



HOLY FAMILY PARISH NEWSLETTER



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Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

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This Month of the Holy Souls is a particular time where we recall with an act of memory those who have gone before us from this life and have left their mark, directly or indirectly. It is good that we should have a season of the year for remembrance a time when we feel that that veil between time and eternity is thin, and we can sense that a greater and wider communion of saints to which we belong.

Today we especially 'remember' those who have given their lives through war in service of our country. They have left home and family often to foreign lands in the search of justice, freedom and peace; the effects of which we feel in our society today. The world could have been a very different place for us without their sacrifice, which cannot and should not be forgotten. The memories we recall this Remembrance Sunday should spur us forward in the search for true harmony and peace throughout the world. As we place our candle at the altar for our loved ones in November, we are letting them go off into what death really is – **our finding our way into the arms of God.**

You are invited to present names of family & friends who died in the last 12 months in the envelopes provided to be placed in the Petitions Box provided at the Altar next week. Their names will be read out at our **special Remembrance Mass & candle lighting** for families of the living and the dead next **Saturday 15 Nov 10am**. We also pray for those for who have no-one to pray for them. Our priests will visit and bless the graves of loved ones 9 Nov at **Braywick (2pm)* & Cookham (3pm)**.

* with Rosary led by The Legion of Mary

Nov 2025: Mass Times & Mass Intentions

Sat	8 th	10:00*	Kaya Coker, SI Alfie Gibbs, SI Bronislawa Firer, RIP
		18:30	
Sun	9 th	08:00	Tara Theogarajan, SI
		09:15	Kevin McGarry, RIP
		11:00	Antonio Marques, SI Noah Monday, SI Deceased members of Legion of Mary
		17:00	Mass of the Parish of Holy Family
Mon	10 th	10:00	No Mass. Mother's Prayers group in Church
Tue	11 th	10:00	Martha Manuel, SI Nicholas Maraggan, A War Memorial, FM
Wed	12 th	10:00*	Francis Xavier & Anna Maria Novona, A
Thu	13 th	10:00	Coleman Family, FM
Fri	14 th	10:00	Deryk Manuel, SI Jim & Jane McLoughlin, A
Sat	15 th	10:00*	

Adoration before Mass: *9-10am

Confessions on Saturday after 10am Mass / before 6.30pm Mass

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1st: Eze 47:1-2, 8-10, 12 I saw water flowing from the Temple, and all to whom this water came were saved.

Ps 45 R/ The waters of a river give joy to God's city, the holy place, the abode of the Most High.

2nd: 1 Cor 3:9-17 You are God's temple.

Acclamation: Alleluia! Alleluia! I have chosen and consecrated this house, says the Lord, that my name may be there for ever. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 2:13-22 He was speaking about the temple of his body.

The **Christmas Fayre** is in 2 weeks, on **23 Nov**. Thank you for your bottle(s) contribution! Please bring **items for a Gift Stall** on next week **16 Nov**. For instance, boxed toiletries, soaps, candles and other goodies to give as Christmas presents. Thank you.

THANK YOU & FAREWELL!

Fr. Ephraim would like to thank all the parishioners for the time they spent with him as their pastor. He is leaving the parish at the end of November 2025. All are welcome for his farewell party in St. Joseph's Hall on Sunday the 30th after the 11am Mass.



Works of Mercy: Bury The Dead

As we remember the Fallen of The Great War, 2nd World War and subsequent wars and conflicts, we pray for the repose of their souls and for an end to the current wars and conflicts worldwide. We gather at our local cemeteries for the Blessing of the Graves this Sunday on 9 Nov. We also have an opportunity to show our respect for the victims of War at the Cenotaph, outside the Town Hall, at 1050h on Tues 11 Nov, Armistice Day. When you go Home, tell them of us and say:

For your tomorrow, we gave our today.



📍 **HFP:** Holy Family Parish; **SE:** St Elizabeth's; **SJ:** St Joseph;
SEC: St Edmund Campion; **STM:** St Thomas More

PARISH NEWS/ EVENTS – All are welcome!

- **The Children's liturgy team** looks forward to seeing all the children & families this Sun during the 11am Mass to prepare for Christmas, Christingle and Christmas Eve Nativity Mass.
- **16 Nov after 11am Mass CHILDREN'S LITURGY MEETING** for all Liturgists & helpers in St. Elizabeth's Room to plan the Christmas Liturgy. Bring your diaries and your family & friends! Comments / suggestions / new helpers are very welcome and much needed. Contact Tricia 01628627265 /email triciaweeksmail@gmail.com

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.
- **Autumn courses/ studies:** www.epiphanygroup.org.uk/training-courses/introduction-to-ways-of-praying/
- **22 Nov 10am Online Retreat: Signposts to the Kingdom** Register for Zoom link: <https://bit.ly/ADORE22NOV2025>
- **29 Nov 10am Supernatural** a day of prophetic preaching. See <https://coretlumenchristi.churchsuite.com/events/a3vipt9y>

20 Nov 7.30pm Charity Race Night + Bingo in the Portland Arms (16 West Street SL6 1RL). Join in the Annual Charity to raise funds for: St Mary's Pre-School who is in urgent need of resources; and bicycles, food, etc for Building a Better World (A charity very close to Fr Ephraim's heart)

REGULAR EVENTS IN THE PARISH

- ❖ **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
- ❖ **Fridays 8.45-10:45am Baby & Toddler Group** SEC (term time)

CLASSES/ EVENTS IN SJ CENTRE

See notice board/ website for classes

- **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. All proceeds to SJ!
- **28 Nov 7pm International Dinner.** Tickets @ £25 from Annette. All proceeds to a MHM literacy project in Sindh, Pakistan

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEK *

Gift Aid: **£344** ↑ Non-GA: **£972.49** ↑
Thank you for Gift-Aid! HMRC added **£86!**
Bamenda: **£286**
* Loose plate + Dona/Sumup

The **"Feast of the Lateran Basilica"** is the Feast of the Dedication of St. John Lateran Basilica, celebrated annually on November 9. It commemorates the dedication of the Basilica of St. John Lateran, which is the official cathedral of Rome and the mother church of the world since the year 324. The feast is a reminder of Catholic unity, heritage, and the belief that the Church is a spiritual temple of God built on Christ.

The feast connects the physical building to the spiritual reality of the Church, which is made up of believers, with Jesus as the foundation. It serves to remind Catholics of their connection to the Holy See and the universal Church, encouraging unity among parishes and believers worldwide.



Organ recital by candlelight @ St. Elizabeth's. 13 Dec 7.30pm. Tickets @ £10 includes a glass of mulled wine and seasonal nibbles. On sale after 9.15am Mass this Sunday, Andy andy.strowbridge@gmail.com /07711 147321 or office from next week.

Christmas Prayer Cards If you would like a prayer card for your Christmas intentions, please write (not email) your dedication and put in an envelope addressed **"Christmas Flowers"** and leave it with the office by **14 Dec**. Donations will go to Christmas Flowers.

Grand Christmas Draw @ the Fayre Get a ticket(s) @£1 each or £5 per booklet from members of the Vision Group after Mass or from the Parish Office. Prizes include £300 Cash; A Christmas hamper; vouchers and more! Please support the Draw, in aid of our own Parish charities. Do encourage your friends and neighbours to join in. Thank you for your generosity as always. Good luck!

Christmas Tree Festival @ St Luke's Church 5-6 Dec: 10am-7pm; 7 Dec: 12-6pm Please come along and vote for our tree! Proceeds to Thames Valley.

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

💧 **Baptism Course 2 Dec** For parents whose child is being baptised in M'head. Complete form (see link above).

✙ **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/>



Last day of collection: 23 Nov
Thank you for your support!

St Joseph's & St Elizabeth's

Advent & Christmas 2025



FAYRES

Sunday 23 Nov 12:00-14:00 @ St Joseph's
Sunday 7 Dec 13:00-16:00 @ St Mary's School

MUSIC EVENTS

Saturday 13 Dec 19:30 Organ Recital by Candelight @ St Elizabeth's

Sunday 14 Dec 18:30 Advent Carol Service @ St Joseph's

Mondays 19:30 - 21:30 Choir rehearsals @ St Joseph's



RECONCILIATION SERVICE

St Francis of Assisi Ascot **6 Dec** 10:30 - 11:00
St Thomas More Twyford **10 Dec** 18:30 - 19:00
St Edward's Windsor **13 Dec** 11:00 - 11:30
St Edmund Campion **17 Dec** 18:30 - 19:00
St Joseph **20 Dec** 10:30 - 11:00

MASSES* - ALL ARE WELCOME!

- 14 Dec** 11:00 Christingle
(IMPORTANT- 17:00 Mass is moved to 16:00)
- 17 Dec** 18:00 St Mary's School Carols Evening (Wed)
- 19 Dec** 10:00 St Mary's Pre-School Nativity Mass (Fri)
- 21 Dec** 15:00 Filipino Christmas Mass Simbang Gabi
- 24 Dec** 17:30 Children's Christmas Eve Mass
20:00 Christmas Eve Mass
23:30 Carols followed by Midnight Mass
- 25 Dec** 08:00 Mass in St Joseph's
09:15 Mass in Elizabeth's
11:00 Mass in St Joseph's



* All Masses are in St Joseph's unless otherwise noted. Usual Masses will carry on as per normal, and are not reflected in this timetable. Please see newsletter for latest times