



HOLY FAMILY PARISH NEWSLETTER



MAIDENHEAD & TWYFORD

St Joseph's & St Elizabeth's edition

Summer Edition

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
2/3rd Aug 2025

The first chapter of Ecclesiastes considers the spectrum of human nature, with all of its limitations and vulnerabilities, and offers warnings relating to all human activity undertaken while living in the world. While this text may appear pessimistic and degrading of human effort, its power and influence is as important today as when it was first written. Therefore, its message suggests that while all things are impermanent, the value of human giftedness can only flourish when all things are considered as a gift from God.

The human effort therefore, has the background context of God's creation and the fruitfulness of human labour in that context. Today's passage asks the question about our priorities and emphasises that labour, and the value of work cannot be productive when 'grasping' and 'acquisition' are uppermost in human striving.

All that is worked for must consider, not selfish ends, but the well being of all - a moving away from self, with focus on the universal good, such as the distribution of food to the poor and environmental integrity.

1st: Eccl 1:2, 2:21-23 What does a man gain for all his toil?

R. Ps 14 R/ O Lord, you have been our refuge, from generation to generation.

2nd: Col 3:1-5, 9-11 You must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

Acclamation: Alleluia! Alleluia! Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21 This hoard of yours, whose will it be?

**Office closed:
30 Jul - 25 Aug**

STELLA MARIS – THANK YOU

Thank you very much for your amazing generosity to Stella Maris on Sea Sunday.

Our Parish raised an amazing **£622.23!** Your unfailing help and support will ensure that the Stella Maris Chaplains and Volunteers can continue to be the "Good Samaritans" to all our Mariners and Fishers visiting ports and bases around the British Isles and worldwide. Please continue to Pray for the work of Stella Maris and, if you have time and yarn on your hands, please consider producing Hats, Scarves and Gloves for the seamen while you "knit and natter" during the summer and autumn nights. Thank you once again and God Bless from Stella Maris".

Works of Mercy: Clothe the Naked

When we think about those who are "Naked" in our community, we should consider all those who have lost their dignity, are alone, forgotten or rejected by society. They too are "naked", without friends or family, and deserve our support in order to "Clothe" them in friendship and compassion. It is our duty as Catholics to comfort, console and "clothe" them.

Please continue to donate your good quality clothing and, in addition, donate your Love, Time and Presence to all those who are "Naked"

Marriage

Each year in Basingstoke the Diocese of Portsmouth has a celebration for Significant marriage anniversaries.

We are celebrating the Sacrament of Marriage.

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11 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING
ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH

*Followed by reception in the Hall
RDV by 8 September*

[HTTPS://FORMS.OFFICE.COM/E/IZPBEMAK6Y](https://forms.office.com/E/IZPBEMAK6Y)

Aug 2025: Mass Times & Mass Intentions			
Fri	1st	10:00	Healing Mass (7pm in SEC)
Sat	2nd	10:00*	Endurance in the Faith, SI Moraes Family, SI
		18:30	
Sun	3rd	08:00	Jim & Betty Buckley, SI Domingo Fernandes, RIP Francis & Espertina Fernandes, RIP
		09:15	
		11:00	Tony & Tricia Weeks, 50 th Anniversary 🕒 Dsouza Thanksgiving, SI
		17:00	Mass of the Parish of Holy Family
Mon	4th	10:00	No Mass
Tue	5th	10:00	Sarah Chethy, FM
Wed	6th	10:00*	John Dibb, SI Manuel Family, SI
Thu	7th	10:00 12:30	Margaret & Michael O'Rourke, A Funeral: Raffaele Sellitto
Fri	8th	10:00	UCM Members Intentions Maria Lim, A

*Adoration before Mass (9-10am)

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

JOBS BOARD

<https://portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/about/careers/>

Building Surveyor Perm, 37.5 hrs/ week £55,000 per annum.

Closes: 17 Aug 10pm

<https://portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/vacancy/building-surveyor/>

Estates Coordinator Perm, 37.5 hrs/ week £28,000 – £30,000

p.a. Closes: 17 Aug 10pm

<https://portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/vacancy/estates-coordinator/>

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st: Wis 18:6-9 By the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you.

R. Ps 14 R/ Blessed the people the Lord has chosen as his heritage.

2nd: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 Abraham looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

Acclamation: Alleluia! Alleluia! Stay awake and be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 12:32-48 You too must stand ready.

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10 You have borne me to be a man of dissension for all the land.

R. Ps 14 R/ Lord, make haste to help me!

2nd: Heb 12:1-4 We shall keep running steadily in the race we have started.

Acclamation: Alleluia! Alleluia! My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord, and I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 12:49-53 I am not here to bring peace, but rather division.

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st: Isa 66:18-21 They will bring all your brothers from all the nations.

R. Ps 14 R/ Go into all the world and proclaim the good news!

2nd: Heb 12:5-7, 11-13 The Lord trains the one that he loves.

Acclamation: Alleluia! Alleluia! My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord, and I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 13:22-30 Men from the east and west will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.

JUBILEE YEAR of HOPE

During this Holy Year of Jubilee, we are called to be tangible signs of HOPE for our brothers and sisters who experience hardships of any kind. We are, also, called to be responsible Custodians of God's Creation, our Common Home. During the Year, we are encouraged to embark on Pilgrimage, Cancel Debt, participate in a Retreat, make a Pledge of Hope for the future and hold a Jubilee Celebration Day. Please consider how we, as Pilgrims of Hope, can move to a better, fairer and more sustainable future where all people can live in harmony with our natural world for the greater good of God's Creation, Our Common Home. Please make a Pledge, that could be adopted by our Parish, which will build a fairer world where every person, and the earth, can flourish. Please your Pledge in our suggestion boxes. Thank you"

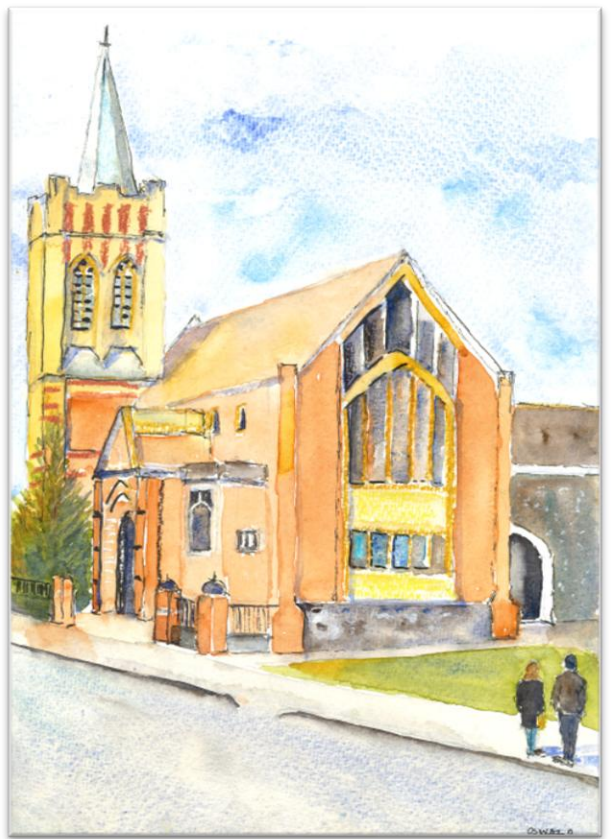
SUMMER BLESSING FOR FAMILIES
MAY WE MAKE OUR HOMES PLACES OF RELAXATION,
JOY, LOVE, PEACE AND SAFETY.

MAY WE BE GENEROUS AND CONSIDERATE,
NOT THINKING ONLY ABOUT OURSELVES,
BUT HELPING OTHERS ENJOY THE BLESSINGS OF THE SUMMERTIME.

LORD GOD, CREATOR OF ALL THINGS,
GUIDE OUR STEPS AND STRENGTHEN OUR HEARTS
DURING THESE MONTHS OF SUMMER AND VACATION DAYS.

GRANT US REFRESHMENT OF MIND AND BODY.
MAY WE CONSTANTLY STRIVE TO MAKE A MEANINGFUL DIFFERENCE
IN THE LIVES OF OUR LOVED ONES AND IN THE WORLD AROUND US
AS WE ENJOY THE WARM DAYS OF SUMMERTIME.

Aug 2025 (con't)			
Sat	9th	10:00*	Henry Coleman, FM
		18:30	Minino Marques, A
Sun	10th	08:00	Coleman Family, FM
		09:15	
		11:00	Aurelia, RIP
		12:30	Baptism: Manuel Pong
		17:00	Mass of the Parish of Holy Family
Mon	11th	10:00	No Mass
Tue	12th	10:00	Coleman Family, FM
		11:00	Funeral: Brian Robinson
Wed	13th	10:00*	Henry Coleman, FM
Thu	14th	10:00	Nadine D'Souza, SI Albert D'Souza, A
Fri	15th	10:00	FEAST: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Juliet & Patrick D'Souza, SI Fr Emmanuel, SI
Sat	16th	10:00*	Moraes & D'Souza families, SI
		18:30	Souls of Dsouza's Parents, SI Souls of Dsouza's family members, SI
Sun	17th	08:00	Joao Santan Fernandes, RIP
		09:15	
		11:00	Peter O'Rourke, A
		17:00	Mass of the Parish of Holy Family
Mon	18th	10:00	No Mass
Tue	19th	10:00	Coleman Family, FM
Wed	20th	10:00*	Richard Fernandes, SI
Thu	21st	10:00	Edmund Coleman, FM
		11:00	Funeral: Marie Christina Bell
Fri	22nd	10:00	Joseph Fernandes, SI
Sat	23rd	10:00*	Fr Emmanuel Okami, SI Charisa Dias, SI
		18:30	
Sun	24th	08:00	
		09:15	
		11:00	
		17:00	Mass of the Parish of Holy Family
Mon	25th	10:00	Bank Holiday. No Mass
Tue	26th	10:00	Coleman Family, FM
Wed	27th	10:00*	
Thu	28th	10:00	Anaiah Rodrigues, SI
Fri	29th	10:00	
		12:00	Celebration of Life: Howard McBrien



I painted our church not only as it stands, but giving my own personal interpretation – bathed in sunlight, using warm colours, even though it was painted from a winter sketch and photo. I am hoping this card may bring a piece of the spirit of St Joseph wherever it may be.

~ Fr Brian Oswald

Pre-order your cards now!

Single cards @ £2 or pack of 3 for £5.

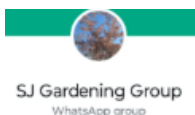
<https://stjosephsparish.co.uk/shop> See sample outside Parish Office (on the door). All proceeds from the sale of these cards will go to support Thames Hospice. The original painting of the church will be for sale at an art exhibition being held at St Joseph's on the weekend of the 1st/2nd November this year.

Works of Mercy

During August, we will concentrate on Building the Common Good by focusing on "Feed the Hungry" as our Corporal Work of Mercy. In these long summer days it is easy to overlook the needs of our brothers and sisters who rely on the services of FoodShare, Sue Brett and The Salvation Army for their basic survival. Please continue to donate canned food, dried food, toiletries and good quality, clean clothing at our collection baskets adjacent to The Sacred heart Altar or by the emergency exit in the Parish Centre Passageway. When you are having your weekly shop, just pop an extra can, packet or box of food into your basket and donate it to The Hungry of our Parish. Thank you.

PARISH NEWS

- **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. Join WhatsApp group to sign up!
- **7 Sep** CHILDREN'S LITURGY will resume. The Team wishes all children and families a blessed summer break.



REGULAR EVENTS IN THE PARISH

- ❖ **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

OTHER COURSES / EVENTS

- **CAFOD School Volunteers needed** Supported by CAFOD with training and resources! For more information contact Jo Lewry jlewry@cafod.org.uk or phone 07710 09444
- **2 Aug 8:00pm Charity Concert** Our Lady of Peace & Blessed Dominic Barberi RG6 7DA church hall. info@ngcf.co.uk for tickets.
- **6-8 Aug 8.30am International Symposium** by A Day with Mary. Free. 70 Wellesley Road, W Croydon, CR0 2AR. For programme info and booking, please see: www.adaywithmary.org/symposium.
- **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.
- **4 Oct Annual Mass for Altar Servers** Celebrated in Westminster Cathedral. Open to all Altar Servers from Parishes outside the Archdiocese and is a great opportunity for our Altar Servers and their families to meet with other Servers. Thank you for being part of an amazing Group of people who believe that "To Serve Jesus Christ is to Reign".
- Interested in **Practical Art**? Join U3A untutored Art Group. Bring your art materials and join in the fun every first & third Tuesdays 2-4pm in SJ Hall. Contact Peter 01628 674097 for more info

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: 01732886 666 /email frances@catholicassociation.co.uk Or www.catholicassociation.co.uk/join to sign up



St Mary's school is now open for registration see <https://www.stmarys-maidenhead.org.uk/> or email office@stmarys-maidenhead.org.uk



ST ELIZABETH CHURCH



BBQ PARTY



SUNDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER 2025

STARTING FROM 12.30 PM

NOTE: CHANGE OF MASS TIME TO 11.30AM

TICKETS ON SALE AFTER MASS AT ST ELIZABETH'S OR FROM THE OFFICE, FROM 26TH AUGUST.

SACRAMENTALS

All **forms** for below (except Marriage Care) can be found here: <https://stjosephsparish.co.uk/newsletter/#forms>

- **Baptism Course 5 Aug** For parents whose child is being baptised in M'head. Contact Fr Ephraim/ Norma / office.
- **First Holy Communion 2026** Your child must be at least in Year 4 in May 2026.
- **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.
- **OCIA 2026** (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) 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. Programme runs from Oct 25- Apr 26). Talk to one of our priests or OCIA catechists. More info on Holy Family Parish Website.
- **Getting Married? 6 Sep Preparing Together Day.** Church of St Peter and St John (1, Caesar's Camp Road, Camberley, GU15 4ED) See www.marriagecare.org.uk for more info/ book. Phone queries: 0800 389 3801 (Mon-Thu 0900-1800h)