



# HOLY FAMILY PARISH

## NEWSLETTER

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Year A

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The presence and importance of the Holy Spirit in the Church has been increasingly prominent in recent decades. The Second Vatican Council began with little awareness of the Spirit but this was much greater by the end. This has been developed much further by Pope Francis. The aim and purpose of synodality is to enable us to listen to what the Holy Spirit has to say to the Churches, as the Apocalypse reminds us seven times.

“Paraclete” is the Greek word which is also used in English- Advocate, Encourager, Comforter, Helper all of which help to reflect on the role of the Spirit. The Paraclete is the Spirit of truth, sent by the Father “in my name”. In the early stages of Christianity, the Spirit is seen as the continuing presence of Jesus in the Church, complementing the emphasis in the Gospel on remaining with Jesus which is an important theme in the Gospel. He is the Spirit of Truth, the Truth which is Jesus. Through the presence of the Spirit we are not left as orphans.

**Reflection:** Do we really believe that God is with us, that the Father and Son dwell in each of us through the power of the Spirit? Do we really believe that the way to love God is to keep his commandments rather than pouring out lots of pious declarations of love? And to love our neighbour is to love God? Do we acknowledge we are one because we all share in the presence of God dwelling in us?

### May

Sat	9 <sup>th</sup>	***	No Morning Mass – <b>Confirmation Masses</b>
		18:30	Gladys Snudded, FM
Sun	10 <sup>th</sup>	08:00	Cirilo & Rita Dias, A
		09:15	Beldom Family, SI
		11:00	Jimmy Yorke, RIP
		17:00	<b>Mass of the Parish of Holy Family</b>
Tue	12 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Martin McLoughlin, SI
Wed	13 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Edgar Fernandes, SI
Thu	14 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 19:00	<b>ASCENSION OF OUR LORD</b>
Fri	15 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Beldom Family, SI
Sat	16 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Alanna Marques, SI
		18:30	Ana & John Rodrigues, A
Sun	17 <sup>th</sup>	08:00	Mary Carrigan, A
		09:15	Coleman Family, FM
		11:00	John Pinheiro, RIP Enza, SI
		17:00	<b>Mass of the Parish of Holy Family</b>

**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

**WE'RE HIRING! Part time Parish Administrator in St Joseph's Apply now - <https://tinyurl.com/ypa6f7cd>**

**1<sup>st</sup>: Acts 6:1-7** They laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.

**Psalm 33 R/ Cry out with joy to God all the earth.**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: 1 Pet 2:4-9** Being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit.

**Acclamation Alleluia! Alleluia! If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, says the Lord, and my father will love him, and we will come to him. Alleluia!**

**Gospel John 14:1-12** I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper.



LET US PRAY FOR THE 80 YOUNG PEOPLE OF HOLY FAMILY PARISH GETTING CONFIRMED IN ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH BY ABBOT PAUL GUNTER THIS 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 weekend our young people are enriched with the special strength of the Holy Spirit. We are all obliged to spread and defend the Faith by Word and Deed. We implore the Holy Spirit to guide us in our Profession of our Faith and to support us in our generous acts of support to the homeless and less fortunate members of our community. Donations, and help, to restore their Dignity through work and prayer are needed always and our gifts of Food, Toiletries, Clothing and Dental Products are welcome. Our Donations this week are offered in honour of Our Lady of Fatima and for the Glory of Christ on his Ascension into Heaven. Amen



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## YOUNGER CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY SHEET

Sunday 3rd May 2026

John 14:1-12

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Today Jesus tells us that through him we will come to know God and that we should trust him as we trust in God. Trusting someone means believing that they are always there for us, that they are always willing to help us, that they will comfort us when we are upset or frightened. We all need people in our lives that we trust. Who do you trust?

Colour in each object you saw at mass today.



Colour me in 

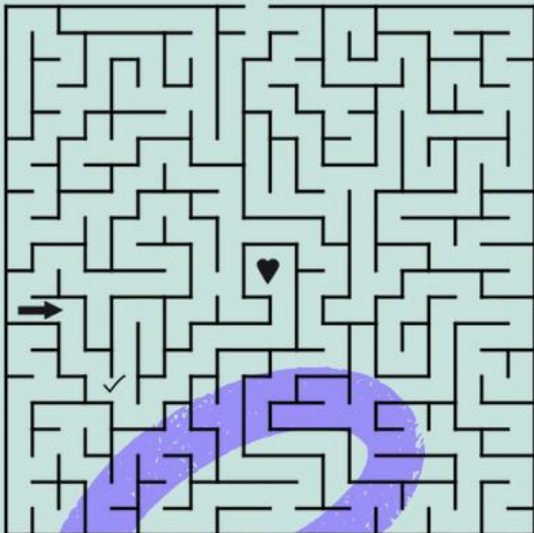
I am  
THE WAY  
the TRUTH,  
and the  
Life.  
No one comes to  
the FATHER  
except through  
ME. JOHN 14:6

Maze 

I am the way, the truth and the life!



Find your way through the maze to the heart, picking up the symbols as you go.  
START



Trust God

V I S I O N W A R B  
T S S H C T U Q Q E  
F Q H Y D U T S Q L  
P P A E L B I B K I  
H C R U H C U N L E  
Z L E N R A E L B V  
W E N P F A I T H E  
N D M O G J D S H J  
Y A R P S P D O K P  
T R U S T J U P G B

church  
share  
believe  
trust

pray  
Bible  
God  
vision

study  
learn  
faith

Trace the letters 

T is for  
Trust

Name 3 people you trust

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

*A prayer to say*

God of life, we thank you for being there for us always. Help us to do all that you ask of us and to love one another, so that all people may have someone to trust. Amen.

## Thank you message from Fr Liam

Dear Friends, I would like to take this opportunity to express my deepest appreciation and thanks for the kindness you have shown to me during my time as Parish Priest of St. Edmund Campion, and latterly, of Holy Family Parish, Maidenhead & Twyford.

As I embark on this next part of my journey, I am beyond grateful for the gift of being your pastor and for the opportunity to get to know you and build relationships with you in the midst of life's joys and sorrows. It has been a privilege to walk the way of Christ with you.

On a personal level, thank you for your friendship, encouragement, gifts and prayers. Thank you for your love. We worked together and navigated through some good times and through some challenges in creating the parish of Holy Family. God will continue to guide the church according to his plan, come what may.

Now we've come to a fork in the road, and the time has come for me to take one way while you continue along the other. It is hard to say goodbye, but I do so knowing that my farewell means you get to say hello to new ministry leaders, in Fr. Vuni and Fr. Elvis who with Fr. Kevin, Dcn. Peter, Dcn. Mike, Sr. Veronica (Kiln Green), Parish Council and lots of other people, will continue to create new possibilities to grow as a community in Christ. Change is hard but it also necessary, nothing stays the same or else things would be stagnant and get awful boring! We may grumble about the cold of winter but without it, there wouldn't be the glorious blooming of spring. It is the cycle of life, the cycle that makes it possible for new growth to happen in us and our world.

Although I won't be there for weddings, funerals, special events and celebrations in the future, know that I am praying for you and you will always have a special place in my heart.

So I say goodbye, a word that originally meant "God be with ye!" God will indeed be with us, with you and with me, present every step of the way as we start this new step of our journeys. May we make space for the new growth God is planting in our lives and trust God's abiding presence every step of the way.

Peace & Blessings,  
Father Liam.



## HAPPENING IN THE PARISH

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

- ❖ **10 May St Edmund Campion Pilgrimage 11.15am** Bus leaves from outside SEC John 07931-292934 /01628-636668 to join.
- ❖ **24 May (Pentecost) Holy Family 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Celebrations** Please join us for a thanksgiving Mass in SEC Church at **11:15am**, followed by refreshments at the Parish Centre. Let us come together in unity and gratitude to thank God for a year filled with faith, fellowship and blessings.

### 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 2pm Rosary** via Zoom  
[www.tinyurl.com/2hz5axvp](http://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

## CLASSES/ EVENTS IN SJ

Some are privately run events

- **\*New\* Sewing circle** in SJ Hall. Bring your projects (alteration, pattern cutting, etc) and learn from each other. Free session on **12 May 11-1pm** future sessions at £8/hr, all proceeds to St Joseph's Church
- **Mondays 11.30-12.30pm Mindful Movement with Noura** £10/session. Chair and mat-based exercises to support strength, flexibility, balance, and posture. suitable for beginners
- **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!
- **30 May 2.30-4.30 pm** in SJ Hall. Movie screening of "State Organs" followed by Q&A. Free Entry, age restriction: 15+. Registration required <https://events.ticketingbox.com/e/state-organs-maidenhead>



### Talkin' Tables by the Catenians

**Every second Thur of the month starting 14 May 10.30-11.30am** The Bardo Lounge, High Street, Maidenhead, SL6 1QJ. Everyone is welcome. Let us build our community one table at a time — come along, buy your own refreshments, and enjoy relaxed conversation with fellow parishioners.

## OTHER EVENTS

- **23 May 10-1.00pm ADoRE spiritual mini-retreat** Zoom. The Gifts & Fruit of Love. Mass, Adoration, Praise, Prophecy, Prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and inspiring talk from guest speaker Dr. Maria Heath. Register in advance at [https://www.altonrenewal.com/this\\_month](https://www.altonrenewal.com/this_month)
- **Significant Wedding Anniversaries Mass** Are you celebrating 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.stjosephsparish.co.uk/newsletter)) to [kmcguire@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:kmcguire@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

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## First Holy Communion

May 16

12 pm



We regret that the event is open only to family and invited guests.



**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](mailto: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 2 Jun 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.

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☪ **OCIA:** Next course starting in October. Sign up in June.