



HOLY FAMILY PARISH

NEWSLETTER

MAIDENHEAD & TWYFORD



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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
27/28th Sep 2025

In today's Gospel, we are reminded of the importance of bringing God's compassionate love and care to those who are less fortunate than we are. Just as in Jesus' time, many people today lack the basic necessities for a decent life. We don't have to look far to see those who are deprived in various ways. It is important to recognize that this deprivation is not only material; it extends to all aspects of our human existence. We should not only feel pity for the poor; we must also show genuine mercy and compassion towards them. This kind of mercy involves a personal concern that requires us to give not just from our abundance but also from the very little that we hold dear.

Jesus Christ provides us with the perfect example of how to bring God's mercy to the poor. Though He was rich, He became poor - so that by His poverty, we might become rich. Sometimes in life we may think that the making of money and the accumulation of wealth may provide us with a sense of security and freedom, but these cannot become an end in themselves. They can provide us with a temporary sense of peace and happiness, but ultimately, they do not provide true peace and happiness. As human beings, made in the image and likeness of God, we are not truly satisfied until we find our rest in God. During the celebration of the liturgy, we accept God's grace, pardon and mercy.

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Sep 2025: Mass Times & Mass Intentions

Sat	27th	10:00*	SVP Thanksgiving Day Deceased members of SVP
		18:30	Kevin McGarry, RIP Deceased members of Pring Family
Sun	28th	08:00	Martha Furtado, RIP
		09.15	Hew Dunn, RIP
		11:00	Joe Malone, SI Rosemarie Gaspe, RIP
		17:00	Aurelia, RIP
Mon	29th	10:00	No Mass. Mother's Prayers in Church
Tue	30th	10:00	Ana Rita Mascarenhas, A Winifred Maud Russell, FM
Wed	1st	10:00*	Hannah Britto, SI Rev John Lord Lewington, FM
Thu	2nd	10:00	Alert Marques, SI Dr Iris Fonseca, A Coleman Family, FM
Fri	3rd	10:00	1st Friday Healing Mass (7pm in SEC)
Sat	4th	10:00*	Kaya Coker, SI Teresa Wall, SI

*Adoration before Mass (9-10am)

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

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1st: Amo 6:1,4-7 The revelry of those who now stretch themselves out shall pass away.

Ps 146 R/ My soul, gift praise the Lord.

2nd: 1 Tim 6:11-16 Keep the commandment until the appearing of our Lord.

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 16:19-31 You received good things, and Lazarus bad things; Now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish.

Day-by-Day book is available to buy (see display case next to Sacred Heart altar)

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 BYO wine, beer and glasses. Soft drinks and snacks 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.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEK *

Gift Aid: £329 Non-GA: £769

Thank you for Gift-Aid! HMRC added £82.25!

* Loose plate + Dona/Sumup

Works of Mercy: Care for Creation

As we approach the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, let's join in Prayer and Action to Care for our Common Home: <https://catholicnovenaapp.com/novenas/st-francis-of-assisi-novena/> Please continue to Care for Creation - use Public Transport or Car-Share whenever possible. Conserve water and resources, only use or buy what we need and reuse whatever we can. Spend some time in our natural world and Give Thanks for God's Wonderful Work".

HFP: Holy Family Parish; SJ: St Joseph; SEC: St Edmund Campion;
STM: St Thomas More

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!
- **28 Sep** after 11am Mass. **Cake sale** by Vision Group. Come 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 priests at St James Church Forbury Rd, Reading RG1 3FD to celebrate going through the Holy Doors. There will be penitential service & confession, followed by Mass. There will be no 10am Mass in the Parish. All are welcome.
- See the notice board for an update on **Stephanie's** first month in NET America!!

OTHER COURSES / EVENTS

- **Oct-Dec Douai Abbey Days of Reflection.** Please see Vision Group noticeboard for further information. Lifts available on 13 December by Vision Group.
- **16 -19 Oct St. Birinus Festival** A full weekend of sung liturgy in the ancient Roman Rite. Dorchester Abbey, Dorchester-on-Thames' See southwellconsort.com/stbirinusfestival
- **8 Nov 7.30pm Musicals & Opera Night** 36th Annual evening by the Catenians. Claire'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.
- **10 Nov 4N Jubilee Tour** Westport, Knock & Co Mayo £799.00pps. Contact 01268 762 278/ 07740 175557 knockpilgrimages@gmail.com

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, online: via QR code → or cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030 or text 70560 ("CAFOD") to donate £10.



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)

CLASSES/ EVENTS IN SJ CENTRE

- **15 Oct 7-9pm Sewing workshop** with a fashion designer! Book: 07305 186158. See www.unicornfashionstudio.co.uk Limited spaces! Price: £36 (£29 if you mention St Jo)
- **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.
- Pick up your free Message in a Bottle in the hallway near our library. See leaflets for more info! Thank you, Lions Club!
- **Art Exhibition at St Joseph's Parish Centre** Painting and ceramics exhibition by a group of local artists
31 Oct: 7.00 pm - 9.30 pm
1 Nov: 10.30 am - 7.30 pm
2 Nov: 9.00 am - 1.30 pm



Come see the original painting of St Joseph's by Fr Brian, enjoy refreshments and meet the artists! Limited edition Christmas cards will be available (proceeds to Thames Hospice).

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
- **November: Month of Holy Souls** Our priests will visit and bless the graves of loved ones on Sunday **9 Nov** at **Braywick (2pm) and Cookham (3pm).** More information will be available in Oct.