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5th Sunday of Lent

Year A

21st /22nd March 2026

This Sunday Lent reaches a turning point. It is now just 2 weeks to Easter Sunday. This year, cycle A, we are following in our Sunday readings the path of the catechumens as they enter their final preparations for their Christian initiation on Easter night. But first they will be following Jesus through Holy Week and his Passion.

With the emphasis of the readings on the Resurrection, we follow in the liturgy the events from the procession on Palm Sunday through to the tomb on Good Friday afternoon, which we will be doing so as an act of memory. We know that the outcome will be our joyful proclamation on Easter night that Jesus has risen from the tomb. It is good therefore to reflect upon and anticipate that outcome from today - we need the message of hope and new life.

As our catechumens are baptised, we too will be renewing our own baptismal commitment, having ourselves followed the same journey through death to resurrection. Our celebration this Sunday needs to celebrate the hope that will bring us through the next two weeks. We will follow Jesus to the tomb and rise from it with him. We will do so having already proclaimed with Martha that Jesus is the resurrection and the life.

Remember: our God is an AFFECTIONATE GOD who has destroyed our death and restored us to life. On this last Sunday of Lent and before the commencement of Holy Week, let us ask Him for the grace to selflessly and affectionately love all of humanity and creation, and to have that conviction that death is but our passage into immortality.

1st: Ezek 37:12-14 I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live.
Psalms 129 R/ With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.
2nd: Rom 8:8-11 The Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you.
Acclamation I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord, whoever believes in me will never die.
Gospel John 11:1-45 I am the resurrection and the life.



Please note that the office will continue to be partially manned. For any queries, please email the office or contact Fr. Vuni/Fr. Elvis.



With the season of Lent well underway, St Mary's children will be partaking in a whole school **Stations of the Cross** on **Wed 25 Mar 1:50pm** on the school play-ground (weather permitting). In addition to the focus of prayer and reflection, this year each station will be linked to CAFOD stories about families and communities who are also suffering like Jesus did. We would like the children to observe the Station of the Cross but also see and hear the hardships that people across the world sometimes have to endure. Each station will have a collection pot for donations to Ilung Community Secondary School, a charity that St Joseph's Church is fundraising for this year. If the weather is good, parishioners are also warmly invited to join our outside Stations of the Cross from 2pm-3pm.



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. Please contact **Clerk@Stmarys-maidenhead.org.uk** for further information and application pack.

March 2026

Sat	21 ^s	18:30	Neil Coomey, A	
Sun	22 nd	08:00	Michael & Margaret Philip, A	Margaret & Adrian Beckett, SI
		09:15	Edwin Ainscough, RIP	
		11:00	Pat MacCarry, SI	Anna Rondina, SI
		17:00	Mass of the Parish of Holy Family	
Mon	23 rd	11:30	Funeral: Jean Jacques	
Tue	24 th	10:00	Anne & Pat O'Connor, SI	
Wed	25 th	10:00	John Barton, A	
Thu	26 th	10:00	St. Mary's School Easter Celebration Mass	
Fri	27 th	10:00	Duncan Falconer, A	
Sat	28 th	10:00*	Edgar Fernandes, SI	
		18:30		
Palm Sun	29 th	08:00		
		09:15	Coleman Family	
		11:00	Anne Freeney, RIP Andrew Neve, RIP	
		17:00	Mass of the Parish of Holy Family	
Mon	30 th	11:30	Funeral: Mrs Giuseppina Savoca	

Adoration*9-10am | **Confessions** Sat after 10am Mass / before 6.30pm Mass
A: Death Anniv; FM: Foundation Mass; RIP: Rest in Peace, SI: Special Intention

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

(IN ADDITION TO USUAL MASS TIMES)

29
MAR **PALM SUNDAY**

31
MAR **RELAXED LENTEN SERVICE**
6.30PM @ ST THOMAS MORE

2
APR **MAUNDY THURSDAY (NO A.M. MASS)**
8PM WASHING OF THE FEET AND THE LORD'S SUPPER

3
APR **GOOD FRIDAY (NO MASSES)**
WALK OF WITNESS
• 11AM MAIDENHEAD (FROM SAINSBURY'S PIAZZA)
• 11.30AM COOKHAM (FROM ST JOHN THE BAPTIST)
3PM SOLEMN LITURGY FOR GOOD FRIDAY

4
APR **HOLY SATURDAY (NO MASSES)**
10AM ŚWIĘCONKA: BLESSING OF EASTER BASKETS
(ST JOSEPH'S)
8PM EASTER VIGIL

5
APR **EASTER SUNDAY**
USUAL MASS TIMES

WHERE, O DEATH, IS YOUR VICTORY? WHERE, O DEATH, IS YOUR STING?
THE STING OF DEATH IS SIN, AND THE POWER OF SIN IS THE LAW.
BUT THANKS BE TO GOD,
WHO GIVES US THE VICTORY THROUGH OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.
1 CORINTHIANS 15:55-57

EVENTS IN THE DIOCESE

- 31 Mar 11am Chrism Mass St John's Cathedral
- 9 May 9am Formation morning for extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion. St Peter's Pastoral Centre, Winchester. Register via liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

CLASSES/ EVENTS IN SJ CENTRE

See website for privately run events

- **Tuesdays: Practical Art** Join U3A untutored Art Group. Every 1st & 3rd Tues 2-4pm in SJ Hall. Contact Peter 01628 674097
- **Wednesdays: 5-6pm Taichi** in Hall.
- **Thursdays 6pm** Yoga with Una in Hall. All proceeds to SJ!

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

- 🔥 **Baptism Course 7 Apr 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 SUPPORT:** If you are just in a rut or for more serious issues – Retrouvaille could be the solution. www.retrouvaille.org.uk +44 797 338 0443

Confirmation & First Holy Communion Classes:

- **FHC: Sacrament of Reconciliation SJ: 21/03 9.30am**. Please refrain from bringing devices to class/church.
- 🔥 **Confirmation** Next class **SJ: 21/03 4.45pm** at St. Joseph's. 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)

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HAPPENING IN THE PARISH

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

- ❖ **Children's Liturgy – 11am Sunday Mass**
All children from age 3+ welcome to join in.
- ❖ **3 May FR LIAM'S FAREWELL** in SEC after 11:15am Mass - details to be confirmed.

LENT

- ❖ **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 St Francis Ascot
 - ☀️ **10:30am Sat 21 Mar SJ**
 - 🌙 6:30pm Tue 24 Mar SEC
 - ☀️ 11am Sat 28 Mar St Ed's Windsor
- ❖ **CAFOD's Big Lent Walk:** join individually, as a family or a group - walk 200km in 40 days and raise funds!
<https://walk.cafod.org.uk/>

REGULAR EVENTS

- ❖ **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

(Re-)Join the Parish! Sign up:

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ADULTS



CHILDREN