



HOLY FAMILY PARISH

NEWSLETTER

MAIDENHEAD & TWYFORD

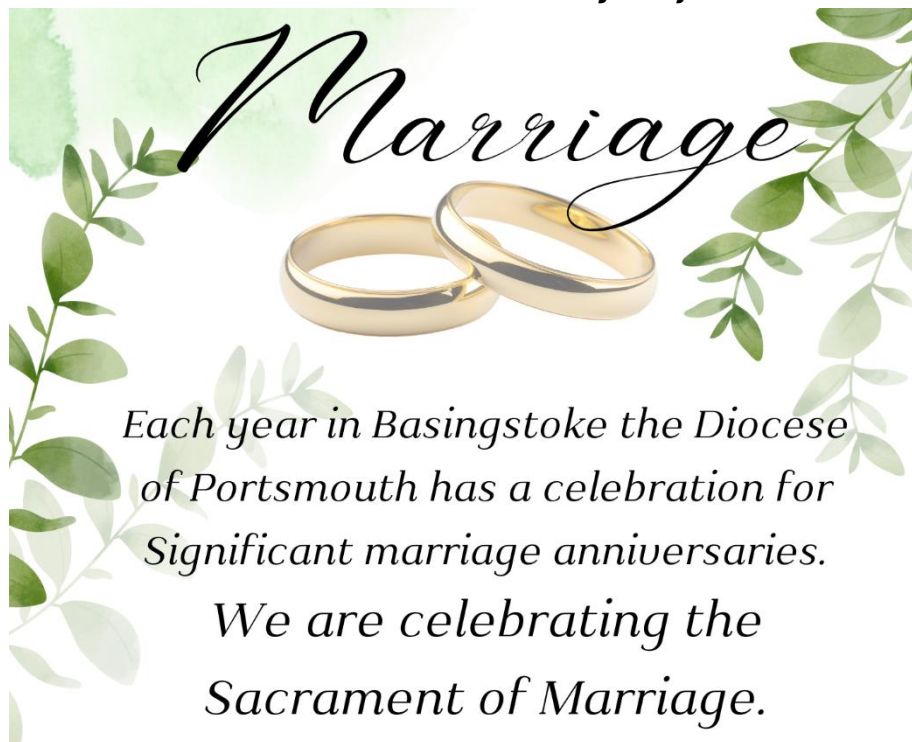


The gospel reports the hospitality shown to Jesus by Martha and Mary, but the two sisters welcome him in different ways. Mary gives Jesus her full attention, sitting at the Lord's feet like a student rabbi learning from a Master. In the same way, Paul sat at the feet of rabbi Gamaliel as a disciple.

Meanwhile Martha is distracted with a great deal of serving. She wants everything to be right to welcome such an important guest, so she bustles around. Because she has so many details to worry about, she is resentful that her sister has left her alone to do all the serving.

The Bible says "One thing is necessary" - The one thing necessary is to listen to God's word and put it into practice. It is certainly important to serve others, as the good Samaritan had done in the previous week, but we all have a basic need to listen to God's word. During the holiday season, when we often have a break from the bustle of work, let us give some time for listening to the Lord.

Christ, who inspires our prayers by the Holy Spirit, may make them bear fruit in works of charity and justice.



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

We are celebrating the Sacrament of Marriage.

SEPTEMBER | 13 | 2025

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

*Followed by reception
in the Hall*

St Joseph's & St Elizabeth's edition

Summer Edition

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
19/20th July 2025

1st: Gen 18:1-10 Oh Lord, do not pass by your servant.

R. Ps 14 R/ O Lord, who may abide in your tent?

2nd: Col 1:24-28 A mystery hidden for ages but now revealed to his saints.

Acclamation: Alleluia! Alleluia! Blessed are those who hold fast to the word of God in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 10: 38-42 Martha works; Mary listens.

Office closed:

• 22 - 25 Jul • 30 Jul - 20 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!**

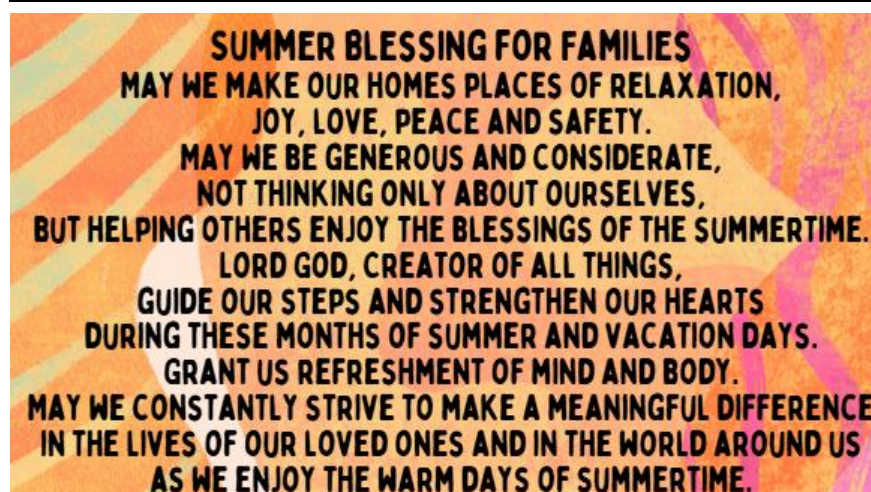
Your unfailing help and support will ensure that the Stella Maris Chaplains and Volunteers can continue to be the "Good Samaritans" to all our Mariners and Fishers visiting ports and bases around the British Isles and worldwide. Please continue to Pray for the work of Stella Maris and, if you have time 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"

Jul 2025: Mass Times & Mass Intentions			
Sat	19th	10:00*	Christopher Hancox, RIP
		13:00	♥🔔 Wedding: Robyn & Jose 🔔♥
		18:30	
Sun	20th	08:00	
		09:15	People of the Parish
		11:00	Percival Dias, SI Andrea McQueen, A
		15:00	Filipino Mass 🇵🇭 followed by hospitality
		17:00	Mass of the Parish of Holy Family
Mon	21st	10:00	No Mass. Mother's Prayers in Church
Tue	22nd	10:00	Rev John Lord Lewington, FM
Wed	23rd	10:00*	Beldam Family, SI
Thu	24th	10:00	Coleman Family, FM
Fri	25th	10:00	Christine Kronfi, SI Felicity Joseph, A
Sat	26th	10:00*	Rodrigues, SI Andrea Cardoso, SI
		12:00	♥🔔 Wedding: Esther & Cosmas 🔔♥
		16:30	Baptism: Anayah
		18:30	Coleman Family, FM
Sun	27th	08:00	Marta Fernandes, RIP
		09:15	People of the Parish
		11:00	John Dibb, SI
		12:30	Baptism: Cameron
		17:00	Mass of the Parish of Holy Family
Mon	28th	10:00	No Mass. Mother's Prayers in Church
Tue	29th	10:00	Nicole D'Souza, SI UCM, SI
Wed	30th	10:00*	Mary Oulds, FM
Thu	31st	10:00	Marquiline Pires, A Beldam Family, SI



JOBS BOARD

CAFOD

Could you inspire Catholics to participate in the Church's mission, working to overcome poverty and injustice? We are looking for a Community Participation Coordinator (21 hrs/ week) to work in the Diocese of Portsmouth. Follow the link for more details and please pass on to any friends or relatives who might be interested. Closing date 27 July 2025. See https://isw.changeworkknow.co.uk/cafod/vms/e/careers/positions/dONu9vCmHbbyBM3q2me_8J

PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE:

<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/>

Communications Officer (Graphic Design & Media) Full/Part/Flex working £30,000-£32,000 p.a. (FTE). Closes date: 20 Jul 10pm

<https://portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/vacancy/communications-officer/>

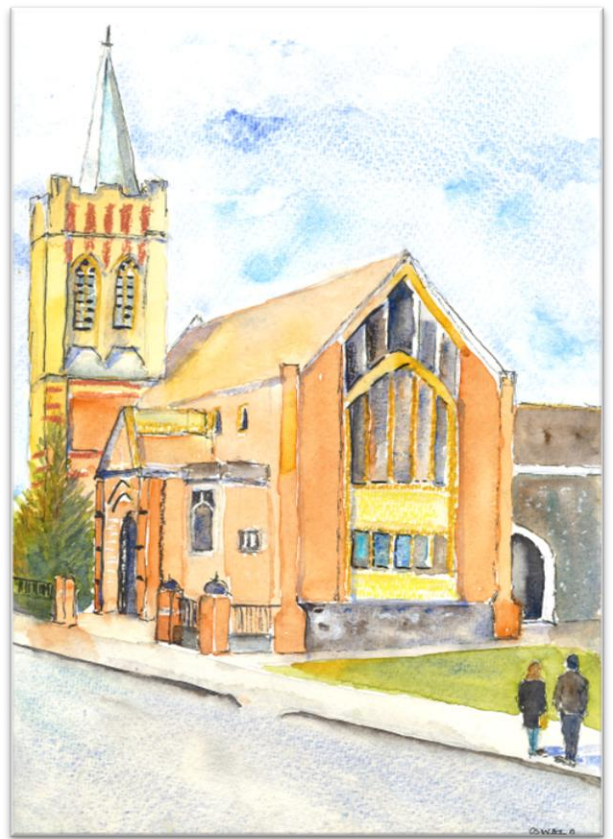
Parish Administrator Christ the King Parish, Reading RG2 8NR. 15 hrs/ week. £9,523.80 p.a. Closes: 6 July 10pm.

<https://portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/vacancy/parish-administrator-2/>

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"

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	People of the Parish
		11:00	Tony & Tricia Weeks, 50 th Anniversary 🛎
		17:00	Mass of the Parish of Holy Family
Mon	4th	10:00	No Mass. Mother's Prayers in Church
Tue	5th	10:00	Sarah Chethy, FM
Wed	6th	10:00*	John Dibb, SI
Thu	7th	10:00	Coleman Family, FM
Fri	8th	10:00	UCM Members Intentions Maria Lim, A
Sat	9th	10:00*	Henry Coleman, FM
		18:30	Minino Marques, A
Sun	10th	08:00	
		09:15	People of the Parish
		11:00	Aurelia, RIP
		17:00	Mass of the Parish of Holy Family
Mon	11th	10:00	No Mass. Mother's Prayers in Church
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	Juliet & Patrick D'Souza, SI Fr Emmanuel, SI
Sat	16th	10:00*	Moraes & D'Souza families, SI
		18:30	
Sun	17th	08:00	Joao Santan Fernandes, RIP
		09:15	People of the Parish
		11:00	
		17:00	Mass of the Parish of Holy Family
Mon	18th	10:00	No Mass. Mother's Prayers in Church
Tue	19th	10:00	Coleman Family, FM
Wed	20th	10:00*	Richard Fernandes, SI
Thu	21st	10:00	Edmund Coleman, FM
Fri	22nd	10:00	Joseph Fernandes, SI
Sat	23rd	10:00*	Fr Emmanuel Okami, SI Charisa Dias, SI



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. Email office to sign up or join WhatsApp group
- **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 jlewy@cafod.org.uk or phone 07710 09444
- **24 Jul 6pm** Christ the King Parish Windsor invites you to a **Mass in Spanish** in St Edward's Church. All are welcome.
- **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.
- 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

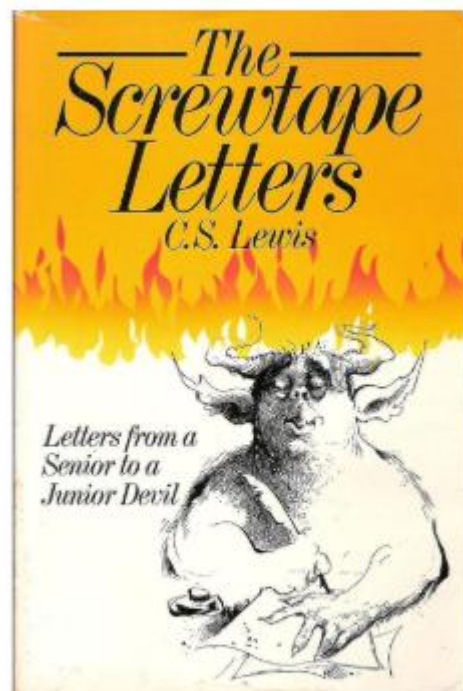
COLLECTIONS LAST WEEK *

Gift Aid: **£211.10** Non-GA: **£670.27**

Thank you for Gift-Aiding – HMRC contributed **£52.77!**

* Loose plate + Dona/Sumup

YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR Zoom Book Club



**PREPARATORY MEETING ON ZOOM
ON THURSDAY 24TH JULY AT 11:30.**

**ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH ZOOM ROOM
MEETING ID 211 915 9183
PASSCODE 137722**

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)