



HOLY FAMILY PARISH

NEWSLETTER

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St Edmund Campion Church
St Joseph's & St Elizabeth's Church
30th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Year A

24th/25th October 2026

Love God. Love your neighbour. Jesus teaches that these two commands hold all of God's law and all the words of the prophets. They guide how we live, how we treat others, and how we show our faith in action.

The readings this Sunday remind us that love must be more than words. God cares about how we treat people who are weak or alone. He listens to their cries and calls us to be kind, fair, and generous. Love for God is seen in how we care for others.

Faith also shines in how we live each day. Like the Thessalonians in the second reading, we are called to follow Jesus with joy, even when life is hard. The 30th Sunday, invites us to look at our own hearts and see if love truly leads our choices and actions.

When love guides us, everything else falls into place. Loving God fully and loving others honestly bring peace, purpose, and hope to our lives and our world.

- **Love for God and Neighbour:** Jesus says the greatest commandment is to love God fully and love others as yourself. This shows that faith is not just about rules but about relationships.
- **Compassion for the Vulnerable:** God tells His people not to mistreat outsiders, widows, or orphans. He listens to their cries and expects His people to care for them.
- **Justice and Fairness:** The first reading warns against taking advantage of the poor. God wants people to act fairly and show kindness in their dealings.
- **Faith in Hardship:** The second reading praises believers who remained faithful despite struggles. Their strong faith became an example for others.
- **Turning Away from Idols:** The Thessalonians left behind false gods to serve the true God. This reminds people to put God first in their lives.
- **The Law Fulfilled in Love:** Jesus says all laws come from loving God and loving others. Following this commandment sums up what God wants from His people.

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You shall love the Lord, your God,
with all your heart, with all your soul,
and with all your mind.

MATTHEW 22

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First Reading: (Exodus 22:21-27)

'If you mistreat any widow or fatherless child, my wrath will burn against you'

Responsorial Psalm:

(Psalm 18 (17))

I love you, Lord, my strength.

Second Reading:

(1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b)

'You turned away from idols to serve God and to wait for his Son.'

Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia. If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him. Alleluia.*

Gospel: (Matthew 22:15-21)

'You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.'

Reflection Questions:

- * How do you show love for God in your daily life?
- * How does faith influence the way you treat others?
- * Do you sometimes struggle to put love into action? Why?

Christmas Ministry Call

Calling all our Eucharistic Ministers, Readers and Hospitality over December (St Edmund Campion & St Josephs), especially Hospitality after Midnight Mass (St Josephs)

There will be a sign-up sheet located on the notice board near St Elizabeths Room and the main church foyer (St Josephs) or email admin@holyfamilyparish.org.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

St Edmund Campion

October

Fri	23 rd	10:00	Mass (MI: Peter Smith)
Sat	24 th	17:30	Confessions
		18:15	Mass (MI: Francesco & Ines Mazza)
Sun	25 th	9:30	Mass
		11:15	Mass (MI: Rosaleen Boyle)
Mon	26 th	9:30	Mass (MI: Lorraine from UCM)
Tue	27 th	9:30	Mass
Wed	28 th	9:30	Mass (MI: Allan Moss)
		19:00	Bible Course (SEC)
Thurs	29 th	9:30	Mass
Fri	30 th	10:00	Mass (MI: Darnell Cardozo)
		19:00	Eucharistic Adoration
Sat	31 st	17:30	Confessions
		18:30	Mass
Sun	1 st	9:30	Mass All Saints' Day
	Nov	11:15	Mass (MI: Nuala Hirth)
		14:30	Baptism
Mon	2 nd	9:30	Mass
	Nov	19:00	Mass: All Souls' Mass

St Joseph & St Elizabeth

October – For any Mass Intentions, we kindly ask that if Tracy is not in the office, please email admin@holymfamilyparish.org.uk

Fri	23 rd	10:00	Mass (MI: Thanksgiving for Patrick Lennon)
Sat	24 th	10:00	Mass (MI: Bishop Cotter & Liam O'Flynn)
		18:30	Mass (MI: Muriel D'Souza)
Sun	25 th	8:00	Mass (MI: Michael Carrigan)
		9:15	Mass @SE
		11:00	Mass (MI: Alex Thomas)
		17:00	Mass: Holy Family Parish Mass (MI: Natalia Quiteria Alvares & Antonio Anacleto Cruz)
Mon	26 th	10:00	Morning Prayers
Tue	27 th	10:00	Mass (MI: Eleanor Thomas)
Wed	28 th	10:00	Mass (MI: Coleman Family) (Thanksgiving Mass for Sheila Lee)
Thurs	29 th	10:00	Mass (MI: Requiem Mass for Theresa Faria)
Fri	30 th	10:00	Mass (MI: Michael McLoughlin)
Sat	31 st	10:00	Mass (MI: Maria Coleman)
			(Alicia Maria Coker)
		18:30	Mass (MI: Cherril Phillip)
Sun	1 st	8:00	Mass All Saints' Day
	Nov	9:15	Mass @SE
		11:00	Mass (MI: Theresa Faria)
		17:00	Mass: Holy Family Parish Mass
Mon	2 nd	10:30	Mass: All Souls' Mass
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Holy Family Parish

Become an Altar Server!

An altar server is someone who assists the priest during Mass and other church services. They help prepare the altar, carry the cross, candles and other sacred items, and assist with tasks such as bringing the bread and wine to the altar. Altar servers help the mass run smoothly and show respect and reverence during the celebration.



Contact the administrator at your local church for more information.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR AT ST JOSEPHS - SUNDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 12PM.

Donations for the bottle tombola and other prizes are gratefully received. Please bring them to the Parish office on Mon, Tues, Thursday or Friday mornings, or alternatively there will be two boxes marked 'Christmas Bazaar' that you can pop your donations into. Thank you so much in advance.

Christmas Grand draw (SJ) - if you want to purchase a raffle ticket, please see Paddy O'Flynn or come to the parish office directly.

International Dinner:



Our annual International Dinner takes place on Friday **20th November at 7.30 pm at St Josephs**. Tickets are **£25**, including a three-course meal and live entertainment, and are available from **Angela de Souza at St Edmund Campion and Annette at St Josephs**. Proceeds will support our Mill Hill Mission in Juba, South Sudan. Please join us!
Fr Brian Oswald MHM



St Edmund Campion School and Nursery News

Exciting News: Two-Year-Olds Now Welcome!

We are delighted to announce that we can now welcome two-year-olds to our nursery - you no longer need to wait until your child turns three!

If you're interested in securing a place for your child, please get in touch with our nursery team at nursery@st-edmund.org.uk. We'd love to welcome your little one to our nurturing St Edmund Campion family.

Open Mornings for September 2027 Entry

Are you looking for a primary school place for your child starting in September 2027? We'd love to show you around St Edmund Campion!

Join us for one of our open mornings:

Friday 2nd October
Wednesday 21st October
Thursday 19th November
Tuesday 8th December
Friday 11th December

To book your tour,
please contact us at
school@st-edmund.org.uk.

We look forward to meeting you
and sharing what makes our
school so special.

Corporal Works of Mercy

Care for the sick

We ponder the words of The Memorare:- "Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help or sought thy intercession, was left unaided ...".

Let us pray frequently and sincerely for her intercession on behalf of all our sick, frail and housebound family and friends in our community.

Please remember, also, that it is crucially important that when a Catholic is admitted to hospital, the family should ensure the Catholic Chaplaincy is contacted so that support can be given.

*O Mother of the Word Incarnate,
despise not my petitions,
but in thy Mercy hear and answer me.*



BOARDGAME CAFE

Sunday 8th November
AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

For 14-18 year olds

FREE TO ATTEND



**PLAY
NEW GAMES**



**MEET
NEW PEOPLE**



**TUCK
SHOP**

★ All volunteers DBS checked ★



St Mary's Catholic School

If you have a child who is starting school in
September 2027, come and visit us at St Mary's Primary School.

Our open mornings are:

Wednesday 21st October at 9.30am
Tuesday 24th November at 9.30am

Please call or email the school office to
book your place on one of our tours.

01628 622570
StMarysOffice@stmarys-maidenhead.org.uk

Baby and toddler group



Every Friday
(term time only)



8:45 – 10:45



£1.50



**St Edmund Campion
Parish Centre**





EVENTS IN THE DIOCESE

* 1 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

* Saturday 31 October: Portsmouth Diocese Parish

Evangelisation Formation Day at Christ the King, Reading.

To register and to get more information please click here, or email ffm@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

Calling all 14–18-year-olds!

Introducing our new **Board Game Cafe**. A place where young people aged 14 to 18 (end of year 13) can come alone or with friends to have fun. The Cafe will open for the first time at **3pm to 5pm on Sunday 8th November**. The Cafe is at **St Joseph's Parish Centre**. To join, parents must **complete the registration form** in advance. This can be found here: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/Nk7dgvVqMm> or on the Youth page on our website, under "Parish Groups". The Cafe is free. We have a tuck shop where snacks are available at cost price. Our Cafe Leadership group includes teenage Youth Leaders who ensure that we have some 'Lit' games as well as traditional ones and that snacks, music and atmosphere are focussed on teenagers.

The **Union of Catholic Mothers** (UCM)

will be holding a **cake sale** in **St. Joseph's Hall**.

Please come along and buy after the

11 o'clock mass on Sunday **15th November**

Funds go to sponsor a Mill Hill Seminarian.

homemade specialities.



Please note that the email address for St Edmund Campion and St Josephs has changed to: admin@holyfamilyparish.org.uk

Please use this email address to contact both churches going forward.

Parish Contacts: St Edmund Campion

Office: Carina Antunes (phone): 01628628274 (email):

admin@holyfamilyparish.org.uk

Office Hours: Mon - Thursday (8:30 – 15:00)

Parish Priest: Fr Vuni (phone): 07888 627223 (email):

Tvuni@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Safeguarding: Patricia Opalko: patricia.opalko@st-edmund.org.uk

Mass Times: Monday-Thursday 9:30, Friday 10:00, Saturday 18:15, Sunday 9:30 (Children's Mass) & 11:15

Mass will be available ONLINE via YouTube – Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday - 9:30, Friday – 10:00 & Sunday – 11:15

Parish Contacts: St Joseph

Office: Tracy Brienza (phone): 01628783988 (email):

admin@holyfamilyparish.org.uk

Youth: Maria Beasley youth@holyfamilyparish.org.uk

Office Hours: Mon, Tue, Thurs & Fri (9:00 – 14:00)

Fr Elvis (phone): 07465 675985 (email):

Eberka@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Mass Times: Tuesday - Friday 10:00, Saturday 10:00 & 18:30

Sunday 8:00, 11:00 (Children's Mass) & 17:00. (St. Elizabeth @9:15)

Safeguarding: safeguarding@stjosephsparish.co.uk

CLASSES/ EVENTS



HFP: Holy Family Parish ♦ SE: St Elizabeth's

SJ: St Joseph ♦ SEC: St Edmund Campion

STM: St Thomas More

REGULAR EVENTS

- ❖ **Thursdays Zoom Room: 2pm** Rosary
6pm Journey together through Holy scriptures
www.tinyurl.com/2hz5axvp
- ❖ **Fridays 8.45-10:45am Baby & Toddler Group**
SEC Centre (term time)
- ❖ **Yoga Classes: Tuesdays: 11am:** Classes are starting again and run through the school holidays. Contact Rachel: wellhappyyoga@gmail.com @SEC NO
YOGA: 3rd Nov
- ❖ **Yoga Classes with Una: Thursdays 6pm:** @SJ
- ❖ **CHILDREN'S SUNDAY LITURGY:**
9:30mass @SEC, 11:00mass @SJ
- ❖ **Tuesdays: Practical Art** U3A untutored Art Group. Every 1st & 3rd Tues 2-4pm in SJ Hall. Contact Peter 01628 674097
- ❖ **Mondays: Mother's Prayers** @10am @SJ
- ❖ The **UCM** meets on the **1st and 3rd TUESDAYS** of the month, from 2:30 until 4:00, in the St Elizabeth Room at St Joseph's. All ladies are welcome to come, not only mothers. (Contact: Bel Flynn, via the Office.)
- ❖ **3rd Sundays** 3pm Filipino Mass @SJ
- ❖ **Sewing Circle Tuesdays 11am-1pm** @SJ hall
- ❖ **AGE UK** has a series of support clubs/events in the community for older people. See the church noticeboard for posters
- ❖ The **REPOSITORY** in the church porch is bursting with lovely cards and gifts. Please do visit and support.
- ❖ Throughout 2026 we would like to celebrate the **variety of nationalities** within our parish through prayer. If you are willing to use your gift of language, from an advisory, spoken or written perspective and get involved with our different tongues programme please contact Deb Woodward on deborah@deborahodea.com
- ❖ **RED BOX HOLDERS: Thank you! total amount raised by your contributions for the Red Boxes last year was £1371.62**
- ❖ **MUSICAL & OPERA NIGHT Saturday 7th November**
Four professional opera singers, with piano accompaniment, will perform a mixture of popular Arias and songs from Musicals at the 37th Annual evening organised by the Catenians. Interested but not sure what it's like, please take a look at the short promotional film on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LXUWrbuRs6I> Profits from the event go to St Michael Mission Trust
This event takes place at Clare's Court School, Maidenhead at 7.30pm on Saturday 7th November. Tickets £30 pp are available from Jonathan Holder via manorcott@outlook.com

Emmaus Catholic Men's Retreat:

This is a residential retreat at the Oratory School, Reading on the weekend of the 23-25th Oct.