



HOLY FAMILY PARISH

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St Joseph's & St Elizabeth's edition

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7th Sunday of Easter

Year A

16th /17th May 2026

We remember that prayer, being a dialogue, involves listening. In the quiet during our prayer time, we need to follow the example of the Apostles and listen. What does God ask us to do? The Apostles used this time to plan the next stages of the Church. During our prayer time, do we ask how God wants us to be involved in the next stages of the Church? Our Diocese has a ten-year plan - have we looked at this recently to see how we can actively engage with it? Can we see where God wants us to be involved? Have we fed the hungry and clothed the naked? We can sometimes think that these things are difficult, that God only calls special people. That is not true. Jesus called ordinary men and women to be His disciples. Some of them were named as Apostles and they were commissioned to go out to the whole world and baptise in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Every single person who has been baptised is a priest, prophet and king, which makes us all heirs to the kingdom. We have all been given a task to do, a task that only we can do.

Remember, when two or three are gathered in Jesus's name and when we share in the Eucharist together, God is present. Jesus told the Apostles to go and stay in Jerusalem and await the gift of the Holy Spirit. We therefore join in prayer with Catholics around the world and pray for that gift, a gift promised to all who believe.

May

Sat	16 th	10:00	Alanna Marques, SI	
		18:30	Ana & John Rodrigues, A	
Sun	17 th	08:00	Mary Carrigan, A	
		09:15	Coleman Family, FM	
		11:00	John Pinheiro, RIP Enza, SI	
		17:00	Mass of the Parish of Holy Family	
Tue	19 th	10:00	Bridget O'Rourke, A	
Wed	20 th	10:00		
Thu	21 st	10:00	Coleman Family, FM	
Fri	22 nd	10:00	Margaret Street, A	
Sat	23 rd	10:00	Zenia Cardoso, SI Aquino Fernandes, A	Ignatius Rodrigues & Roy Dias, SI
		18:30		
Sun	24 th	08:00		
		09:15	Mass of the Parish of Holy Family	
		11:00	Driscoll Rodrigues, SI	
		17:00	Rhea and Jorge Poole, 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: Acts 1:12-14 All with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer.

Psalm 27 R/ I believe I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.

2nd: 1 Pet 4:13-16 If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed.

Acclamation Alleluia! Alleluia! I will not leave you as orphans, says the Lord. I am going away and I will come to you, and your hearts will rejoice. Alleluia!

Gospel John 17:1-11 I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper.

First Holy Communion



16 May | 12 pm

Let us pray for the 22 young people of St Joseph's Church receiving the Eucharist for the first time this Saturday.

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

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1ST ANNIVERSARY

CELEBRATIONS

24 MAY 12.30PM

in SEC Centre.

Masses in all churches as usual.


Donations of cake and snacks are welcome! (please drop them off from 10.30 in SEC).

Wear something Red – it is the colour of Pentecost, symbolising the descent of Holy Spirit. Let us come together in unity and gratitude to thank God for a year filled with faith, fellowship and blessings.

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

Other jobs: <https://portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/about/careers/>

HAPPENING IN THE PARISH

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

- ❖ **19 May 11am & 21 May 1.45pm Free screening: 'The People's Emergency Briefing'** SJ Centre. This week, we focus on protecting our environment and caring for our Common Home as the late Pope Francis urged us. Pope Leo is continuing this campaign – that we take positive action to care for God's Creation. Come watch this film and chat talk over a cup of tea or coffee.
- ❖ **13 June 10– 1pm** in SEC. Training is MANDATORY for all working in a role with children and/or vulnerable groups. An email invitation will be sent to those holding a role that requires training - you MUST respond to this and confirm your attendance. A reminder will also be sent.

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
- ❖ **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

2nd Collection: Catholic Communications Network

As we approach the Feast of PENTECOST and the 1st anniversary of Holy Family Parish, it is intended to update the list of our International Community. Please add your Name and Nationality, Country of Origin or Homeland to the list by the map in the entrance (Parish Centre side) to St Joseph's Church. Once we have a complete list, the Map will be updated. Thank you very much!!



Talkin' Tables by the Catenians

Every 2nd Thur of the month 11 Jun 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.



St Mary's Catholic Pre-School Sept 2026 intake.
 Pop into the school for an application form or contact 01628 627013 for an appointment!

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.
www.retrouvaille.org.uk +44 797 338 0443

✂ **OCIA:** Next course starting in October. Signup in June.

CLASSES/ EVENTS IN SJ

Some are privately run events

- ***New* Tuesdays sewing circle 11-1pm** in SJ Hall. Bring your projects (alteration, pattern cutting, etc) and learn from each other. First session free!
- **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>



Can you help?

... with the cleaning of St Joseph's Church on a regular basis? Contact Fr Vuni/ Fr Elvis to share your talents!

OTHER EVENTS

- **23 May 10-1.00pm ADoRE spiritual mini-retreat** Zoom. Register bit.ly/ADOREMAY2026. Details at https://www.altonrenewal.com/this_month
- **23 May – 7 June Eucharistic Miracles of the World International Exhibition** at Corpus Christi Church, Sturges Rd, Wokingham RG40 2HE. Free Entry. The Relic of St Carlo Acutis will also visit the church on 30-31st May. See www.corpuschristi-wokingham.org
- **13 Jun Annual Pilgrimage to Walsingham** Depart **7.30am** from St Ethelbert's Church, Slough. Leave Walsingham around 6pm. Tickets at £35 per adult / £25 under 15, contact Edward 07802 753575 or Natty 07397 149269
- **Significant Wedding Anniversaries Mass** Are you celebrating 25/30/40/50/60 or more years of marriage? Bishop Philip invites you to a celebration Mass at St Bede's Basing-stoke at **11am Sat 20 Jun**, followed by a buffet lunch.
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