



HOLY FAMILY PARISH

NEWSLETTER



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Next Sunday we begin the Season of Advent; our time of preparation for Christmas, and a new Church year. Therefore, this Sunday marks the end of our current liturgical year. Before we begin the Season of Advent, we are asked to reflect upon Christ our King.

When Jesus was asked by Pilate if he was a king, Jesus said that he was a king. So, what sort of king was Jesus? He was born in a small, poor and unimportant village. His parents were not famous, powerful or wealthy. He didn't live in a castle surrounded by maids or servants. He did spend his time with the poor, the sick, the broken and all those who were in need of love, healing and compassion. He didn't own anything. He didn't have any riches or wealth that the world thought much of; but he did share his greatness possession with us; God's love.

Where are we to look for and find Jesus our king today? Jesus is to be found in the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the homeless, the poor, the rejected and those in prison. We are to turn our attention to each other if we are to find Jesus. The gospel and great feast ask us to draw on the presence of Christ who dwells within each of us so we can reach out to Christ in others, especially those who are poor and those who are in any kind of need. Jesus is a King, and we are his brothers and sisters. Therefore, we belong to a royal household. May we treat each other with the dignity and respect they deserve; as princes and princesses of a royal family. As one of the early popes said, **'Christian, be aware of your dignity and nobility, it is God's own life that you share'.**

Nov 2025: Mass Times & Mass Intentions			
Sat	22 nd	18:30	Coleman Family, FM
Sun	23 rd	08:00	Jim & Betty Buckley, A
		09:15	
		11:00	Jerry Curran, A Rosemary Gaspe, A
		12:30	Baptism: Alessia (St Elizabeth's)
		17:00	Mass of the Parish of Holy Family
Mon	24 th	10:00	No Mass. Mothers Prayers in Church
Tue	25 th	10:00	Keving McGarry, RIP
Wed	26 th	10:00*	Joes Gomes, A Vera Weekly, A
Thu	27 th	10:00	Caroline & Sue, SI Maurice, SI
Fri	28 th	10:00	Vincent Ray, A
Sat	29 th	10:00*	Refugees & Homeless People, SI
		18:30	Mary Bourke, A
Sun	30 th	08:00	Maria Alda Costa, SI
		09:15	Mass of the Parish of Holy Family
		11:00	Fr Ephraim, SI Katrina Howells, SI
		17:00	Moises Gaspe, RIP

Adoration before Mass: *9-10am Confessions on Saturday after 10am Mass / before 6.30pm Mass

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

St Joseph's & St Elizabeth's edition

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Our Lord Jesus Christ,

King of the Universe

22nd /23rd Nov 2025

Last Sunday of the Liturgical Year

1st: **2 Sam 5:1-3** They anointed David king over Israel.

Ps 121 R/ Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord

2nd: **Col 1:12-20** He has transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son.

Acclamation: **Alleluia! Alleluia! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!**

Gospel: **Luk 23:35** Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

The **Christmas Fayre** 

is **this SUNDAY!** Thank you for your bottle(s) & gifts contribution! If you've found more bottles or gifting items at home, please bring drop off in Hall on Sunday morning 8-10.30am. And get your Grand Christmas Draw tickets @£1 each or £5 per booklet! Prizes include £300 Cash; A Christmas hamper; vouchers and more!

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 NEXT SUNDAY. All are welcome for his farewell party in St. Joseph's Hall after the 11am Mass on Sunday 30 Nov. See next page for details.

Works of Mercy: Bury the Dead

Throughout November, we have mourned for all those who have died, or who have lost their lives in conflicts, accidents, civil unrest, natural disasters, violence or at the hands of others. Let us continue to pray that they Rest in Peace and that their families are comforted. We should pray, also, for all those in our community who offer support to the bereaved and to those who struggle to cope with the loss of a loved-one. On this Feast of Christ the King, let us pray for the Souls in Purgatory, that they may rest in peace and rise in glory!

 **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!

- **22 Nov 9.30am Marriage** In-person Preparing Together Day in SJ.
- **30 Nov 12pm Farewell party for Fr Ephraim.** Would you like to bring something special for that day? Complete this form <https://forms.office.com/e/QibxXANFnS> or let the office know!
- **Children's Liturgy Advent Theme:** 'Jesus's family tree' (aka Jesse tree). At every Advent Sunday, we will read a Bible story about someone on Jesus's family tree and hang an ornament symbolising the story on our Jesse Tree. We invite you to take part with your family: decorate a leaf & take a copy of our colour-in Advent Calendar for use at home! These will be available from 30 Nov, the 1st Sunday of Advent.
- **30 Nov 12pm- 3pm St Edmund Campion Christmas Fayre** in SEC

OTHER COURSES / EVENTS

- **Douai Abbey Days of Reflection.** Please see Vision Group notice board for more info. Lifts available on 13 Dec – contact Vision Gp.
- **29 Nov 10am Supernatural** a day of prophetic preaching. See <https://corelumenchristi.churchsuite.com/events/a3vipt9y>
- **29 Nov 9.30am A Day with Mary** See www.adaywithmary.org
- Watch "Leo from Chicago" explores the early life of Pope Leo XIV, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nYzssRwE7Gg>

COMMUNITY NEWS

- Carousel Buses has new Service 37, your link from High Wycombe to Windsor via Maidenhead today! 



SVP SMARTIES APPEAL Many thanks to all who contributed! An amazing £1115.59 was raised! This money will go towards baby-feeding centres which feed hundreds of children a week, free life-saving medical treatment at SVP medical centres, and offering vocational training for young people to help them learn a trade. Thank you!

THANK YOU from SVP Maidenhead for supporting the recent SVP Musical Evening on 18th October. We raised £1,172. This is the result of your kindness and generosity in supporting this event - the funding raised will be incredibly helpful in further expanding the level and range of support SVP can provide to local people in need.

[Exodus – A voice for refugees and asylum seekers](http://exoduszine.co.uk): an online Refugees and Asylum Seekers magazine. See exoduszine.co.uk or exodusfanzine on Facebook. The current issue (7) has an interview with Jane Corey, CEO of Norden Farm, on her work to help migrants and asylum seekers.

13 Dec 7.30pm Organ recital by candlelight @ St. Elizabeth's Tickets @ £10 includes a glass of mulled wine and seasonal nibbles. On sale from office or contact Andy andy.strowbridge@gmail.com /07711 147321



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.



17 Dec 6pm Junior Carol Service by St Mary's in Church. St Mary's School junior children will be singing carols at St Joseph's Church. Please come along and sing some songs with the children, and support our lovely school. Buy a ticket to support the school!

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/stmarys-maidenheadorguk/t-aaqxrja>

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. www.stlukeschristmastreettrail.co.uk

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

► **MARRIAGE:** Thinking of getting married? Enquire via our online form!

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REGULAR EVENTS IN THE PARISH

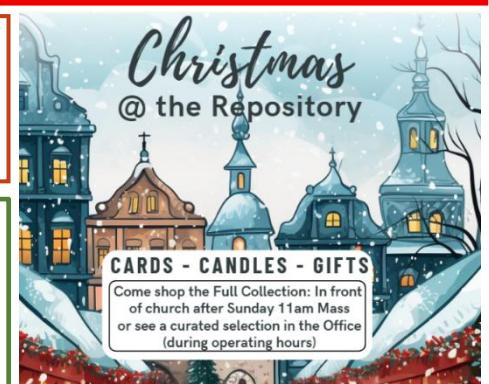
- ❖ **2nd Sundays 2.30-5pm Loss & Bereavement Group** SEC centre
- ❖ **3rd Sundays 3.00pm Filipino Mass** in SJ
- ❖ **Thursdays Zoom Room: 2pm Rosary 6pm Journey together through Holy scriptures** www.tinyurl.com/2hz5axvp
- ❖ **Fridays 8.45-10:45am Baby & Toddler Group** SEC (term time)

CLASSES/ EVENTS IN SJ CENTRE

See notice board/ website for classes (some are privately run)

- **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.** This is a fundraising event to raise funds for a literacy project in Pakistan in one of our Mill hill missions. During the evening, Friends of Mill Hill will say farewell to Father Ephraim.

Christmas
@ the Repository



CARDS - CANDLES - GIFTS

Come shop the Full Collection: In front of church after Sunday 11am Mass or see a curated selection in the Office (during operating hours)