



HOLY FAMILY PARISH

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St Joseph's & St Elizabeth's edition

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11th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Year A 13th / 14th June 2026

Fundamental to our teaching is the Christian understanding that every human life is utterly sacred and is a precious gift from God, to be regarded with absolute respect. The crowds, so often mentioned in Jesus's sermon on the mount, stand for humanity. The twelve disciples were sent to proclaim that the Kingdom of Heaven is close at hand and to make disciples of all nations. As we recognise the presence and action of the Holy Spirit in our own lives and story, our task is to feel the same compassion that Jesus did as he looked at the crowds. And that compassion is to be manifested in our willingness to continue Jesus's work of reconciliation by proclaiming in word and action Jesus's message of life to the full for all.

With Jesus, we look out at humanity and see that we are all like sheep without a shepherd - harassed and dejected. Like sheep, human beings easily lose direction and wander into danger and destruction without realising it. There is the growing tendency to see human beings as disposable and as commodities which can be discarded when they appear to be no longer useful, or perhaps, just different. The evidence for that dehumanisation is everywhere - Gaza, Ukraine, Sudan, human trafficking, assisted dying, abortion, abuse of the vulnerable and the young, genocide, ethnic cleansing... We must avoid the temptation to be complicit with the policies or ideas of governments, organisations or media voices which, often unknowingly, have dehumanisation as their starting point, or as an unspoken agenda. Increasingly we must be counter cultural, always reading the signs of the times and be clear in our defence of human dignity and the sacredness of every person.

1st: Exod 19:2-6 I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation.

Psalm 99 R/ We are his people: the sheep of his flock.

2nd: Rom 5:6-11 Now we have been reconciled by the death of his Son, surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son.

Acclamation Alleluia! Alleluia! The kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel. Alleluia!

Gospel Matt 9:36-10:8 Jesus called to him his twelve disciples and sent them out.



5 July 11am Mass at SJ. Certificate giving for all Confirmed on 9 May 2026. Parents kindly see the email sent from the Confirmation team

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & OCIA: Online (only) signup now open.

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



St Mary's Catholic Pre-School

Sept 2026 intake. Pop into the school for an application form or contact 01628 627013 for an appointment!

June

Sat	13 th	10:00	
		18:30	
Sun	14 th	08:00	Gabriel Fernandes, A
		09:15	Mass of the Parish of Holy Family
		11:00	Deceased members of Saldanhas Family Paul Samber, SI (MHM)
		17:00	Rian Chaundy, SI
Tue	16 th	10:00	Coleman Family, FM
Wed	17 th	10:00	Ryan Manuel, SI Diago Fernandes, RIP
Thu	18 th	10:00	Emily L Coleman, FM
Fri	19 th	10:00	
Sat	20 th	10:00	Ernest Fernandes, SI
		18:30	Pedro Marques, A
Sun	21 st	08:00	
		09:15	
		11:00	All souls in Purgatory
		17:00	Mass of the Parish of Holy Family

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

MHM: Mass for this intention will be said by the Mill Hill Missionaries



HAPPENING IN THE PARISH



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

- ❖ **14 Jun STM 43rd Anniversary** of dedication of church. All are welcome.
- ❖ **Weekend of 20/21 Jun Feast of St John Fisher & St Thomas More** in STM. All Masses.
- ❖ **28 Jun 12.30pm Film: The People's Emergency Briefing** in SJ Centre. See below for more info
- ❖ **12 Jul** after 11am Mass Volunteers Lunch. We celebrate all volunteers who help with liturgy, ministry, maintenance, etc. Please check your inbox for an invitation! Do let the office know if you, or someone you know, did not get one.

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
- ❖ **2nd Thursdays 10.30-11.30am Talkin' Tables by the Catenians** Bardo Lounge, High Street, SL6 1QJ. Come along, buy your own refreshments, and enjoy relaxed conversations!
- ❖ **Thursdays 2pm Rosary 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

OTHER EVENTS

- **17 Jun 7:30 to 9pm Stella Maris Online webinar.** Hear about the work Stella Maris has been doing with seafarers and fishers over the past year or so, and the use of funds kindly donated on Sea Sunday last year. Sign up: www.stellamaris.org.uk/thankyou
- **11 July 7-9.30pm M'head Youth Gathering** in St Peter's Church. Come along for an evening of fun, games, and worship! Free Mr Whippy Ice Cream! Email youth@stjosephsparish.co.uk to book
- **15-19 Aug CELEBRATE Festival** returns to West Sussex (Worth School). 5 days of worship, teaching and community. See posters or www.celebratefestival.org
- **Sept – May 2027 Praying the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises** Fortnightly Mondays 1.30-3.30pm in person at St Katharine's Parmoor. Group and 1-1 spiritual direction. For more info/ application form, email oxfordsen@btinternet.com
- **27 Jun 7pm Gala Concert** feat. the Reading Male Voice Choir and 4 winners of the Gwyn Arch Young Singers Competition 2026. Abbey School, Reading. Tickets are free, no booking fee!

SACRAMENTALS

All **forms** can be found here:

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

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💧 **Baptism Course 7 Jul 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

CLASSES/ EVENTS IN SJ

Some are privately run events

- ***New* Tuesdays sewing circle 11-1pm** in SJ Hall. Contact Una if you want to come!
Unamallia@googlemail.com
- **Tuesdays: Practical Art** 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!

WORKS OF MERCY

With the Celebration of The Feast of Corpus Christi last weekend, we give thanks for True Presence that is brought to us during every Celebration of The Blessed Eucharist. We thank God for the Sacrifice of His Son for our sake. On Monday, the Holy Gospel reminded us of The Beatitudes and we are encouraged to live out our Faith through these and our Corporate Works of Mercy. Throughout June we Pray for the Sick in our Parish, Local Community and throughout the world. We also pray for, and thank, all those in our Parish who take time to support our Sick, Housebound and Frail brothers and sisters – our Extraordinary Ministers of The Eucharist, Visitors, Legion of Mary, SVP and Volunteers with Charities are in our Prayers with great thanks. God Bless!

CANCEL the DEBT Campaign

Low-income countries are unable to spend on healthcare and education as they are forced to pay extortionate interest rates to wealthy lenders. Often, they have to pay the original debt many times over. In 2027, the UK will host the G20 meeting. The leaders attending the G20 have the power to fix the global debt system. The UK must act now to help end this crisis. Over the coming weeks, we will gather signatures to urge our Government to introduce Legislation that will cancel Unfair Debt Charges and Practices.

Please sign the Petition and be part of this humanitarian ACTION.

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