH

- **1 Nov 10am All Saint's Day + Healing Mass** (7pm at St Edmund Campion's)
- **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 £12.50 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](mailto:manorcott@outlook.com) or 07740 430599)
- **10 Nov 2.30-5pm LOSS & BEREAVEMENT GROUP** monthly in St Edmund Parish Centre
- **17 Nov 3pm Filipino Mass** All are welcome!
- **22 Nov 7pm International Dinner** in St Joseph's Parish Centre. Tickets at £25/person includes a 3-course meal and live entertainment. All profits will go to the purchase of a motor bike for a missionary in Cameroon. Tickets available from Annette (St Joseph's) and Pat Petridge for St Elizabeth's.
- 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>

## CAN YOU HELP?

**CAFOD-DEC Middle East Humanitarian Appeal** The conflict in the Middle East is getting worse and the families affected need our help. Please donate today to the CAFOD-DEC Middle East Humanitarian Appeal and support our local Caritas partners in Gaza and Lebanon as they continue to provide essential food, water and shelter: [cafod.org.uk/give](http://cafod.org.uk/give)

**Assisted Suicide:** Speak to our MP (Joshua Reynolds) at Nicholson's Shopping Centre; call/ text 07546 399979; email [joshua.reynolds.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:joshua.reynolds.mp@parliament.uk); or write **c/o House of Commons London SW1A 0AA** (you can use the pre-printed letter and complete it with your address, name and signature and send it to the address on it, or download it from: <https://tinyurl.com/4vdrsm6>)

**November: Month of Holy Souls.** Nov begins with the **Solemnity of All Saints' (1 Nov)**, followed by the **'Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed: All Souls' Day' on 2 Nov**. Both these days mark the start of a 'Month of the Holy Souls'. You are invited to present names of deceased family & friends who died in the last 12 months in the envelopes provided, and Masses will be offered for them throughout the month. On **2 Nov**, there will be a special Mass of Remembrance and Healing for families of the living and the dead. November is also a good time for people to visit and pray at the graves of their loved ones. We will do this on **Sunday 3 Nov at Cookham (2pm)** and **10 Nov Braywick (2pm)**.



Mass Times & Mass Intentions			
Sat	26th	10:00	Muriel D'Souza, RIP Alcide Rodrigues, RIP
		18:30	Coleman Family, FM
Sun	27th	08:00	Carina Antunes, SI
		09:15	People of the Parish
		11:00	Antonio Anacleto Cruz, RIP Bruno & Cristina Leao, SI
			<b>Baptism:</b> Harry, son of Keiran and Claire
Mon	28th	10:00	Mother's Prayers in Church
Tue	29th	10:00	Eleanor Thomas, SI
Wed	30th	10:00	Edna & Eric Valentine, SI Sullivan family, SI
Thu	31st	10:00	Coleman Family, FM Maria Coleman, FM
Fri	1st	10:00	<b>All Saints' Day</b> Healing Mass (7pm St Edmund Campion)
Sat	2nd	10:00	<b>All Souls' Day</b>
		18:30	
Sun	3rd	08:00	Carina Antunes, SI Margarett & Pearl Beckett, A
		09:15	People of the Parish
		11:00	
			<b>Baptism:</b> Harrison, son of Keiran and Claire
Mon	4th	10:00	Mother's Prayers in Church
Tue	5th	10:00	Jose Miranda, SI
Wed	6th	10:00	Rev John Lord Lewington, FM
Thu	7th	10:00	Ian Cuthbert, RIP
Fri	8th	10:00	Coleman Family, FM
Sat	9th	10:00	Anthony Marques, SI Jose Marques, SI Marie Clegg, SI
		18:30	
Sun	10th	08:00	Carina Antunes, SI Tara Theogarajan, SI
		09:15	People of the Parish
		11:00	War Memorial, FM

**Members of 19th Maidenhead Scout Group will be selling Poppies before and after 11am Masses on Sunday 27th Nov and 3rd Dec. On Remembrance Sunday Scouts will be doing Church Parade and are holding a cake sale in the Hall after 11am Mass. Please bring your money and your appetites - or you can buy cakes to take home!**