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Year A

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Life's worries can choke us, like seed caught among thorns. Or complacency sets in. We think we've arrived and no longer need to grow, like seed on shallow soil. Or unhealthy desires can distract us, like seed carried off by birds. And yet, within each of us is the natural capacity to become more fully human and more deeply spiritual.

Faith invites us to love more generously, to forgive more freely, to pray, to ask deeper questions: Who am I? Where am I going? What does it mean to love? What does it mean to trust God? How sad if we settle for less, if our horizons shrink. Growth is always imperfect and often uncomfortable, but God continues to invite us to be fruitful.

This is not automatic. It requires our cooperation. God gives us the sacraments to sustain us, the Christian community to support us, and his Spirit to guide us. Sometimes growth asks us to let go of something, or to take something on. There may be struggle, even groaning, but there is joy too, because God is at work.

So never give up hope. Never give up on the seeds planted within you. Prepare the soil of your heart. Make space for stillness and silence. Open the scriptures. Speak honestly to God about your joys and fears. Trust that his word does not return empty, but patiently, quietly, brings life and growth, often in ways we only see much later.

July			
Sat	11 th	10:00	Sian Boland & Ryan Manuel, SI Valy Dias, SI (MHM)
		13:00	♥ 🛎 Wedding: Andreea & Paul 🛎 ♥
		18:30	John Dsouza, A
Sun	12 th	08:00	Maria Aparecida Chufan Haddad, RIP
		09:15	Mass of the Parish of Holy Family
		11:00	All volunteers of Holy Family Parish
		17:00	John Paul Lobo, A
Tue	14 th	10:00	Andrew Marques, SI
Wed	15 th	10:00	Martin & Brigit Mongon, A John & Mary Stokes and deceased members of the Stoke & Mongon Family
Thu	16 th	10:00	Roy Dias & Family, SI Florinda Fernandes, A
Fri	17 th	10:00	HAPPY BIRTHDAY FR VUNI!
Sat	18 th	10:00	Coleman Family, FM
		18:30	Anthony D'Souza, SI Frederick Costa, SI (MHM)
Sun	19 th	08:00	
		09:15	
		11:00	Christopher Paul Hancox, A Deceased Family of Lam Family
		17:00	Mass of the Parish of Holy Family

Adoration*9.00-10am | Confessions Sat after 10am / before 6.30pm Mass

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

1st: Isa 55:10-11 The rain makes the earth give growth.

Psalms 64 R/ Some seed fell into good soil and yielded its fruit.

2nd: Rom 8:18-23 The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons.

Acclamation Alleluia! The seed is the word of God, Christ the sower; all who find him will live for ever. Alleluia!

Gospel Matt 13: 13:1-23 A sower went out to sow.

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: CLOTHE THE NAKED

During July, our Corporal Works of Mercy will focus on the Theme of "Clothe the Naked". When we think about those who are "Naked" in our community, we should consider those who have lost their dignity, are forgotten, alone, or rejected by society. They are "naked", without friends or family, we support them to "clothe" them in friendship and compassion. We also lend our support to all our volunteers welcome Asylum Seekers and the Homeless in our Community. It is our duty as Catholics to comfort, console and "clothe" them. Please continue to donate your good quality clothing and donate your Love, Time and Presence to all those who are "Naked".

HAPPENING IN THE PARISH

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

- ❖ **12 Jul Volunteer's Lunch** Thank you for RSVP'g. We will see you at 12pm in the Hall! No Teas & Coffee after 11am Mass.
- ❖ **12 Jul Sea Sunday** We remember all Seafarers, Mariners, Fishers and Naval Forces and pray for them, and their loved ones, as they go about their vital work. The Seafarers are supported by Stella Maris, and the donations that we make go towards their welfare and care. Please give generously!
- ❖ This Sunday is the **last Children's Liturgy** of the term. We wish you a wonderful summer holiday and we'll see you again on 6 Sep!
- ❖ Please return **Smarties tubes** to SJ or SEC by Sunday 12th July.
- ❖ **Starting 29 Jul** Series of presentations on Pope's Letter. See posters.
- ❖ **6 Mar 2027 FLAME** OVO Wembley Arena. For 11-25 years old. See poster or contact youth@stjosephsparish.co.uk to book

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!

New Group starting in Sept: Sewing

Do you want to learn to make your own clothes? Get help with your projects? Come to St Elizabeth's room on **8 Sept 10.30-12.30pm** for a **Sewing Circle Meeting** to discuss your experience and help create a plan for the year. All are welcome! Please RSVP to unamallia@googlemail.com

WE WISH ALL THE TEACHERS, CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES A VERY BLESSED SUMMER AS THEY BREAK UP FOR THE HOLIDAYS NEXT FRIDAY

Dear Lord above, we thank You today,
For sunshine and laughter and time to play.
Please keep us safe in all that we do,
And help us to always stay close to You.

Bless our family, both near and far,
And guide us wherever our journeys are.
Fill our hearts with kindness and cheer,
And stay by our side all through the year.

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 St, SL6 1QJ. Come along, buy your own refreshments, & 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 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 1 Sep 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