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St Joseph's & St Elizabeth's edition

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12th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Year A

20th / 21st June 2026

Prophetic figures of the Old Testament were conscious of their vocation to proclaim the word of God 'in and out of season'. Especially chosen by God for a specific time and purpose they were acutely aware of their vocation and the 'cost of their discipleship' due to opposition, persecution, and defamation of character in their vocational calling.

We see Jeremiah becoming a laughingstock and rejected on the grounds of his persistence. Under such pressure, Jeremiah considered relinquishing his vocation, but he experiences "a fire burning in his heart" that restores his faith and commitment even though his detractors continue to denounce him, a further burden comes from friends who turn away from him

Paul's letter expressed the alienation and separation of turning away from the 'original' unity between God and human kind illustrated by Adams rebellion and Christ's restoration. Paul understands the life death and resurrection of Jesus to be the healing, or the remedy for sin and separation - a reordering of creation, both personal and collective.

In today's Gospel, we are encouraged to move beyond fear to proclamation, under the influence of God's spirit. Jesus assures us that God will protect, guide, console, and channel our fear into deeper faith and commitment.

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	20 th	10:00	Ernest Fernandes, SI
		18:30	Pedro Marques, A
Sun	21 st	08:00	
		09:15	Edmund Coleman, FM
		11:00	All souls in Purgatory
		15:00	Filipino Mass, followed by refreshments
		17:00	Mass of the Parish of Holy Family
Tue	23 rd	10:00	Coleman Family, FM
Wed	24 th	10:00	Walter Meiklem Crawford, A
Thu	25 th	10:00	Dorothy Pires, SI
Fri	26 th	10:00	Aquino Fernandes, A
Sat	27 th	10:00	Joyce & Dominic Manuel, A
		18:30	Maria Zopha Rodrigues, A Gaetana, A
Sun	28 th	08:00	Edmund Coleman, FM
		09:15	Mary Kane & Brigit Morehead, A
		11:00	Joe Kennedy, A
		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

1st: Jer 20:10-13 He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.

Psalm 68 R/ In your great mercy, answer me, O Lord.

2nd: Rom 5:12-15 The free gift is not like the trespass.

Acclamation Alleluia! The Spirit of truth will bear witness about me, says the Lord, and you also will bear witness. Alleluia!

Gospel Matt 10:26-33 Do not fear those who kill the body.

HAPPY Father's Day

Heavenly Father, you entrusted your Son Jesus, the child of Mary, to the care of Joseph, his foster father. Bless all fathers and grandfathers as they care for their families. Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience, and the ability to love in a way that reflects your love. Support them in their work, protect those who look to them, and help us honour them with love and respect.

Bless and heal all wounded fathers, grant rest to those who have passed.

WORKS OF MERCY: VISIT THE SICK

This continues to be Our Corporal Work of Mercy throughout June. Those who are sick are often forgotten or avoided. Let us make a special effort to keep the sick members of our community in our prayers and acts of support. **We give thanks to all volunteers** who visit regularly, care compassionately and provide faithfully for our sick, housebound and frail. As St Teresa of Avila wrote: "Christ has no body but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes with which he looks with Compassion on this world". May we continue to Visit the Sick and support our volunteers in whatever way we can.

Please contact Fr Elvis or Fr Vuni if you would like to join in this wonderful ministry.

Thank you and God Bless.

June			
Tue	30 th	10:00	Alba D'Souza, SI
July			
Wed	1 st	10:00	Sian Boland, SI
Thu	2 nd	10:00	
Fri	3 rd	10:00	Mass of the Sick & Housebound (7pm in St Edmund Campion's)
Sat	4 th	10:00	Coleman Family, FM
		18:30	Rev John Lord Lewington, FM
Sun	5 th	08:00	Rosario & Piedade Furtado, A
		09:15	
		11:00	Salinas Family
		17:00	Mass of the Parish of Holy Family

HAPPENING IN THE PARISH

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

- ❖ **Weekend of 20/21 Jun Feast of St John Fisher & St Thomas More** in STM. All Masses.
- ❖ **28 Jun 12.30pm Film: People's Emergency Briefing** SJ Centre.



OTHER EVENTS

- **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! <https://www.ticketsource.com/readingmalevoicechoir>
- **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
- **17 Sep 7pm International Staff Songsters of The Salvation Army Concert** Salvation Army Hall in Maidenhead (East Road, SL6 1PJ). Tickets: www.ticketsource.com/maidenhead-salvation-army

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!

Can you help?

Owing to a new influx of people, the shop at the Holiday Inn now needs clothes not just for adults but also children's clothes and toys in decent condition. Please leave donated items by the Sacred Heart altar. Suitcases are needed for people leaving the hotel and there is always a request for bikes for children and adults. Thank you for your generosity!

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 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.

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 Elizabeth's 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



Maidenhead

YOUTH gathering

Join us for an evening of fun,
games, teaching and worship!
Including free Mr Whippy ice cream!

11th July | 7-9:30pm

St Peter's Church, Maidenhead

Come along for a fun evening and a free Mr. Whippy ice cream!
To secure your place or for more info please email Maria ...
youth@stjosephsparish.co.uk

**2027 First Holy
Communion
sign-up
is now
open!**



**CONFIRMATION
2026
CERTIFICATE GIVING
5 July 11am Mass
at St Joseph's**
Parents kindly see the
email sent from the
Confirmation
team

Discover the transformative journey of faith with the O.C.I.A. (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) course. Whether you are looking to deepen your understanding of the Catholic Church, explore the richness of its traditions, or prepare to fully embrace the sacraments, or just curious, O.C.I.A. offers a welcoming community, expert guidance, and enriching spiritual formation.



Grow in both knowledge and personal connection to God through engaging sessions, reflective prayer, and meaningful fellowship. Come and experience a profound journey of faith alongside others looking to discover their spiritual path.

Take the first step today—join the O.C.I.A. and begin your journey toward a richer, deeper faith. Sign up now and be a part of a community that inspires, supports, and uplifts at every stage of your spiritual journey.

Sign up today for course starting in October.

I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE.
JOHN 14:6



Day For Life Second Collection 2026

Theme: The Wonder of the Child in the Womb



This weekend is dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition.

Parenthood is a vocation of joys and hopes, of grief and anxieties. This year, we acknowledge the grief of parents who have lost a child before birth, or in infancy. Many parents find consolation in their faith and the assurance that every child, including those who lose their life before they are born or soon after, is created, willed and deeply loved by God from all eternity.

Maidenhead SVP 2026 Smarties Appeal for South Sudan

On **27-28 June 2026**, members of **M'head SVP** will be handing out tubes of Smarties to parishioners at Masses to bring home and eat, and then fill with notes or coins to aid the work of local **SVP groups in South Sudan**. This includes running baby feeding centres, providing free life-saving medical treatment at **SVP medical centres**, and offering vocational training for young people. Your donation can help fund these **critical SVP projects** that bring hope and peace into lives torn apart by war. Please return Smarties tubes to either **St Joseph's** or **St Edmund Campion Church** by **Sunday 13th July 2026**.

Sea Sunday – 12 July 2026

We are invited to remember all Seafarers, Mariners, Fishers and Naval Forces and to Pray for them, and their loved ones, as they go about their vital work.

In our Diocese, Portsmouth and Southampton Ports account for £billions of Trade and Passenger activity annually. The Seafarers involved are supported by a network of Chaplains and Volunteers, through Stella Maris, and the donations that we make to their welfare and care. On that day, we will display an Anchor, a Lantern, a Bell and an Ensign in the front of St Joseph's Church on SS to represent the close connection between the symbols of Life at Sea and the Life of Christ through the Gospels. We will also make an appeal on behalf of Stella Maris.

SACRAMENTALS

All **forms** can be found here:

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

💧 **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

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Church Website: <https://stjosephsparish.co.uk/>

ATTN - CONTACTLESS MACHINES: Please re-register for Gift Aid the new machines are on a different platform.

All previous donations made on the new machines can then be backdated for Gift Aid. *Thank you!*