



HOLY FAMILY PARISH

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St Joseph's & St Elizabeth's edition
SUMMER 2027

16th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Year A

18th / 19th July 2026

Today's parable tells us that we live in God's world but we find it populated by people who do not all live by God's will. Why does God allow there to be people who are evil in the world? Why does God allow fanatics to bomb innocent people on buses and trains and at concert venues? Why does God allow dictators, like Hitler or Mao to systematically exterminate millions? If he is all-powerful, why does he not simply eliminate the bad or turn their hearts to good?

In the Gospel today, Jesus answers this question. Darnel looks very similar to, and grows alongside wheat. Its seeds, when infected by a fungus, can be fatally poisonous to humans. Once threshed, its black seeds are laboriously separated from the golden grains of wheat.

In scripture, the harvest is often used as a metaphor for the judgment when all people, good and bad alike, will come before the Lord to give an account of their lives. It is only at judgment that one will be separated from the other, the one to be saved, the other lost. Until then, we all live shoulder to shoulder, the good alongside the bad.

But who are we to judge who is good and who is bad - this is Jesus' point in the parable. Whilst we need to do weeding by taking out of society those who represent a threat to our lives, our homes, our property. But we know that sometimes the wheat is pulled up in this process instead of the darnel and sometimes the darnel escapes being weeded out. Miscarriages of justice do occur for various reasons. Sometimes police, prosecutors and juries get it wrong and sometimes travesties of justice occur because of corruption at some level or another.

Not only is there good and bad in society, but there is also good and bad in each of us. We are a mixed society of saints and sinners and it is **up to us**, who have been shaped and redeemed by Christ, to be good examples to help to others change their lives for the better.

This way, come the judgment, they will be counted among the virtuous too and come to share the kingdom prepared by the Father since the beginning of time.

WORKS OF MERCY: CLOTHE THE NAKED

As we continue to "Clothe the Naked" with our Prayers and support, this month, we begin to focus on "Shelter the Homeless" during August. The Salvation Army, Sue Brett Foundation, SVP Maidenhead, Food Share and our own Parish Volunteers provide vital, loving care to those who are Homeless in our community. Our donations, as always, are essential for the help that they provide.

Looking further ahead, to September, our CWM will be dedicated to "Care for the Environment". We heed the call of the late Pope Francis, and of Pope Leo, to "Care for Our Common Home" during the Season of Creation, between 1 Sept (World Day of Prayer for Creation) and 4 Oct (St Francis of Assisi 800th Anniversary). During this Season, we hope to have several activities and events that will enable us to engage more closely with our environment and to be more effective Stewards of God's Creation. Have a Blessed

1st: Wis 12:13, 16-19 You give repentance for sins.

Psalms 86 R/ O Lord, you are good and forgiving.

2nd: Rom 8:26-27 The Spirit intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.

Acclamation Alleluia! Thank you, Father, Lord of heaven & earth, you have revealed the secrets of the kingdom to little children. Alleluia!

Gospel Matt 13:24-43 Let both grow together until the harvest.



17th Sunday 25th / 26th July 2026

1st: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12 You have asked for yourself understanding.

Psalms 119 R/ O Lord, how I love your law!

2nd: Rom 8:28-30 He predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son.

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 13:44-52 He sells all that he has and buys the field.

18th Sunday 1st / 2nd August 2026

1st: Isa 55:1-3 Come and eat.

Psalms 145 R/ You open your hand and fulfil us, O Lord.

2nd: Rom 8:35-39 Nothing in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ.

Acclamation Alleluia! One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God. Alleluia!

Gospel Matt 14:12-21 They all ate and were satisfied.



CLOSURE NOTICE

OFFICE: We close for the summer holidays until end August. Please approach the priest for Mass Intentions.

CENTRE MAIN HALL: We are renovating the floor in the Hall from 2 – 9 Aug. Please note that all events are cancelled / moved to St Liz room. See website for events

July			
Sat	18 th	10:00*	Alicia Maria Coker, SI
		18:30	Anthony D'Souza, SI Frederick Costa, SI (MHM)
Sun	19 th	08:00	Tina Sell, A
		09:15	Coleman Family, FM
		11:00	Christopher Paul Hancox, A Deceased Family of Lam Family
		17:00	Mass of the Parish of Holy Family
Tue	21 st	10:00	Peter O'Rourke, A
Wed	22 nd	10:00	
Thu	23 rd	10:00	Coleman Family, FM
Fri	24 th	10:00	
Sat	25 th	10:00*	Mary Brennan, A
		18:30	Felicity Joseph, A
Sun	26 th	08:00	Marta Fernandes, RIP
		09:15	Mass of the Parish of Holy Family
		11:00	Andrea Cardoso, SI
		12:30	Baptism: Maria
		17:00	Aquino Fernandes, A
Tue	28 th	10:00	Rev John Lord Lewington, FM
		11:00	Funeral: William O'Hare
Wed	29 th	10:00	Marquina Pires, RIP
Thu	30 th	10:00	Mary Oulds, FM
Fri	31 st	10:00	Coleman Family, FM
August			
Sat	1 st	10:00*	Endurance in the Faith, SI Seisy Cardoso, SI Franco Bigoni RIP (MHM)
		18:30	
Sun	2 nd	08:00	Domingo Fernandes, A Francis & Espertina Fernandes, A
		09:15	Vivian Harvey, RIP
		11:00	
		12:30	Baptism: Jacob
		17:00	Mass of the Parish of Holy Family
Tue	4 th	10:00	Sarah Chethy, FM
Wed	5 th	10:00	
Thu	6 th	10:00	Coleman Family, FM
Fri	7 th	10:00	Healing Mass (7pm SEC)
Sat	8 th	10:00*	Maria Lim, A
		14:00	♥🔔 Wedding: Diego & Jennifer 🔔♥
		18:30	



A series of Presentations on Pope Leo's Encyclical Letter

Session I	Session II	Session III
Wed 29 Jul 1900h St Joseph's	Wed 5 Aug 1900h St Joseph's	Wed 12 Aug 1900h St Joseph's
Fri 31 Jul 1045h St Thomas More	Fri 7 Aug 1045h St Thomas More	Fri 14 Aug 1045h St Thomas More

All are welcome

Photo from https://www.vatican.va/various/cappelle/sistina_vr/index.html

**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.
There is limited parking, so please carpool if you can!

Coronation Rd
South Ascot
SL5 9HG

*Adoration 9.00-10am Confessions **after Mass

***before Mass

MHM: Mass for this intention will be said by the Mill Hill Missionaries
A: Death Anniv; FM: Foundation Mass; RIP: Rest in Peace, SI: Special Intention

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Saturday 6th March 2027
OVO Arena Wembley



JOIN US at the UK's biggest **YOUTH**
gathering ... Take Courage!
Youth age 11 - 25

To book your place email Maria
youth@stjosephsparish.co.uk

FOR A SNEAK PEEK
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CHRISTIAN BOOKSHOPS

POP-UP SHOP



WHERE? Maidenhead URC, West St,
Maidenhead SL6 1RL

WHEN? Weds 29th July
10.30am-12.30pm

REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED!

REMEMBER TO SIGN UP FOR
**First Holy Communion
& OCIA!**

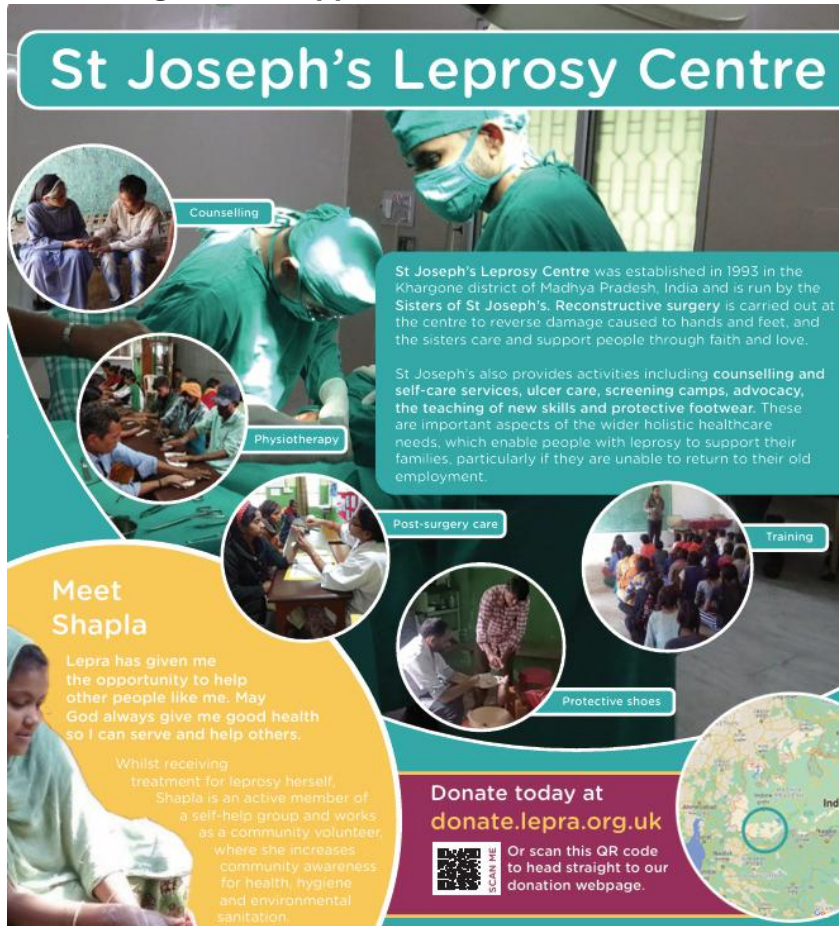
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August

Sun	9 th	08:00	
		09:15	
		11:00	
		17:00	Mass of the Parish of Holy Family
Tue	11 th	10:00	
Wed	12 th	10:00	Coleman Family, FM
Thu	13 th	10:00	Michael & Helena Randell ♥ 60 years! Maria Cardozo, SI
Fri	14 th	10:00	Albert Dsouza, A
Sat	15 th	10:00*	Manuel Family Thanksgiving
		18:30	Henry Coleman, FM
Sun	16 th	08:00	Joao Santan Fernandes, A
		09:15	
		11:00	
		17:00	Mass of the Parish of Holy Family
Tue	18 th	10:00	
Wed	19 th	10:00	Coleman Family, FM
Thu	20 th	10:00	Richard Fernandes, SI
Fri	21 st	10:00	Edmund Coleman, FM
Sat	22 nd	10:00*	Joseph Fernandes, SI
		18:30	
Sun	23 rd	08:00	Maria Josefa Furtado, A
		09:15	
		11:00	
		17:00	Mass of the Parish of Holy Family
Tue	25 th	10:00	
Wed	26 th	10:00	
Thu	27 th	10:00	Coleman Family, FM
Fri	28 th	10:00	Anaiah Rodrigues, SI
Sat	29 th	10:00*	
		18:30	Maria Angela Dias, A
Sun	30 th	08:00	
		09:15	
		11:00	
		17:00	Mass of the Parish of Holy Family
September			
Tue	1 st	10:00	Rian Chaundy, SI
Wed	2 nd	10:00	Rev John Lord Lewington, FM
Thu	3 rd	10:00	Coleman Family, FM
Fri	4 th	10:00	Healing Mass (7pm SEC)

This August, we support LEpra in our 2nd Collection

St Joseph's Leprosy Centre



Counseling

St Joseph's Leprosy Centre was established in 1993 in the Khargone district of Madhya Pradesh, India and is run by the Sisters of St Joseph's. Reconstructive surgery is carried out at the centre to reverse damage caused to hands and feet, and the sisters care and support people through faith and love.

Physiotherapy

St Joseph's also provides activities including counseling and self-care services, ulcer care, screening camps, advocacy, the teaching of new skills and protective footwear. These are important aspects of the wider holistic healthcare needs, which enable people with leprosy to support their families, particularly if they are unable to return to their old employment.

Post-surgery care

Training

Protective shoes

Meet Shapla

Leprosy has given me the opportunity to help other people like me. May God always give me good health so I can serve and help others.

Whilst receiving treatment for leprosy herself, Shapla is an active member of a self-help group and works as a community volunteer where she increases community awareness for health, hygiene and environmental sanitation.

Donate today at
donate.lepra.org.uk

Or scan this QR code to head straight to our donation webpage.



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! Contact unamallia@googlemail.com for Summer dates

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

HAPPENING IN THE PARISH



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

The Children's Liturgy team wishes all our families a wonderful summer holiday and look forward to seeing you again on 6th September

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

SACRAMENTALS

All **forms** can be found here:

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

FHC and OCIA now open for signup! See ↑

- ♦ **Baptism Course 6 Sep 12.15pm** Meet in the Centre foyer after the 11am Mass. 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