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St Joseph's & St Elizabeth's edition

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HOLY WEEK

Year A Palm Sunday

28th /29th March 2026

The readings at Mass today set the scene for the coming week, Holy Week.

The first Reading from Isaiah invites us to enter the suffering experienced by the "Suffering servant". We are shown how to face trial and suffering in our lives. Perhaps during today and this coming week, we can focus on those trials and difficulties we experience in our own lives. We seek to unite them with the suffering experienced by Christ in his Passion and death on the Cross which we hear in the reading of the Passion. Let us lay all such suffering, illness, family difficulties, economic worries at the foot of the Cross.

Perhaps we could focus on one character in today's Passion reading and journey with them during the coming week reflecting on our own journey to the Cross with them. St Peter who denies Christ, Pilate who washes his hands of what is about to happen, Simon of Cyrene who becomes an unexpected close witness of Christ's suffering, Mary mother of sorrows as she beholds her Son on the Cross, the weeping women who mourn for their sins. A practical way to do this would be to walk the Stations of the cross in your Church.

Holy Week			
Sat	28 th	18:30	Augusto and Vincentina Sequeira, A
Palm Sun	29 th	08:00	
		09:15	Coleman Family, FM
		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
Tue	31 st	10:00	
		6:30	Mass to receive the Holy Oils in the Parish
Wed	1 st	10:00	

Maundy Thursday to Easter Sunday
See Holy Week Schedule (next page)

Tue	7 th	10:00	Kathleen Kiernan, A
Wed	8 th	10:00	Jane Parkinson, RIP
Thu	9 th	10:00	
Fri	10 th	10:00	
Sat	11 th	10:00	
		18:30	
Sun	12 th	08:00	Joshua Samson Fernandes, SI
		09:15	
		11:00	Mass of the Parish of Holy Family
		17:00	Carolyn Seet, SI

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

1st: Isa 50:4-7 I did not cover my face against insult – I know I shall not be shamed.

Psalms 21 R/ My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

2nd: Phil 2:6-11 He humbled himself, but God raised him high.

Acclamation **Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names.**

Gospel Matt 26:14-27:66 The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.



Please note that the office will continue to be partially manned.

For any queries, please email the office or contact Fr. Vuni/Fr. Elvis.

Collections over the Easter weekend are traditionally taken for our clergy team and this (along with Christmas) is the main part of their income.

(Re-)Join the Parish! Sign up:
www.stjosephsparish.co.uk

ADULTS



CHILDREN




PARENTS!
PLEASE PICK UP AN INFANT OR JUNIOR CHILDREN'S EASTER DAY-BY-DAY FOR YOUR CHILD(REN). AVAILABLE AT THE FRONT AND BACK OF THE CHURCH



(WHILST STOCKS LAST)

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** team of wonderful helpers wish the children & their families a great Easter holiday. We look forward to seeing you again on 19 Apr during the 11am Mass. **Liturgists** - please pick up your packs over the Easter weekend from the top of the kitchen lobby filing cabinet.
- ❖ **31st May 6:30pm** Relaxed lenten Service at STM
- ❖ **31st May 6:30pm** Mass to receive the **Holy Oils** for the **Holy Family Parish**
- ❖ **3 May FR LIAM'S FAREWELL** in SEC after 11:15am Mass

What to watch during the Easter Triduum

FREE TO WATCH: The Chosen

<https://watch.thechosen.tv/>

STREAMING/PURCHASE: † The Miracle Maker

† The Passion of Christ † Risen

Divine Mercy Novena in SJ church

3 & 4 Apr 7pm (no Mass)
5 Apr After 5:00 pm Mass
6-10 Apr 6:45 pm Novena,
followed by Mass at 7pm
11 Apr 6:00 pm



For the sake of
His sorrowful
Passion, have
mercy on us
and on the
whole world.



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](mailto:Clerk@Stmarys-
maidenhead.org.uk) for further information and
application pack.

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: Next session SJ:19 Apr 9.30am.** Please stay on for Mass, & refrain from bringing devices to class/church.

🔥 **Confirmation** Next class **SEC: 11/04 4.45pm** at St. Edmund Campion. Please bring along your Mass attendance cards.

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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

RELAXED LENTEN SERVICE AT ST. THOMAS MORE ON 31ST MARCH AT 18.30

Following the success of the relaxed Advent service, there will be a relaxed Lenten service at St. Thomas More. Everyone is welcome, especially anyone who is neurodiverse or has needs that aren't met with usual Lenten services. The service will be quiet with low level lighting.

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

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. All proceeds to SJ!



PALM SUNDAY

THE START OF
THE GREATEST
LOVE STORY
EVER TOLD

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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



Our 10-year Mission Plan - You will be my Witnesses



A message from Fathers Vuni and Liam formally handing over the role of Parish Priest of the Holy Family Parish

Dear Friend and Parishioner,

The month of March marked an important moment in the life of our parish as we give heartfelt thanks for Fr. Liam's and Fr. Ephraim's years of faithful, generous, and dedicated service to our communities.

Their ministry has touched many lives, and we remain deeply grateful for the care, prayer, and leadership they offered throughout their time among you. We send them forward with our prayers and affection as they begin the next chapter of their priestly journey.

At the same time, I am humbled and delighted to begin my own ministry as your new parish priest and priest in charge at St. Edmund Campion with Fr. Elvis as the priest in charge of Saints Elizabeth and Joseph churches. This change was effective from 1st March 2026. Fr. Kevin continues as priest in charge at St. Thomas More.

The Holy Family Parish has a rich story, a vibrant faith, and a mission that continues beyond any one priest. My hope is to walk with you, listen to you, and serve alongside you as we build upon the strong foundations already laid.

Together, we step into this new season with trust in the Holy Spirit, confident that the Lord who has guided us thus far will continue to lead us forward.

May this time of transition be a moment of grace, unity, and renewed purpose for our whole parish family.

I want to dedicate our mission among you to the maternal protection and guidance of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Asking her to lead us closer to her son and to keep our parish united in faith, hope, and Charity.

Please keep us in your prayers, as we will keep you in ours.

In Christ,

Father Vuni, Parish Priest, Parish of the Holy Family in Maidenhead and Twyford

Dear Friend and Parishioner,

It has been a privilege and honour to have served you for the last 9 years, firstly as Parish Priest of St. Edmund Campion Church and latterly as Parish Priest of our wonderful, vibrant Holy Family community.

I have always been struck by the people in Maidenhead, Cookham and now Twyford too, who have been welcoming, supportive and charitable, even when we have had to make changes as a result of Bishop Philip's *You will be my Witnesses* programme. We have made a great start, emerged stronger and laid the foundations that I know Fathers Vuni, Elvis and Kevin can take forward now.

I continue in a less visible role in pastoral work in the area and continue working in prison ministry. I hope to completely finish up mid-May and then head home to Ireland for a couple of months before I take up a three-month formal study sabbatical. After that, I look forward to taking up a new appointment in ministry – wherever the Lord leads me.

Before that, I am very grateful that the parish is organising a formal farewell for me on the afternoon of May 3rd at St. Edmund Campion Pastoral Centre. I look forward to seeing you there.

I cherish the memories we created together. You all remain in my thoughts and prayers.

Father Liam, Former Parish Priest, Parish of the Holy Family in Maidenhead and Twyford.