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St Joseph's & St Elizabeth's edition

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Year A

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As we enter the closing stages of the Easter season, we begin to look forward to the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Our Gospel readings across these next few Sundays are taken from Jesus' farewell speech to his disciples. In it, he invites us into an interior journey in the depths of our hearts, that the Holy Spirit will guide us and teach us.

The first reading journeys from the beginnings of the early Church as it grows, and, in a culturally revolutionary way, its inclusiveness. Belonging is based not on any societal privilege, any one race or gender, but on sharing in the one Baptism - where we are all "a chosen race, a royal priesthood... a people set apart to sing the praises of God." In Christ we are one body and how, as part of that one body, he expects us to act and what we receive in return.

In today's Gospel, Jesus seeks to reassure the disciples, that He is going to make a place for us in the Father's kingdom, and then to return and take us with him.; that we know the way home. Thomas, true to form, claims not to know the way and so Jesus points to himself as that way, the only way in which human beings can meet with God.

Jesus' words and actions throughout the Gospel speak about love at every turn. "He demonstrates total, absolute and universal love in every encounter. He presents us with an authentic vision of human existence, a model of how human life ought to be lived. If one lives like this, one will encounter God." (The Cultural World of Jesus, Pilch, John, J.)

May			
Sat	2 nd	10:00	Rodrigues Family, SI Elizabeth & Joseph Wheke, FM
		11:00	Baptism: Florence
		18:30	Marie O'Meara, RIP Good health for Pereira Family, SI
Sun	3 rd	08:00	Beatrice Mathews, SI
		09:15	John Coleman Jr, FM
		12:30	Baptism: Penelope
		11:00	Patrick Lennon, SI
		17:00	Mass of the Parish of Holy Family
Tue	5 th	10:00	Rev John Lord Lewington, FM
Wed	6 th	10:00	Coleman Family, FM
Thu	7 th	10:00	Claire van Niekerk, SI
Fri	8 th	10:00	Louise Wood, RIP
Sat	9 th	***	No Morning Mass – Confirmation Masses
		18:30	Gladys Snudded, FM
Sun	10 th	08:00	Cirilo & Rita Dias, A
		09:15	Beldom Family, SI
		11:00	
		17:00	Mass of the Parish of Holy Family

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: Acts 6:1-7 They chose seven men full of the Holy Spirit.

Psalm 33 R/ May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O Lord

2nd: 1 Pet 2:4-9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.

Acclamation Alleluia! Alleluia! I am the way, and the truth, and the life, says the Lord. No one comes to the Father except through me. Alleluia!

Gospel John 14:1-12 I am the way, the truth, and the life.



LET US PRAY FOR THE 80 YOUNG PEOPLE OF HOLY FAMILY PARISH GETTING CONFIRMED IN ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH BY ABBOT PAUL GUNTER NEXT SATURDAY 9 MAY.

WE REGRET THAT THE EVENT IS OPEN ONLY TO FAMILY AND INVITED GUESTS.

"There appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit."
Acts 2:3-4

WORKS OF MERCY

This month of May, Pope Leo's Prayer intention is: That Everyone Might Have Food. This is a Key Element of our, and St Mary's School's, Catholic Social Teaching this month when we focus on the Dignity of Work and Participation in God's Creation. All people strive to work and to provide sufficient Food and Shelter so that they may live dignified lives. In our Corporal Works of Mercy we continue to provide the essential Food, Toiletries, Dental Products, Clean Clothing and "Pop-up" Tents that will help the Hungry and Homeless members of our Community. Let us pray for all, from large producers to consumers, to be committed to avoiding food waste and to ensuring that everyone has access to quality food. Amen

HAPPENING IN THE PARISH

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

- ❖ **3 May FR LIAM'S FAREWELL** There will be ONE Mass at SEC at **10:30am** followed by the party at 12pm in SEC School. If you want to bring food, sign up by 19 Apr with SEC office: office@stedmundcampion.org.uk. If you wish to give an individual gift to Fr Liam, please take an envelope from SEC porch. We will also celebrate Fr Liam's 30th Anniversary of his Ordination!
- ❖ **8 May Maidenhead SVP Quiz** Doors open 7:30pm. Teams of (max) 8, £7/person. Prizes for the winning team + a raffle and other games to participate in. All welcome! Tickets on sale after masses at SJ and SEC or from Siobhan (SJ) 07816445416.
- ❖ **10 May St Edmund Campion Pilgrimage 11.15am** Bus leaves from outside SEC. John Lynn is organising a free bus trip to Lyford Grange. Main celebrant: Fr Kevin O'Driscoll. Stop for lunch near Abingdon (pack your own or enjoy a carvery meal) + Mass at 4.00pm. Arrive back in M'head 6.45pm. See parish notice boards. John 07931-292934 / 01628-636668 to join.
- ❖ **24 May (Pentecost) Holy Family Anniversary Celebrations** Save the date!

CLASSES/ EVENTS IN SJ

- See website for privately run events
- ***New* Sewing circle** in SJ Hall. Bring your projects (alteration, pattern cutting, etc) and learn from each other. Free 1st session on **5 May 10-12pm**
 - **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.

DIOCESE EVENTS

- **9 May 9am Formation morning for extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion.** St Peter's Pastoral Centre, Winchester. Register via liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. **Significant Wedding Anniversaries Mass** Are you celebrating 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or anniversary over 60 years? Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a celebration Mass at St Bede's in Basingstoke at **11am Sat 20 Jun**, followed by a buffet lunch. Send form (www.stjosephsparish.co.uk/newsletter) to kmcguire@portsmouthdiocese.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** 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

- 4 or 11 June Senior Experience Days** at St Joseph's College for Year 5s. Book early! For more info, email admissions@sjcr.org.uk <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/106472>
- YOUTH MINISTRY GAP YEAR OPPORTUNITY** For 18-25s looking for a new challenge and training director@castleriggmanor.co.uk or www.castleriggmanor.com/join-the-team/

I am the way,
the truth, and
the life



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** to promote our catholic ethos & obligations, challenge and question data and provide strategic leadership. Please contact Clerk@Stmarys-maidenhead.org.uk for further info and application pack.

SACRAMENTALS All **forms** can be found here:

<https://stjosephsparish.co.uk/newsletter/>

♣ **Baptism Course 5 May 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

○ **FHC: Next session SJ: 10 May 9.30am.** Please stay on for Mass, & refrain from bringing devices to class/church.

♣ **Confirmation** Sacrament of Reconciliation **SEC: 2May 4pm (Compulsory)**

♣ **OCIA:** Next course starting in October. Signup open in June.

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