



HOLY FAMILY PARISH

NEWSLETTER



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Today, Jesus' baptism by John, was a special moment – the real coming of God's spirit upon him. It was the same Spirit who had come upon Mary at the moment of Jesus' conception, and would come to Jesus at his last moment on the Cross. The spirit brings him new energy. The feast marks that something new is happening, and that Jesus is the beloved and son, for all eternity. The Spirit came upon him – but not just for himself. He would send the Spirit later to us – of forgiveness and of perseverance in doing good.

Today is about energy. Jesus found a new spirit in himself after his prayer, and he heard words he would never forget. Maybe you have heard words of love from someone you will never forget. They give energy to the heart and soul, making us people always on the go, ready for new life within us.

The Spirit pours the energy of God into bread and wine and they are changed forever. He sends himself forever. It is sending the love and presence and energy of God. We know that we can get stuck. We need new infusions of the Spirit to give new energy.

We are beloved sons and daughters of a God who loves us and cares for us. Can we be the type of people who others think it's good to meet and encounter? Can we be open to the spirit of God, open to new life, new love, being really fully the person I can be?

May the waters of baptism, O Lord, bring us the new life of your love.



As we move into 2026, Fr Liam and the Clergy team want to thank you all for your kindness and care over the past year. We thank you for your support and encouragement. We belong to an amazing community, and we continue to stand strong and proud as people of hope, love, joy and peace. This Christmas just gone, we celebrated the Masses in our churches across Holy Family parish, Maidenhead & Twyford. The liturgy was beautiful and so many of you got involved in setting the scene within and outside the church. We must say, we are deeply touched by your abundant generosity of donations, well wishes and gifts over the Christmas period. For your spirit of solidarity and being such fantastic witness of living a life of faith, we say thank you. We pray this prayer for you:

New Year's Prayer

As the dawn breaks on a new year, let us give thanks for all we hold dear: our health, our family, our friends and our parish of 'Holy Family', Maidenhead & Twyford.

Let us release our grudges, our anger and our pains, for these are nothing but binding chains.

Let us live each day in the most loving ways, the God-conscious way.

Let us serve all who are in need, regardless of race, colour or creed.

Let us keep God of our own understanding in our hearts and to chant God's name each day.

Let us lead the world from darkness to light, from falsehood to truth and from wrong to right.

Let us remember that we are all one, embracing all, discriminating against none.

May your year be filled with peace, prosperity and love.

May God's blessings shower upon you and bestow upon each of you a bright, healthy and peaceful new year.

God bless you all!

St Joseph's & St Elizabeth's edition
Baptism of our Lord Jesus
Christ

Year A 10th /11th Jan 2026

1st: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 Behold my servant, in whom my soul delights.

Ps 24 R/ The Lord will bless his people with peace.

2nd: Acts 10:34-38 God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit.

Acclamation: Alleluia! Alleluia! The heavens were opened and the voice of the Father thundered: 'This is my beloved son listen to him.' Alleluia!

Gospel Matt 3:13-17 When Jesus was baptised he saw the Spirit of God coming to rest on him.



Missio: Please return full boxes to Office/ Lorraine / or leave in Sacristy. Please ensure you put your name + contact on the bottom of the box

Corporal Works of Mercy We Are Pilgrims of HOPE

The Great Jubilee Year was brought to an end with the formal closing of the Holy Doors in Rome and around the world. During the year, we gladly brought HOPE to many of our Brothers and Sisters here in Maidenhead and Communities around the world. By living out our Corporal Works of Mercy we helped to: Feed the Hungry, Give Drink to the Thirsty, Give Alms to the Poor, Shelter the Homeless, Visit the Sick, Clothe the Naked and Bury the Dead. In the Gospel of St Matthew, we read that 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.' (Matthew 25:40). As we celebrate the Baptism of Christ this weekend, we can bring our gifts to this Baptismal Celebration by resolving to continue to be Pilgrims of Hope throughout the coming years so that we can be the HOPE for our Brothers and Sisters.

Thank you very much for your unending support and may God Bless your Charitable Actions in 2026.

Jan 2026: Mass Times & Mass Intentions			
Sat	10 th	10:00*	Doreen Nally, SI
		18:30	Fr Tom McGrath, SI
Sun	11 th	08:00	
		09:15	
		11:00	Gabrielle Tigue, RIP
		17:00	Ana Virovac, RIP
Mon	12 th	10:00	No Mass. Mother's Prayers in Church.
		11:00	Funeral: Francisca Griffith
Tue	13 th	10:00	Deceased members of O'Rourke Family
Wed	14 th	10:00*	Coleman Family, FM
Thu	15 th	10:00	Frazier Pinho, SI Mary Fernandes, SI
			Mary Sharon Fernandes, SI
Fri	16 th	10:00	
Sat	17 th	10:00*	Thanksgiving: Moraes & D'Souza families
		18:30	
Sun	18 th	08:00	Adelina Da Silva Moreira, A
		09:15	
		11:00	Christine Laurence, RIP
		15:00	Filipino Mass
		17:00	Mass of the Parish of Holy Family

Adoration before Mass: *9-10am

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

OUTSIDE OUR PARISH EVENTS / PILGRIMMAGES

- **17 Jan More Holy Spirit** (Cor et Lumen) Chertsey Hall, KT16 9DR. Sign up: <https://forms.office.com/e/BgavzDNUw4>
- **24 Jan 10-1pm ADoRE mini-retreat on Zoom: GOD IS LOVE** Info/ Register: bit.ly/ADOREJAN2026 www.altonrenewal.com
- **8 Mar 5N Escorted Tour: Westport, Knock & Co Mayo** 01268762278/ 07740175557/ knockpilgrimages@gmail.com
- **1 Jun 5N Pilgrimage to Assisi** www.jcjjourneys.com/assisi-june-2026

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

❖ **Baptism Course 3 Feb** For expecting parents and parents whose child(ren) is being baptised in M'head

❖ **Marriage:** Thinking of getting married? Enquire via our online form!

❖ **Volunteers needed!** Marriage Care needs volunteers to help present their Marriage Preparation courses locally (1-2 Saturdays/ year). Full training & support. Contact Sue Cooper 07939495774 / sue.cooper@marriagecare.org

❖ **Retrouvaille** brings hope & healing to relationships. **12 Feb.** www.retrouvaille.org.uk Tel: 07887 296983

Confirmation & First Holy Communion Classes:

❖ **FHC Stage 2:** Children who are eligible to start Stage Two - first class in **SJ: 9.30am 11 Jan** / SEC: 4.30pm 10 Jan. Classes will be followed by Mass and official enrolment for the programme. We continue to pray for them.

❖ **Confirmation Stage 2** Eligible Candidates begins this stage **Sat 24 Jan 4.30pm at SEC** school. Please bring along your Mass attendance cards. Please note the requirements to enter this Stage. We continue to pray for them.

❖ **OCIA:** We continue to pray for our candidates whilst they prepare to be fully initiated at the Easter Vigil, April 4th, 2026. Classes are beginning.

IN CHURCH

CHRISTMAS EVE NATIVITY MASS - thank you to the children who took part, to Helen Meanwell for her organisation, to the choir and organist for the magical music, to Liz Wilson for getting the costumes ready and to the readers, parents and helpers - you were all wonderful!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY – we hope that all families had a great Christmas and will join us for the new term this Sun 11 Jan 11am Mass. All children from about 3 upwards are invited to come and enjoy exploring the Gospel of the day every Sunday in term time – parents and new helpers are welcome!

HAPPENING IN THE PARISH

30 Jan NOSTALGIA NIGHT The West End is coming to St Edmund Campion! All proceeds to SEC Church refurbishment. Tickets @ £20 from SEC office or see posters for online booking.

Support: Jane and Peter Kelly from STM are raising money for SVP by taking on the challenge of walking the Camino (110 km pilgrimage route across Spain over several days) in April. Please support this wonderful endeavour!



REGULAR EVENTS

- ❖ **3rd Sundays 3.00pm Filipino Mass**
- ❖ **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 (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

➤ **Wednesdays: 5-6pm Taichi** in Hall.

➤ **Thursdays 7pm Yoga** with Una in Hall. All proceeds to SJ!

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