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St Joseph's & St Elizabeth's edition

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6th Sunday Ordinary Time

Year A

14/15th Feb 2026

For better or worse our lives and world have been built around the choices we made. Within every set of circumstances, good, bad, or neutral, there is always a choice to be made. As our first reading tells us: **Before each person are life and death, and whichever one chooses will be given.**

He set us free to make choices that support, sustain, grow, and nurture life for ourselves and one another. When Jesus says in today's gospel, **"You have heard how it was said.... But I say this to you...."** he is asking us to look within ourselves, to look at the circumstances within us. He is moving our vision inward. This inward looking is not an escape from or avoidance of the world around us. It's the recognition that the choices we make, the words we speak, and the actions we take in the world around us first begin and arise from the world within us. Jesus wants transformation of our hearts more than mere compliance with the law. It is the transformed heart that begins to change our life and relationships. Choosing life begins with looking inside. So, what do you see when you look within? We know when we've chosen life and we know when we've chosen death.

Every time we make a judgment of someone else, we chosen death.

- When we betray ourselves, we've chosen death.
- When we promote or are indifferent to injustice we have chosen death.
- When we isolate and live in fear we've chosen death.
- We also know what it's like to choose life.

When we come to the altar and hold out our hands to receive the Body of Christ or for a blessing, we are choosing life.

- Every time we offer forgiveness and work on our relationships.
- When we care for the poor, strive for justice, and respect the dignity of every human being.
- When beauty is our world view.
- When we are generous with our time, compassion, money, and resources. When we choose to love we are choosing life.

Remember: we will be given what we choose, good or bad. Keep choosing life, so that wherever we go, whoever we are with, and in whatever we do, there is nothing but life, only life, and there is nothing but God only God.

***Before each person are life and death, and whichever one chooses will be given"*(Sirach 15:17)**

(Re-)Join the Parish! Sign up:
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ADULTS



CHILDREN

1st: Sir 15:15-20 He has not commanded anyone to be ungodly

Ps 119 R/ Blessed are those who walk in the law of the Lord!

2nd: 1 Cor 2:6-10 A wisdom God decreed before the ages for our glory

Acclamation: Alleluia! I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, you have revealed the secrets of the Kingdom to little children. Alleluia!

Gospel Mat 5:17-37 It was said those of old; But I say to you. (*sic*)

7th Sunday (21/22 Feb)

1st: Lev 19:1-2, 17-18 You shall love your neighbour as yourself.

Ps 103 R/ The Lord is compassionate and gracious!

2nd: 1 Cor 3:16-23 All are yours, and you are Christ's, and Christ is God's.

Acclamation: Alleluia! Whoever keeps the word of Christ, in him truly the love of God is perfected. Alleluia!

Gospel Mat 5:38-48 Love your enemies.

8th Sunday (28 Feb/1 Mar)

1st: Isa 49:14-15 I will not forget you.

Ps 62 R/ In God alone be at rest, my soul.

2nd: 1 Cor 4:1-5 The Lord will disclose the purposes of the heart.

Acclamation: Alleluia! The word of God is living and active, discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. Alleluia!

Gospel Mat 6:24-34 Do not be anxious about tomorrow.



Please note that the office will be closed from **16th Feb** for at least 3 weeks as the Carolyn will be having a hip replacement.

Contact Fr Vuni/ Fr Elvis for sacramental/ liturgical & Ruth in SEC for urgent admin only

GIVE DRINK TO THE THIRSTY

This week, we embark on The Season of Lent and prepare for the Sacred Triduum and the Glorious Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus. The Season inspires us to Pray, Fast and Give Alms: We pray for those who are thirsty and to show our care and commitment to our neighbours in the name of our Catholic Community, please donate bottles, cans or cartons of water, fruit juice or fizz for distribution by Salvation Army, Sue Brett, Street Angels or FoodShare volunteers. Thank you for your generosity

Feb 2026			
Sat	14 th	18:30	Rodrigues Family, SI Pauline Gillett, RIP
Sun	15 th	08:00	Precious Joy Bermas, SI Thomas McCarthy, A Maria B Fernandes, A
		09:15	Basia Korzeniowska, A
		11:00	Amelia Thomas, SI
		17:00	Mass of the Parish of Holy Family
Tue	17 th	10:00	Norma Machray, SI Filemena & Martinoho Cardozo, A
Wed	18 th	10:00	Ash Wednesday Stephen Hayes, SI
Thu	19 th	10:00	Coleman Family, FM
Fri	20 th	10:00	Sean O'Neill, A
Sat	21 st	10:00*	Charlotte Ray, SI
		18:30	Tony Menezes, SI Josephine Saldanha, A
Sun	22 nd	08:00	Beldom Family, SI Gladwin Fernandes, SI
		09:15	Mass of the Parish of Holy Family
		11:00	Norma Machray, SI
		17:00	Suvini Fernando, RIP Turin Fernando, A
Tue	24 th	10:00	Alex & Jessica Outram, FM
Wed	25 th	10:00	Thanksgiving by Miranda Marques
Thu	26 th	10:00	Coleman Family, FM
Fri	27 th	10:00	Dorothy Cooper, FM
Sat	28 th	10:00*	Persecuted Christians Worldwide, SI
		18:30	Murial Veronica Roberts, FM

* Adoration 9-10am ** 7pm in SEC
A: Death Anniv; FM: Foundation Mass; RIP: Rest in Peace,
SI: Special Intention

FOR SALE @theBooksRepository
(next to Sacred Heart altar)
Magnificat £5 - follow the daily liturgical readings!
Day-by-day Lent £1
Mothering Sunday cards £1
Pay at contactless machines or in candle money box

Happy Mothering Sunday

May the Lord bless you for every sacrifice, every prayer,
and every act of love you have given.

May your days be filled with grace, your home with
peace, and your heart with the joy of Christ.

Mar 2026			
Sun	1 st	08:00	George Dunn, FM
		09:15	
		11:00	
		17:00	Mass of the Parish of Holy Family
Mon	2 nd	10:30	Funeral: Mary Greene
Tue	3 rd	10:00	Rev John Lord Lewington, FM
Wed	4 th	10:00	Coleman family, FM
Thu	5 th	10:00	Kurt Karl Goodinho, SI
Fri	6 th	10:00	Mass of the Sick & Housebound**
Sat	7 th	10:00*	Rodrigues Family, SI
		18:30	Aquino Fernandes, A
Sun	8 th	08:00	
		09:15	Mass of the Parish of Holy Family
		11:00	
		17:00	Anna & Wladyslaw Zurawski, A
Tue	10 th	10:00	Deceased members of Maxwell Family
Wed	11 th	10:00	
Thu	12 th	10:00	Coleman Family, FM
Fri	13 th	10:00	
Sat	14 th	10:00*	Charles & Pauline Van de Verve & Family, FM
		18:30	
Sun	15 th	08:00	Mothering Sunday Mass of the Parish of Holy Family
		09:15	
		11:00	
		17:00	
Tue	17 th	10:00	Cyril Maguire, SI
Wed	18 th	10:00	Alice Swales, A
Thu	19 th	10:00	Feast of St Joseph
Fri	20 th	10:00	Coleman Family, FM
Sat	21 st	10:00*	Herbert & Silvia Bianco, FM
		18:30	Neil Coomey, A
Sun	22 nd	08:00	Michael & Margaret Philip, A
		09:15	
		11:00	Pat MacCarry, SI
		17:00	Mass of the Parish of Holy Family
Tue	24 th	10:00	Anne & Pat O'Connor, SI
Wed	25 th	10:00	
Thu	26 th	10:00	Feast of St Joseph
Fri	27 th	10:00	Duncan Falconer, A

Have you used our newly upgraded Dona tablets?

Please do put in your GA info again, and the system will remember it – we do not keep your GA info!



GA Envelopes are available for Collection from the table next to the library



St Mary's Catholic Pre-School Sept 2026 intake.

Pop into the school for an application form or contact 01628 627013 for an appointment!

St. Mary's School warmly welcomes applicants for **Catholic Foundation Governors** from the Holy Family community - to promote our catholic ethos and obligations, challenge and question data and provide strategic leadership.

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!

OUTSIDE OUR PARISH EVENTS / PILGRIMMAGES

- **28 Feb 10-1pm Jesus No Greater Love** ADoRE spiritual mini-retreat on Zoom: Mass, Adoration, Praise, Prophecy, Prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and talk. Register in advance at bit.ly/ADOREFEB2026 More info: www.altonrenewal.com
- **6 Mar 2pm World Day of Prayer** hosted by United Reformed Church (West Street) followed by refreshments. The women of NIGERIA produced this year's service. Please, tell any of your Nigerian friends in the area so that they can be sure to attend.
- **8 Mar 5N Escorted Tour: Westport, Knock & Co Mayo** £899 01268762278/ 07740175557/ knockpilgrimages@gmail.com
- **1 Jun 5N Assisi Pilgrimage** jcyjournays.com/assisi-june-2026

DIOCESE

Formation Days at Pastoral Centre, Winchester **9-1.30pm**. RSVP to liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

- **9 May Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**
- **17 Oct Day for Readers**

2nd Collections

28 Feb/ 1 Mar: CAFOD
14/15 Mar: Clergy Assistance Fund
Good Friday: Holy Places

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

🔥 **Baptism Course 3 Mar 7pm** For expecting parents and parents whose child(ren) is being baptised in M'head

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

Marriage Encounter: Embrace your life together in Love Couples - get away together for a weekend. Discover how to grow deeper in love for a happier marriage! All couples welcome (married / long term relationships, faith /no faith).

27 Feb to 1 Mar Swindon - Holiday Inn Express West. Visit our website: wwme.org.uk

Confirmation & First Holy Communion Classes:

○ **FHC Stage 2:** Next class **SJ: 9.30am 1 Mar**. Please refrain from bringing devices to class/church.

🔥 **Confirmation** Next class **STM 28 Feb & SJ 7 Mar 4.30pm**. Please bring along your Mass attendance cards.

🕊 **OCIA:** We continue to pray for our candidates as they prepare to be fully initiated on 4 April (Easter Vigil)



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

HAPPENING IN THE PARISH

- ❖ **21 Feb 7.30pm Quiz Night** in SJ Centre (doors open from 7pm). Form a team or join one! Tickets @£10. Bring your own drinks. Tickets on sale from Vision Group members.
- ❖ **Children's liturgy team** wishes all families a restful half term break. We welcome the children back on **1 Mar** at the 11am Mass.

UPDATES

- ❖ **19th Maidenhead (HFP) Scout Group** To support fun and exciting activities for our Squirrels (4-5 years), we need adult volunteers in our leadership team. Please contact group@19thmaidenheadscouts.org.uk
- ❖ **Read:** Stephanie's journey with NET ministry <https://www.flipsnack.com/netministries/mpd-newsletter-team-4>

REGULAR EVENTS

- ❖ **Saturdays Confessions** after 10am Mass / before 6.30pm Mass
- ❖ **3rd Sundays 3pm Filipino Mass** SJ Church
- ❖ **Mondays 10am Mother's Prayers** SJ Church
- ❖ **1st & 3rd Tuesdays 2.30 – 4.30pm Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM)** SJ St Liz Room
- ❖ **Thursdays Zoom Room: 2pm Rosary 6pm Journey together through Holy scriptures** www.tinyurl.com/2hz5axvp
- ❖ **Fridays 8.45-10:45am Baby & Toddler Group** SEC Centre (term time)
6pm Legion of Mary SJ Church. Contact Tereza for more info 07878 117907

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St Joseph's & St Elizabeth's Lenten Project 2026



ILUNG COMMUNITY SECONDARY SCHOOL

Due to the ongoing conflict between the government and separatist movements, the education sector has been one of the most affected. The current economic situation makes it extremely difficult for communities and churches to adequately run schools, especially at the secondary level. The community established this school out of desperation and later appealed to the Mill Hill Missionaries (we serve where the need is greatest) to take it over. The school lacks basic infrastructure: classrooms are made of wood, there is no electricity, no water supply, no administrative office, very few teachers, and no computers—the list of challenges is long. Additionally, many students are unable to remain in school because their families cannot afford school fees.

As a result of these hardships, many young people are at risk of turning to drugs, prostitution, and crime. This is why we are doing everything possible to keep them in school, for an idle mind is the devil's workshop. Ilung is a village in the Fundong Subdivision of Boyo Division, in the North-West Region of Cameroon, with a population of over 3,000 inhabitants. Neighbouring villages depend on Ilung for access to secondary education. Keeping a child in school does not only change one life—it transforms an entire family and community. We are at a critical moment where even the smallest donation makes a difference. A pen, a pencil, an exercise book, a computer, a solar panel, or assistance with school fees can help us keep these innocent children in school and give them hope for a better future.

Rev. Fr. Innocent Wefon Akum, MHM Regional Superior

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

St Mary's will use the money on our eco garden project and our Mary's grotto that needs rejuvenating. We are inspired by Pier Giorgio Frassati - to encourage children to pray within our grounds, enjoying the natural beauty around us and physical activity.

Donate today!



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MAIDENHEAD SL6 7EG

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EXCEPT FOR SUNDAY AT 11AM

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March 19 at 10AM

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Novena Director
St Joseph's Missionary Society
6 Colby Gardens Maidenhead
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or email us at:
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LENT

- ❖ **18 Feb Ash Wednesday SJ:** 10am & 7pm
SEC: 9.30am & 7pm **TWY:** 12pm & 6.30pm
- ❖ **Stations of the Cross every Friday** until 27 March: **SJ** - after 10am Mass; **SE** - 12pm followed by Soup lunch at 12.30
- ❖ **Reconciliation:**
 - 🌙 6:30pm Wed 18 Mar STM
 - 🌙 6:30pm Fri 20 Mar Ascot
 - ☀️ **10:30am Sat 21 Mar SJ**
 - 🌙 10:30am Tue 24 Mar 6:30pm St EC
 - ☀️ 11am Sat 28 Mar St Edward's Windsor
- ❖ **21 Feb 2-6pm Annual Lenten Retreat in English & Konkani.**
- ❖ **27 Feb Lent Family Fast Day** This Lent, live out the Gospel call to love your neighbour. By fasting and giving what you save, you join in Christ's compassion and help another family put food on the table. Your donation can help families around the world grow food in difficult conditions. Collect a CAFOD envelope or donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030. Text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10 or join
- ❖ **CAFOD's Big Lent Walk:** join as an individual, a family or a group - walk 200km in 40 days and raise funds! <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/>

Flowers: please do not bring flowers during Lent