



HOLY FAMILY PARISH

NEWSLETTER

MAIDENHEAD & TWYFORD



St Joseph's & St Elizabeth's edition

Issue #5

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
5/6th July 2025

Peace be to this house!

Jesus sends out seventy-two of his followers ahead of him to every town and place. We hear that they return with joy, knowing that they've been able to heal the sick and that even the demons have become subject to them when they commanded them in the name of Jesus.

But perhaps the most important message that they are to take with them is one of peace: This peace is not merely an absence of fighting or squabbles. It is "shalom"—a wholeness, completion or flourishing.

The promise of peace that runs through the entire Old Testament finds its fulfilment in the very person of Jesus. He has broken down the dividing wall of hostility among people, reconciling them with God.

On the eve of his death, Jesus speaks of his loving relation with the Father and the unifying power that this love bestows upon his disciples. The gift of peace is the seal on his spiritual testament: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you". The words of the Risen Lord will not be any different; every time that he meets his disciples they receive from him the greeting and gift of peace: "Peace be with you".

The invitation this weekend is to receive the peace which the Risen Christ wishes to bring to your house. Will you let Him enter and fill you with his presence, allowing his peace to "guard your heart and mind"? And a further invitation for you to be a channel, an instrument, an emissary of peace. Will you take the peace of the Risen Lord out like a river into the troubled places of our villages, towns, cities and world?

Will you take Jesus Himself, given to you fully in the Eucharist, wherever you find yourself this week?

Jul 2025: Mass Times & Mass Intentions

Sat	5th	10:00*	John Maina Ndagwa, RIP Alois Churuiyor Bett, RIP
		18:30	Venseten & Augusto Sequeri, A
Sun	6th	08:00	Fredrick Witoff, RIP Rosario & Piedade Furtado, RIP
		09:15	Jayne Maria Giblin, SI
		11:00	Andrea McQueen, A
		17:00	Mass of the Parish of Holy Family
Mon	7th	10:00	No Mass. Mother's Prayers in Church.
Tue	8th	10:00	FUNERAL MASS: Gaetana Tirrito
Wed	9th	10:00*	Josiah Britto, SI
Thu	10th	10:00	Sian Boland & Ryan Manuel, SI
Fri	11th	10:00	Coleman Family, FM
Sat	12th	10:00	Ignatius Teo, A

*Adoration before Mass (9-10am)

A: Death Anniversary; FM: Foundation Mass; RIP: Rest in Peace, SI: Special Intentions

1st: Isa 66:10-14 Towards Jerusalem I send flowing peace, like a river.

R. Ps 65 R/ Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.

2nd: 2 Gal 6:14-18 The marks on my body are those of Jesus.

Acclamation: Alleluia! Alleluia! Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts; let the word of Christ dwell in you richly. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 10:1-12,17-20 Your peace will rest upon him.



Funeral of Marie Oke (former Deputy Headteacher of St Mary's School) will be held at St Joseph's on **14 July, 11am.**

Works of Mercy: Clothe the Naked

We are invited to be 'Pilgrims of Hope', people who bring light into darkness and put Mercy into action. That is what we do when we act to 'Clothe the Naked'. When we donate our unwanted, clean clothing or provide new toiletries to the Sue Brett Foundation or The Salvation Army, we help change the lives of many of our Brothers and Sisters in the Maidenhead, Cookham and Twyford Area. People, whom we know only through our Faith in Christ.

Lord, You call us to care for our brothers and sisters who are without. Teach us to clothe the naked with kindness and respect, remembering that You are present in every person. Amen.

IN THE CHURCH/PARISH

- **Sun 5pm Masses** will continue until the end of the year. Please do let the office know if you would like to sign up for music or as a reader/ sacristan/ eucharistic minister!

- **25 Aug** Una is looking for gardeners to help with trimming hedges, weeding & clearing green waste in SJ. Email office to sign up or join WhatsApp group



- **The Children's Liturgy** at 11am Mass
- **5 Aug Baptism Course** For parents whose child is being baptised in M'head. Contact Fr Ephraim/ Norma / office (no course in July) Baptism request form: <https://forms.office.com/e/D1UavwBgqk>
- **First Holy Communion 2026** sign up: www.stjosephsparish.co.uk (closing date 29 Sept 2025). Your child must be at least in Year 4 in May 2026

REGULAR EVENTS

- ❖ **Saturdays Confessions** after 10am Mass / before 6.30pm Mass
- ❖ **2nd Sundays 2.30-5pm Loss & Bereavement Group** SEC (no meeting in Aug)
- ❖ **3rd Sundays 3.00pm Filipino Mass** in SJ
- ❖ **Mondays: 7.30-9pm Badminton** in SJ Hall. Just turn up!
- ❖ **Wednesdays: 5-6pm Taiji** in SJ Hall.
- ❖ **Thursdays: Zoom** www.tinyurl.com/2hz5axvp 2pm Rosary Bible studies on hold until September
- ❖ **Thursdays 7pm Yoga** with Una in SJ Hall
- ❖ **Fridays 8.45-10:45am Baby & Toddler Group** SEC (term time)

OTHER COURSES / EVENTS

- **Getting Married?** See www.marriagecare.org.uk or call 0800 389 3801, Mon - Thurs 9am – 6pm
- **CAFOD School Volunteers needed** Do you enjoy working with, inspiring and empowering children and young people? Supported by CAFOD with training and resources! For more information contact Jo Lewry jlewy@cafod.org.uk or phone 07710 094447
- **12 Jul 11th Divine UK anniversary Bible Convention & Healing Service** Chief Guest: His Eminence Cardinal Peter Turkson from the Vatican. £20/adult, £15/child. Include lunch. Gaumont State Theatre, Kilburn High Road, London. Coach leaves 7am from St Ethelbert's Slough SL1 1XU and returns 4.30pm. To book: 07397149269, 07878 851787, 07405 255261 https://pass.divineuk.org/user/london_convention_registration
- **2 Aug 8:00pm Charity Concert** Our Lady of Peace & Blessed Dominic Barberi RG6 7DA church hall. The charity provides scholarships for orphaned or very poor children in Nigeria. Tickets at £10, children under 16 free. Email info@ngcf.co.uk for tickets.
- **27 Aug 10.30-4pm Celebration of St Faustina Birthday** in Aylesford Priory, Kent. Coaches from Ealing Broadway & Victoria. The day will include Divine Mercy teachings, Mass, Stations of the Cross, etc. Call Millie on 07957 594646 for more info.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEK *

Gift Aid: **£180.00** 📉 Non-GA: **£707.08**

SVP Smarties appeal: **£215.77**

Thank you for Gift-Aiding – HMRC contributed **£45!**

* Loose plate + Dona/Sumup

PILGRIMAGES/ WALKS

22-29 Aug Catholic Association Pilgrimage to Lourdes Join as an assisted pilgrim or as a helper (new / experienced). All are welcome. More info, call: 01732886 666 /email: frances@catholicassociation.co.uk www.catholicassociation.co.uk/join to sign up

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you know someone in need who can do with some help with their draughty house, please email Fr Brian mhmbrianos@gmail.com

SEA SUNDAY 12/13 July

Seafarers and Fishers play a vital role in all our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. Many spend very long periods at sea, away from their family, and only get ashore in foreign Ports. Stella Maris is the Maritime Welfare Agency of the Catholic Church and its Chaplains and volunteers provide essential practical help and pastoral care to those Seafarers and Fishers visiting UK Ports and Ports around the world. Please support Stella Maris with your generous donations on Sea Sunday, next weekend, and with your Prayers throughout the year.

<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/apostleship-of-the-sea-sea-sunday-second-collection-2025>



Your child can join the Confirmation programme if (s)he is **between 13 (by end April 2026) and <18 years of age by June 2026** and have already received the sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist (First Holy Communion). The programme runs from October to June 2026.

A Prayer Service and Introduction will take place at **5pm Saturday 11 Oct.** (Parents/ carers will need to attend this Introductory Session). Full details of the programme will be given to you at this meeting.

For your diary, the Sacrament and conferring of Confirmation will take place at St. John's Cathedral in Portsmouth on **Saturday 9th May 2026 at 11.30am** <https://forms.office.com/e/8vvnw2ZynK6>