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St Joseph's & St Elizabeth's edition

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14th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Year A

4th / 5th July 2026

Jesus wants us to see through the eyes of a child, and not be someone who simply cannot see good in anything: calling John the Baptist, who was living like a hermit, possessed; Jesus eating and drinking normally, a glutton. Life with negative people grinds to a complete halt.

Jesus opens life up by inviting his hearers to come to him, and to have joy. Joy is what he calls his "yoke". Now "yoke" may not seem a very comfortable word. The rabbis called the Law of Moses a "yoke". They did not mean something unpleasant - it was a delightful way of binding oneself to God. As one rabbi said: "My burden is my song".

We do not pretend that we are burden-free, nor confuse happiness with joy - they are not the same. As Christians we are free, and like Jesus, we are free to serve. Many from the outside see Christians as brainwashed, being led by the nose. That is very sad. We are the children of joy. Joy is the cousin of freedom. "One who really has Christ chooses freely what others do under compulsion".



Ask yourself – am I joyful? Can people sense in me a freedom of spirit coupled, as I get older, with a growing sense of gratitude? Not "happy" (h-a-p-p-y like on a trip to the seaside with bucket and spade. Joyful.

Where joy is living, Christ is living.

Where joy dies, Christianity dies, no matter how many proclamations there may be to the contrary.

July			
Sat	4 th	10:00	Coleman Family, FM
		18:30	Julia Cortez Maraggun, RIP
Sun	5 th	08:00	Rosario & Piedade Furtado, A
		09:15	
		11:00	Salinas Family
		17:00	Mass of the Parish of Holy Family
Tue	7 th	10:00	Rev John Lord Lewington, FM
Wed	8 th	10:00	Josiah Brito, SI
Thu	9 th	10:00	Coleman Family, FM
Fri	10 th	10:00	
Sat	11 th	10:00	
		18:30	Sian Boland & Ryan Manuel, SI Valy Dias, SI (MHM)
Sun	12 th	08:00	
		09:15	
		11:00	
		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: Zec 9:9-10 Behold, your king is coming to you, humble.

Psalms 145 R/ I will bless your name for ever, my God and king.

2nd: Rom 8:9-13 If by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

Acclamation Alleluia! I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, you have revealed the secrets of the kingdom to little children. Alleluia!

Gospel Matt 11:25-30 I am gentle and lowly in heart.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO
ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI
CATHOLIC CHURCH ASCOT
11am Saturday 1 Aug

The Holy Year of St. Francis is a special Jubilee Year 2026, declared by Pope Leo XIV to mark the 800th anniversary of the saint's death.

"This Year of St Francis spurs all of us, each according to our possibilities to imitate the poor man of Assisi, to form ourselves as far as possible on the model of Christ... may the hope that has seen us as pilgrims now be transformed into zeal and fervour of active charity."

All are invited.

The Holy Family Walking Group will be organising a walking route. More info will be shared soon!

Coronation Rd
South Ascot
SL5 9HG

WORKS OF MERCY: VISIT THE SICK

Last month, we celebrated The Sacred heart of Jesus as we considered the Sick and Vulnerable in our Family and in the Parish. Our devotion to The Sacred Heart should inspire us to have a Spiritual and Practical commitment to care for those who suffer or are in pain. Jesus spent much of his time on earth healing the afflicted and caring for those who were sick. The image of His Sacred Heart brings comfort and healing to all those who ask for His Care and Comfort. Let us Pray, continually, for those who are Sick and Thank God for all of our Brothers and Sisters who bring Hope, Peace and Compassion by performing their Corporal Works of Mercy.

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

HAPPENING IN THE PARISH

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

- ❖ **5 Jul** after 11am Mass **Children's Liturgy Meeting** & drinks in St Elizabeth's Room on Sunday. Important decisions to be made about the future of Children's Liturgy and the term ahead, plus Newton on the rewards of using IT. Any interested parishioners are welcome - we need new helpers! Please contact Tricia on 01628 627265 or triciaweeksmail@gmail.com for more info!
- ❖ **12 Jul Sea Sunday** 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. Please give generously!



Maidenhead SVP 2026 Smarties Appeal for South Sudan

Time to finish up your Smarties! And fill the tubes 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 funds these **critical SVP projects** that bring hope and peace into lives torn apart by war. Please return Smarties tubes to **St Joseph's** or **St Edmund Campion Church** by **Sunday 13th July 2026**.

CLASSES/ EVENTS IN SJ

Some are privately run events

- **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!

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** 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 have chat!
- ❖ **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

- **25 Jul 10-1pm ADoRE mini online retreat.** Mass, Adoration, Praise, talks & more! See https://www.altonrenewal.com/july_2026
- **15-19 Aug CELEBRATE Festival** 5 days of worship, teaching & 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 Int'l Staff Songsters of The Salvation Army Concert** East Road, SL6 1PJ www.ticketsource.com/maidenhead-salvation-army

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

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SACRAMENTALS

All **forms** can be found here:

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

FHC and OCIA now open for sign up! See ↑

- ♦ **Baptism Course 7 Jul 7pm** For expecting parents and parents whose child(ren) is being baptised in M'head
- ♥ **Getting Marriage?** Enquire via our online form!
- ♥ **MARRIAGE SUPPORT:** Marriage in a rut? Or need help with deeper issues? Retrouvaille has helped thousands of couples find hope and healing in their marriage. Next dates: 2 – 4 Oct. www.retrouvaille.org.uk/info Tel: 0788 7296983