



HOLY FAMILY PARISH

NEWSLETTER

MAIDENHEAD & TWYFORD



Luke outlines for us the greatest commandment and bed-rock of relationship when he responds to the lawyer "You must love the Lord your God with all of your heart, with all of your soul, with all of your strength, and with all of your mind, and your neighbour as yourself." The consequence of this approach, says Jesus to the lawyer, and to us, is that if we do all of this, life will be ours, and our inner convictions will be authentic expressions of who we are - true daughters and sons of God.

Sometimes in life we might seem lost. It might be walking or driving to a new place. Maybe we lack a certain direction which our life is going in. Or maybe in our relationship with God and others it appears uncertain, and at times, we might be frankly lost. Thank goodness we have Satnavs on our phones or in our cars to show us the direction we need go to get to our final destination. We might have trusted friends or family members we can speak to when our life's direction seems lost. In our relationship with God, although it might seem we are lost, God is always there.

We pray for God's direction. God shows us the right path to take, to shows us the light of his truth. Even though we may go astray at times, God directs us to return to the right path. Sometimes in life we make wrong decisions, we go off the beaten path and reject what is contrary to the Beatitudes and the Commandments of Love of God and each other. But the merciful and loving God, whom we profess in faith and trust, gently guides us back on the right path. God's grace goes before us, guides us, and brings us to our final destination. All we have to do is trust in the good Lord - during the celebration of the liturgy, and in our reception of the Eucharist - Christ abides in us and we abide in him. He gives us meaning and direction in life.

St Joseph's & St Elizabeth's edition

Issue #6

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
12/13th July 2025

1st: Deu 30:10-14 The word is very near you, so that you can do it.

R. Ps 68 R/ The precepts of the Lord are right; they gladden the heart.

2nd: 2 Col 1:15-20 All things were created through Christ and for Christ.

Acclamation: Alleluia! Alleluia! Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life; you have the words of eternal life. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37 The Good Samaritan.



Huge congratulations to Rosie & her amazing team at St Mary's for the latest Ofsted results!

See the report here:

<https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/21/139882>



Inspection of St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Maidenhead

Cookham Road, Maidenhead, Berkshire SL6 7EG

Inspection dates:

13 and 14 May 2025

The quality of education

Good

Behaviour and attitudes

Good

Personal development

Good

Leadership and management

Good

Early years provision

Good

Previous inspection grade

Requires improvement

Jul 2025: Mass Times & Mass Intentions

Sat	12th	10:00*	Ignatius Teo, A
		18:30	Ivan Fernandes, RIP
Sun	13th	08:00	Andrew Marques, SI
		09:15	People of the Parish
		11:00	Michael O'Rourke, SI
		17:00	Mass of the Parish of Holy Family
Mon	14th	10:00	No Mass. Mother's Prayers in Church
		13:00	Funeral of Marie Oke
Tue	15th	10:00	
Wed	16th	10:00*	Beldam Family, SI
Thu	17th	10:00	Coleman Family, FM
Fri	18th	10:00	Teresa & Peter Brass, SI
			Frederick Costa, SI
Sat	19th	10:00*	Anthony D'Souza, SI
			Christopher Hancox, RIP

*Adoration before Mass (9-10am)

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

Works of Mercy: Clothe the Naked

This Sunday, we hear of The Good Samaritan who showed Mercy for the man who had been stripped of his clothing and dignity and left to die on the roadside. The Samaritan clothed the man and took care of him until he had recovered. We, too, can be "Good Samaritans" for those in our Community who need our help to restore their dignity by providing vital donations of good quality, clean clothing and supplies of new toiletries and dry foodstuffs. Please leave your contributions at our collection point adjacent to the Sacred Heart Altar.

With Mary, our Blessed Mother, let us be Pilgrims of Hope for our Local Community, Amen

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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
- **13 Jul (11am Mass) LAST CHILDREN'S LITURGY** of the term as the children break up for the summer. The Liturgy Team wishes all the children and their families a wonderful holiday.
- **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/D1UawvBgqk>
- **First Holy Communion 2026** Your child must be at least in Year 4 in May 2026. <https://forms.office.com/e/D1UawvBgqk>
- **Confirmation 2026** Your child must be 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). If they have not, please speak to Fr Ephraim. Form: <https://forms.office.com/e/8vnw2ZynK6>



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
- ❖ **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 (**17 Jul cancelled**)
- ❖ **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
- **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: **£271.00**  Non-GA: **£841.29**
+ £500 in memory of Fr Vincent Flanagan
(Thank you Mr & Mrs R)

Thank you for Gift-Aiding – HMRC contributed **£67.75!**

* 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

2nd Collection: STELLA MARIS

The Catholic Agency which supports Seafarers both Spiritually and Practically. It is dependant on our voluntary donations to provide the facilities and resources that enable the Chaplains and Volunteers to care for needs of the Seafarers In the Ports of the UK and worldwide. They provide amazing support to their visitors and make every penny of our Donations go as far as possible. Please be as generous as you can and show massive appreciation for the work of our international Mariners and Fishers. Thank You".

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



The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults replaces RCIA. This new structure invites you into a continuous process of spiritual formation as we are all on a journey of faith that is unique and personal, and yet a journey that we know is greatly enriched when we come together and share with others. Are you a non-Catholic who has been accompanying your family to a Catholic Church and now feel drawn to join this community of faith? Or perhaps you're a Baptised Catholic but not received the Sacrament of Confirmation?

This Programme is for anyone who wishes to explore their faith, as adults, with a view to possibly becoming a Baptised and Confirmed member of the Catholic Church next Easter. The Programme runs from Oct 25- Apr 26). Talk to one of our priests or OCIA catechists. More information on the Holy Family Parish Website. Sign up:

<https://forms.office.com/e/q8iSdvLxNg>