



# HOLY FAMILY PARISH NEWSLETTER



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The central issue in today's narratives of leprosy is that of fear, rejection and ostracisation, and being deemed 'unclean'. Of the ten men Jesus healed directly, only one man - a Samaritan (foreigner) - turned back to acknowledge his healing, praising God for the gift, and presumably future restoration to his former status. The other nine, who were probably of the Jewish faith, did not return to give thanks. These men took their healing for granted and perhaps saw the healing as a form of magic, whereas the Samaritan saw the deeper reality of his healing, namely the power of God at work in Jesus, and a recognition of his salvation through this encounter. Our Catholic faith and practice is not merely 'another religion, nor even a 'how to get to heaven' handbook. Our Faith is unique and uniquely true: it is the coming of God into this world with the divine intent to 'divinise' humankind, to make humanity 'sharers of his divine nature' - 'Theosis' in Greek. It is what the Gospel and the sacraments are all about. It is, ultimately what we mean when we speak of 'Salvation.' As blessing and thanksgiving are central to Christian prayer, let us bless God for everything, always: *Although you have no need of our praise,*

*yet our thanksgiving is itself your gift,  
since our praises add nothing to your greatness  
but profit us for salvation, through Christ our Lord.*



Song for this week: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dTVdiyt0JBQ>

## Oct 2025: Mass Times & Mass Intentions

|     |      |         |                                                              |
|-----|------|---------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sat | 11th | 10:00*  | Anthony Britto, SI<br>Alcide Rodrigues, A                    |
|     |      | 18:30** | Canon James Daly, FM                                         |
| Sun | 12th | 08:00   | James Fahy, RIP<br>Jim & Betty Buckley, SI                   |
|     |      | 09:15   | Nick Singeisen, RIP                                          |
|     |      | 11:00   | Bejay Deo, RIP<br>Elizabeth Granville, RIP                   |
|     |      | 17:00   | Mass of the Parish of Holy Family                            |
| Mon | 13th | 10:00   | No Mass. Mother's Prayers group in Church                    |
|     |      | 18:30   | Rosary                                                       |
|     |      | 19:00   | Feast of Our Lady of Fatima<br>followed by reception in Hall |
| Tue | 14th | 10:00   | Peter Wall, A                                                |
| Wed | 15th | 10:00   | Teresa Marques, SI                                           |
|     |      | 11:00   | Funeral: Kevin McGarry                                       |
| Thu | 16th | 10:00   | Michael & Vera McLoughlin, A<br>Coleman Family, FM           |
| Fri | 17th | 10:00   | Alex & Jessica Outram, FM                                    |
| Sat | 18th | 10:00*  | Alfie Gibbs, SI<br>Corinne Noble, SI                         |



Adoration before Mass: \*9-10am; \*\*5-5.30pm

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

St Joseph's & St Elizabeth's edition  
Issue #14

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
11/12th Oct 2025

1<sup>st</sup>: Kin 5:14-17 Naaman returned to the man of God and confessed his faith in the Lord.

Ps 98 R/ **The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.**

2<sup>nd</sup>: 2 Tim 2:8-13 If we endure, we will also reign with Christ.

Acclamation: **Alleluia! Alleluia! In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Alleluia!**

Gospel: Luk 17:5-10 No-one has come back to praise God, only this foreigner.

✠ RIP: Peter Anthony Micallef ✠

Our condolences to Susan & the family. Peter's funeral service & cremation will take place on Monday 20 October 2025 at 2:30pm at Chilterns Crematorium, Amersham.

### St Vincent de Paul Society M'head

18 Oct 7.30pm 3rd musical Evening at SEC school hall. Proceeds to sustain and expand the support given by SVP to those in need in the community. Tickets £10 pp avail after Sunday Masses or from Siobhan 07816 445 416. BYO wine, beer & glasses. Soft drinks & snacks avail to buy (cash). Contact Peter 07976 625 813 if you would like to take part as a singer, or play an instrument, solo /part of a group! Thank you!

Join SVP! Help us broaden our reach across the local community. We befriend and have regular contact with the lonely, vulnerable, house-bound, sick, etc. Meetings on first Mondays of the month. Contact Siobhan on 07816 445 416.

### COLLECTIONS LAST WEEK \*

Gift Aid: £243.15 ↑ Non-GA: £859.56 ↑  
Thank you for Gift-Aid! HMRC added £60.79!

\* Loose plate + Dona/Sumup

### Works of Mercy: Visit the Imprisoned

Let us pray for, and support, those who are imprisoned in whatever way. Please donate items to put in a Care Package for prisoners when they are released from jail: Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Shower Gel, Soap, new underwear for adults or vouchers for use in local stores. These help to restore the dignity of those who want to return to a life of normality. Our continued support for Missio and CAFOD (2 official charities of the Catholic Church in England and Wales) can bring help and comfort to communities worldwide. World Mission Sunday is next week, 19th Oct, so please be as generous as you can!

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## PARISH NEWS/ EVENTS

- **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. All are welcome. There will be no 10am Mass in the Parish on 25 Oct.

## OTHER COURSES / EVENTS

- **Oct-Dec Douai Abbey Days of Reflection.** Please see Vision Group noticeboard for more info. Lifts available on 13 Dec – contact Vision Group.
- **18 Oct Rejoice: Space for Women** Salesian College, Chertsey KT16 8BX. Contact 07477157598 or [www.tinyurl.com/3m423e5f](http://www.tinyurl.com/3m423e5f)
- **16 -19 Oct St. Birinus Festival** A full weekend of sung liturgy in the ancient Roman Rite. Dorchester Abbey, Dorchester-on-Thames' [southwellconsort.com/stbirinusfestival](http://southwellconsort.com/stbirinusfestival)
- **24-26 Oct Retreat for Men** See posters for info/Contact Newton
- **8 Nov 7.30pm Musicals & Opera Night** 36th Annual evening by the Catenians. Claire's Court School. Tickets £30 pp. Tickets from Jonathan manorcott@outlook.com. All profits to CAFOD.
- **10 Nov 4N Jubilee Tour** Westport, Knock & Co Mayo £799.00pp. 01268762 278 / 07740175557 [knockpilgrimimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimimages@gmail.com)
- **15 Nov 10.30am Thanksgiving Mass** by Bishop Egan. St Joseph in Basingstoke RG22 6TY. [caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)
- Hosanna House Children's Pilgrimage Trust is looking for helpers for some children with additional needs to travel to Lourdes in a group. All helpers will have to attend some training, be DBS checked, and pay their own fares. Easter Monday 2026 to Saturday. More info contact Pat: [group128@hcpt.org.uk](mailto:group128@hcpt.org.uk)
- **28 Nov 10am Supernatural** a day of prophetic preaching. Sign up: <https://coretlumenchristi.churchsuite.com/events/a3vipt9y>

**CAFOD Family Fast Day** Thank you very much for your support for our Fast Day Soup Lunch & generous donations! Your support ensures that Overseas Communities can get clean water and nourishing food for their families. Please continue to pray for the CAFOD partners & volunteers, as they bring Hope to our Brothers and Sisters around the world. Use a CAFOD ; 0303 303 3030; [cafod.org.uk/envelope](http://cafod.org.uk/envelope); 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 centre
- ❖ **3rd Sundays 3.00pm Filipino Mass** in SJ
- ❖ **Thursdays Zoom Room: 2pm Rosary 6pm Journey together through Holy scriptures** [www.tinyurl.com/2hz5axvp](http://www.tinyurl.com/2hz5axvp)
- ❖ **Fridays 8.45-10:45am Baby & Toddler Group** SEC (term time)

## CLASSES/ EVENTS IN SJ CENTRE

See notice board/ website for classes

- **28 Nov 7pm International Dinner.** Tickets @ £25 from Annette. All proceeds to a MHM literacy project in Sindh, Pakistan
- **Tuesdays: Practical Art** Join U3A untutored Art Group. Bring your art materials and join in the fun every 1st & 3rd Tuesdays 2-4pm in SJ Hall. Contact Peter 01628 674097 for more info.
- **Wednesdays: 5-6pm Taiji** in Hall.
- **Thursdays 7pm Yoga** with Una in Hall (no class 16 Oct & 13 Nov)
- **Art Exhibition** by 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 4 Nov** For parents whose child is being baptised in M'head. Complete form (see link above).
- **First Holy Communion 2026** Compulsory meeting **Sun 12 Oct 10am** in Church, followed by Mass.
- ♦ **Confirmation 2026** Induction meeting in SEC Church on **Sat 11 Oct 5pm**.
- ✂ **OCIA 2026** (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) For adults who wishing to explore their faith or considering Baptism and/or Confirmation next Easter. Talk to one of our priests or OCIA catechists. Closing date **24 Nov**
- ♥ **MARRIAGE:** Thinking of getting married? Enquire via our online form! (see link above)  
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/>
- ✂ **Significant marriage anniversaries** We are celebrating the Sacrament of Marriage on **29 Nov 11am** with a **special Mass followed by refreshments**. RSVP now! <https://forms.office.com/e/izp8FMaK6Y>
- ✂ **November: Month of Holy Souls** Our priests will visit and bless the graves of loved ones on Sunday **9 Nov** at **Braywick (2pm) & Cookham (3pm)**.

Registration  
now closed