



# HOLY FAMILY PARISH

## NEWSLETTER

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St Joseph's & St Elizabeth's edition

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### PENTECOST

### & Holy Trinity

Year A 23<sup>rd</sup> /24<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Pentecost" come from the Greek for "fiftieth" as it occurs on the fiftieth day from Easter, inclusive. It is also known as "Whit Sunday" referencing the white garment worn by those baptized at Easter. It is also the Jewish festival of Shavot, which is why so many people are in Jerusalem on the first Pentecost. Pentecost marks the end of Eastertide.

The sound of a mighty rushing wind and the sight of divided tongues of fire resting on the Apostles all gathered together to mark the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church. The wind and the fire recall the giving of the Law at Sinai. The many languages newly understood cancel out the confusion of Babel. The Holy Spirit is a powerful, external force and also an internal force dwelling within the believer to animate us with different gifts, with a variety of service and of activities as the one Body of Christ for the common good.

Pentecost is also the first anniversary of the Holy Family Parish. Our parishioners come from all four corners of the world – how many different nationalities have you met?

**Activity: see if you can meet someone from these countries (or even ones not on the list) at the 12.30pm party in SEC, or after Mass! (p/s Priests are not counted)**

Brazil

France

China

India

Italy

America

England

Australia

Spain

Germany Canada Nigeria

Argentina

Ireland

Sweden

South Africa

Netherlands Poland

COLOMBIA

Hong Kong

Scotland

New Zealand Ghana Venezuela

Philippines Portugal Switzerland

Greece Costa Rica Sri Lanka Wales

Belgium

Czech Republic

Romania

Trinidad

Ecuador

Hungary Slovakia Libya Welsh

Zimbabwe

Peruvia

**1<sup>st</sup>: Acts 2:1-11** They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak.

**Psalm 104 R/ Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: 1 Cor 12:3-13** In one Spirit we were all baptised into one body.

#### Sequence

Holy Spirit, Lord of light,  
from the clear celestial height  
thy pure beaming radiance give.

Come, thou Father of the poor,  
come with treasures which endure,  
come, thou light of all that live.

Thou, of all consolers best, thou, the  
source delightful guest,  
dost refreshing piece bestow.

Thou in toil art comfort sweet,  
pleasant fullness in the heat,  
solace in the midst of woe.

Light immortal, Light divine,  
visit thou these hearts of thine,  
and our inmost being fill.

If thou take thy grace away,  
nothing pure in man will stay;  
all his good is turned to ill.

Heal our wounds; our strength renew;  
on our dryness pour thy dew;  
wash the stains of guilt away.

Bend the stubborn heart and will;  
melt the frozen, warm the chill;  
guide the steps that go astray.

Thou, on us who evermore  
Thee confess and thee adore,  
with thy sevenfold gifts descend:

Give us comfort when we die,  
give us life with thee on high  
give us joy's that never end.

**Acclamation Alleluia! Alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!**

**Gospel John 20:19-23** As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you. Receive the Holy Spirit.

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

Other jobs:

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

May			
Sat	23 <sup>rd</sup>	10:00	Zenia Cardoso, SI Aquino Fernandes, A Ignatius Rodrigues & Roy Dias, SI
		15:00	<b>Wedding: Paula &amp; Steve</b>
		18:30	Gladys D Souza, A Irene Lobo, A
Sun	24 <sup>th</sup>	08:00	Patrick Daly, RIP
		09:15	<b>Mass of the Parish of Holy Family</b>
		11:00	Driscoll Rodrigues, SI Ray & Tom Connell, RIP
		13:00	Baptism: Alfred
		17:00	Rhea and Jorge Poole, SI
Tue	26 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Andre Moraes, SI
Wed	27 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Beldom Family, SI
Thu	28 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Coleman Family, FM
Fri	29 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	
Sat	30 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Tara Theogarajan, A
		18:30	Maria Diana DeSouza, A
Sun	31 <sup>st</sup>	08:00	
		09:15	<b>Mass of the Parish of Holy Family</b>
		11:00	Hubert D'Souza, RIP Rosemarie Gaspe, A
		17:00	Tom Connell, RIP
June			
Tue	2 <sup>nd</sup>	10:00	Rev John Lord Lewington, FM
Wed	3 <sup>rd</sup>	10:00	Karl Chaundy, SI Vincent Ray, SI
Thu	4 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Coleman Family, FM
Fri	5 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	<b>Mass of the Sick &amp; Housebound</b>
Sat	6 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Joel Cardoso, SI
		18:30	Cornelius Hayes, A
Sun	7 <sup>th</sup>	08:00	Florinda Fernandes, A
		09:15	
		11:00	Stephanie Moraes, SI Rosemarie Gaspe, A
		17:00	

**Adoration**\*9.00-10am | **Confessions** Sat after 10am / before 6.30pm Mass  
A: Death Anniv; FM: Foundation Mass; RIP: Rest in Peace, SI: Special Intention

#### 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.

**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](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk) +44 797 338 0443

**First Holy Communion/ OCIA:** Next course starting in October. Signup in June.

## Holy Trinity

30<sup>th</sup> /31<sup>st</sup> May 2026

**1<sup>st</sup>: Exodus 34:4-9** The Lord, the Lord, Got merciful and gracious

**Daniel 3 R/ To be praised and highly exalted for ever!**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: 2 Cor 13:11-14** The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.

**Acclamation Alleluia!x2 Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, and the Gog who is and who was and who is to come. Alleluia!**

**Gospel John 3:16-18** God sent his Son in order that the world might be saved through him.

## HOLY FAMILY PARISH

### 1<sup>ST</sup> 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.

## CAFOD

**Catholic Legacy Week**, 24-30 May, is a time when Parishes and Catholic charities such as CAFOD celebrate the work made possible in the life of the Church through gifts in Wills. See [www.cafod.org.uk/CatholicLegacyWeek](http://www.cafod.org.uk/CatholicLegacyWeek)

**Laudato Si** It is a renewed invitation to:

Pray deeply  
Reflect honestly  
Act concretely

You can take part:

<https://laudatosiweek.org/>



# CONFIRMATION 2026

On Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2026 the Holy Family Parish of Maidenhead and Twyford welcomed 80 young people and their families and friends to St. Joseph's Church over two Masses for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Right Rev Paul Gunter Abbot of Douai Abbey and Deacon Craig Aburn (the Executive Assistant to the Bishop) presided over both Masses alongside Fr Vuni, Fr. Elvis, Fr. Kevin and Fr. Liam.

It was a beautiful day with music provided by Greg O'Brien and the Folk group for the morning Mass and Eric Ramon and band for the afternoon Mass - which we are ever grateful for.

A heartfelt thank you to: all the volunteers - Eric, Andrew, Norma, Julie, Annette & Newton for their time, support and faith; to Carolyn and Carina for all their admin help and guidance behind the scenes; and to the Altar servers for their time on the day;



wonderful Vision group and tea and coffee ladies for very kindly providing hospitality after both Masses.

The Holy Spirit was indeed moving through this place!

Your youth  
coordinator,  
MARIA

## 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** reminder: no sessions during half term. Have a great break and see you again on 7th June!

### 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 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.

Can you help?

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

# SAFEGUARDING TRAINING



Working with children and Adults at Risk.

THE HOLY FAMILY MAIDENHEAD AND TWYFORD PASTORAL AREA



Training is **MANDATORY** for all those working in a role with children and/or vulnerable groups.

Anyone without a current DBS and training will need to step back from their role until the situation is rectified.

**Saturday, 13th June 2026**  
**1000 - 1300 hours**  
**St Edmund Campion church, Maidenhead**

Training must be renewed every 3 years in accordance with the national safeguarding standards.

An email invitation will be sent to those holding a role who require training, you **MUST** respond to this and confirm your attendance. A reminder will also be sent.

TO BOOK DIRECT EMAIL:  
[SAFEGUARDING@PORTSMOUTHDIocese.ORG.UK](mailto:SAFEGUARDING@PORTSMOUTHDIocese.ORG.UK)

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## CLASSES/ EVENTS IN SJ

Some are privately run events

- **\*New\* Tuesdays sewing circle 11-1pm** in SJ Hall. Bring 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>



## OTHER EVENTS

- **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](http://www.corpuschristi-wokingham.org)
- **8 Jun 12.15pm Stella Maris Mass** for seafarers and fishers in St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth, followed by light refreshments. Book by 28 May via [roland.hayes@stellamarismail.org](mailto:roland.hayes@stellamarismail.org)
- **15-19 Aug CELEBRATE Festival** returns to West Sussex (Worth School). Five days of worship, teaching and community with the theme 'Let There Be Light'. [www.celebratefestival.org](http://www.celebratefestival.org)
- **13 Jun Annual Pilgrimage to Walsingham** Depart **7am** Our Lady of Peace Church Burnham **or 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** Celebration Mass for 25/30/40/50/60/>60 years of marriage at St Bede's Basingstoke at **11am Sat 20 Jun** with Bishop Philip, followed by a buffet lunch. [kmcguire@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:kmcguire@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**St Mary's Summer Fair**  
 Saturday 6th June | 1 - 4pm  
 St Mary's School

Stalls, games & refreshments for all ages!  
 Please come along to support our school!

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