



HOLY FAMILY PARISH

NEWSLETTER

MAIDENHEAD & TWYFORD



St Joseph's & St Elizabeth's edition
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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
20/21st Sep 2025

In Amos' time, the wealthy were getting wealthier and the poor poorer. It sounds familiar. The prophet rails against the merchants impatient for the end of the holy days so that they can get back to their dishonest trading at the expense of the poor. He warns the traders about their greed. "The Lord will never forget any of their deeds."

St. Paul urges Timothy's community both at the beginning and at the end of the reading to be a people of prayer and, where possible, to avoid hostility so that they may "lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in everyway." Paul wants them to be "pleasing to God who desires all people to be saved." That salvation comes through Jesus Christ, and they are called to be heralds of that Gospel of truth - a challenge for us and for the world in which we live!

Our eyes must be focussed on Christ, and be constantly aware that our possessions and any wealth can lead to dishonesty. We need to be prudent and restrained in our use of earthly goods.

Reflection: *We are in a month of new beginnings - a new school year - a new job - a first year at college or university - a new opportunity to live and give witness to the love of Jesus. Our readings invite us to root whatever our situation is in prayer, in love of those around us, in honesty and in moderation.*

Sep 2025: Mass Times & Mass Intentions

Sat	20th	10:00*	Alicia Maria Coker, SI Blandina Rodrigues, A
		18:30	Deceased members of Barreto Family
Sun	21st	08:00	Mass of the Parish of Holy Family
		09.15	Desmond Kenny, RIP
		11:00	Nuala Mulhern, A
		17:00	Stanley, A
Mon	22nd	10:00	No Mass. Mother's Prayers in Church
Tue	23rd	10:00	Anthony Sequiera, SI Martha Furtado, RIP Kieran Toman, A
Wed	24th	10:00*	Sacrament Barreto, SI Alira Marques, SI Peter Noble, SI
Thu	25th	10:00	Rhea Manuel & Jorge Poole, SI Coleman Family, FM
Fri	26th	10:00	Ida Menezes, SI Hew Dunn, RIP Funeral: David Fletcher
Sat	27th	10:00*	SVP Thanksgiving Day Deceased members of SVP

*Adoration before Mass (9-10am)

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

1st: Amo 8:4-7 Against those who 'buy the poor for silver'.

Ps 112 R/ Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.

2nd: 1 Tim 2:1-8 Prayers should be made for all people to God, who desires all people to be saved.

Acclamation: Alleluia! Alleluia! Jesus Christ, though he was rich, yet for your sake, he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luk 16:1-13 You cannot serve God and money.

2nd Collection: Evangelii Gaudium (Home Mission Sunday) - Proclaiming the Gospel's joyful message tinyurl.com/4n3d7f7n

St Vincent de Paul Society M'head

celebrates their saint's Feast Day with the following events!

18 Oct 7.30pm 3rd musical evening at SEC school hall. Proceeds from the evening will help to sustain and expand the support given by SVP to those in need in the community. Tickets @ £10 pp available after Sunday Masses or from Siobhan on 07816 445 416. Please note this is a bring your own wine, beer and glasses event however soft drinks and snacks will be available to buy (cash only). Please contact Peter on 07976 625 813 if you would like to take part as a singer or if you play an instrument, solo or part of a group! Thank you for your support.

Join SVP! We want to broaden our reach across the local community to identify and support more people in need - By befriending and maintaining regular contact with those who are lonely, vulnerable, housebound, sick, or simply struggling to cope. We meet on first Mondays of the month. Contact Siobhan on 07816 445 416.

Works of Mercy: Care for Creation

The Church teaches that the Earth is a gift from God, and we are called to care for it through our actions and respect for all life. Pope Leo said: Our mission as Christians to care for creation was entrusted to us by the Lord, so that we might bring Peace and Reconciliation to our troubled world. Please come join in Prayer and Reflection at **1100h on Sat 27 Sept** in The Guards Club Park (access via Oldacres Rd, off Oldfield Rd). Please join in the Novena to St Francis of Assisi Thurs 25 Sept to 4 Oct (Feast Day of St Francis)

Sow, Grow and Show the Fruits of our actions for Creation

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PARISH NEWS/ EVENTS

- **Sun 5pm Masses** Please let the office know if you would like to sign up for music or as a reader/ sacristan/ eucharistic minister!
- **27 Sep 10.45am Fire Marshal Follow up training** (SJ-specific). The Register of Marshals will be updated on completion of the training. A light lunch will be available for all those attending. Please email the office to confirm your attendance.

We need 3 fire marshals per Mass!

- **28 Sep** after 11am Mass. **Cake sale** by Vision Group. We welcome donations of cakes. Remember to bring cash to buy some delicious cakes for Sunday teatime!
- **Oct every Wed 7pm** in St Elizabeth Room. Talk series by Fr Kevin (part of the OCIA programme) on **Social Teaching of the Catholic Church** - how do we live out our Christian faith in a world where the clash between the values of the Kingdom and the values of the World are often in conflict? See posters. All are welcome.

25 Oct 10am Jubilee Year Holy Doors Join HFP at St James Church Forbury Rd, Reading RG1 3FD to celebrate going through the Holy Doors. There will be penitential service with confession, followed by Mass. There will be no 10am Mass in the Parish. All are welcome.

OTHER COURSES / EVENTS

- **27 Sep Charity Concert** SEC Church. Tickets from SEC office or ticketsource.co.uk/readingmalevoicechoir
- **2 Oct 6pm & 12 Nov 9.30am St Joseph's College Open events.** Book a visit here: <https://tinyurl.com/yc8k433u>
- **4 Oct 10am A Day with Mary** <https://tinyurl.com/57ebmc2k>
- **8 Nov 7.30pm Musicals & Opera Night** 36th Annual evening by the Catenians. Clare's Court School. Tickets £30 pp or £25 'early bird' before 30 Sep. Tickets from Jonathan manorcott@outlook.com or 07740 430599. All profits to CAFOD. Watch link for previous event <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LXUWrbuRs6I>
- **28 Nov 10am Supernatural** a day of prophetic preaching. Sign up: <https://coretlumenchristi.churchsuite.com/events/a3vipt9y>
- **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.

REGULAR EVENTS IN THE PARISH

- ❖ **Saturdays Confessions** after 10am Mass / before 6.30pm Mass
- ❖ **2nd Sundays 2.30-5pm Loss & Bereavement Group** SEC
- ❖ **3rd Sundays 3.00pm Filipino Mass** in SJ
- ❖ **Wednesdays: 5-6pm Taiji** in SJ Hall.
- ❖ **Thursdays Zoom Room: 2pm** Rosary
6pm Journey together through Holy scriptures www.tinyurl.com/2hz5axvp
- ❖ **Thursdays 7pm** Yoga with Una in SJ Hall
- ❖ **Fridays 8.45-10:45am Baby & Toddler Group** SEC (term time)

Art Exhibition at St Joseph's Parish Centre

A group of local artists will be holding a painting and ceramics exhibition on:

31 Oct: 7.00 pm - 9.30 pm

1 Nov: 10.30 am - 7.30 pm

2 Nov: 9.00 am - 1.30 pm



Refreshments will be served throughout, with an opportunity to meet the artists, including Fr Brian. Come see the original painting of St Joseph's. Limited edition Christmas cards will be available to buy, where at least 20% of the proceeds will go to support Thames Hospice.

CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal this Harvest

Your generosity in this Jubilee Year will help build more water tanks in communities like Waré's (Ethiopia) where women walk for hours to get water. Use a CAFOD envelope, or online: cafod.org.uk/envelope call 0303 303 3030 or text 70560 ("CAFOD") to donate £10.



COLLECTIONS LAST WEEK *

Gift Aid: **£210** Non-GA: **£769**

Thank you for Gift-Aiding!

HMRC contributed **£52.50!**

* Loose plate + Dona/Sumup

SACRAMENTALS All forms for below can be found here: <https://stjosephsparish.co.uk/newsletter/>

- **Baptism Course 7 Oct** 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. **Closing date: 29 Sept 2025.** Information session on **Sunday 12 October at 10am** in St Joseph's Church, followed by Mass in the church.
- **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. **Closing date: 6 Oct 2025.** Induction meeting in SEC Church on **11 Oct 5pm.**
- **OCIA 2026** (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) For adults who wishing to explore their faith or considering Baptised and/or Confirmation next Easter. Programme runs from **Oct 25-Apr 26**, beginning with Fr Kevin's talk on "The Social Teaching of the Catholic Church" (see Parish News above) Talk to one of our priests or OCIA catechists. More info on Holy Family Parish Website.
- **MARRIAGE:** Marriage Care will be holding a **marriage preparation day** for couples getting married in the Catholic Church in **St Joseph's parish hall on Saturday 22nd Nov.** Book: <https://www.marriagecare.org.uk/find-pt-course/> Thinking of getting married? Enquire via our online form! (see link above)
- **Significant marriage anniversaries** We are celebrating the Sacrament of Marriage on **29 Nov 11am.** RSVP now! <https://forms.office.com/e/izp8FMaK6Y> (please RSVP again due to the change in date)
- **New volunteers needed!** Enrol for the Certificate in Relationship Counselling (CRC) course with Marriage Care. See www.marriagecare.org.uk or email Sue.cooper@marriagecare.org. To find out more and to register your interest, please visit: www.marriagecare.org.uk or email: volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk