

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH EPSOM NEWSLETTER 30 AUGUST 2020

UPDATE FROM FR BILL

Well, here we are in the last week of August, having navigated 5 months of lockdown – it's difficult to believe what we have been through in the last five months! I am sure that your faith, your prayers, our community spirit and having an opportunity to attend Mass have played a large part in sustaining us during this unprecedented period.

I hope that some of you will have been able to have some time away from Epsom during the summer, and the children especially have been able to enjoy the last few months and are rested and waiting with anticipation to return to School next week.

You will be pleased to know that the phone line to the Parish Office is up and running again – but if you do have an enquiry, then please do still feel free to continue to email the Parish Office at office@st-josephs-epsom.org.uk where emails are being dealt with on a daily basis.

A quick update that there will now be no Mass on Mondays or Tuesdays until 14 and 15 September respectively, and that the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday is still currently suspended, so please do consider attending Mass at the weekday 10.00a.m. Masses that are being celebrated.

Thank you again for all your support and donations to the Parish, your generosity is very much appreciated.

Fr Bill, Fr Ruslan and the Sisters



**SUNDAY 30 AUGUST,
TWENTY SECOND
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME**

Who do you say I am?

After Peter's resounding proclamation of Jesus as the Christ last week, the readings this Sunday strike a more sombre note as we consider the suffering and sacrifice Jesus will face. This will also be the path his followers will choose.

Jeremiah cannot resist God's call: he is overwhelmed by it, but his faithfulness brings insult and derision. **(First Reading – Jeremiah 20: 7-9).**

The Psalm **(Psalm 62)** echoes Jeremiah in speaking of our passionate desire and thirst for God. It is in clinging to God that we can face the crosses that will come our way. In this passage from his letter to the Romans, St Paul encourages the people to offer themselves as a living sacrifice, 'truly pleasing to God.' **(Second Reading – Romans 12: 1-2).**

In the Gospel **(Matthew 16: 21-27)** we have the first foreshadowing of Jesus's passion and death. Peter cannot countenance this, but Jesus points out that, for his disciples, the way of the cross is inevitable.

As we go on our way this week, let us try to be of one mind with Christ and to accept each day as it comes, remembering the psalmist's words 'For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise.'

Mass is streamed live each day – please see Website for further details

DATE		MASS INTENTION
Sat 29 August	5.30pm	Emiliano and Lourdes Aquino RIP
Sun 30 August	<i>Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	
	10.30am 5.30pm	Sarah Fonticoba RIP People of the Parish
Mon 31 August		NO MASS
Tue 1 Sept		NO MASS
Wed 2 Sept	10.00am	Leticia Corpuz RIP
Thur 3 Sept	<i>Feast of St Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor</i>	
	10.00am	Pat and Bob Hunter – Celebration of 65 th Wedding Anniversary
Fri 4 Sept	10.00am	Elisa Tris RIP
Sat 5 Sept	5.30pm	Deceased Members of the Castro Family
Sun 6 Sept	<i>Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	
	10.30am 5.30pm	Mansoor Bholah People of the Parish

If you wish to book a Mass Intention, please email the Parish Office at office@st-josephs-epsom.org.uk.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

You may want to have a look at a Children's online liturgy which is pitched at primary school children. You can access it via Youtube at: <https://m.youtube.com/channel/UCdJNyn5xOrOB5634uplhcQg>

Alternatively, very young children enjoy investigating the world around them and can be very visual. The God Who Speaks team have created another 'Top 10' list exploring animals in the Bible, with the under five age group very much in mind. Visit their website to find out more.

YEAR 7 SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

If you have a Child entering Year 7 in September 2021, please hand in your completed application form, together with a copy of your Child's Baptismal Certificate at the Parish Office for signature.

Our prayers are asked for all the sick,

including: Janet Morgan, Andrew Makinson, Theresa Lyon, Antonio Delgado Snr., Ruth and Maurice Carden, Regina Cotter, Chloe English, Angela Brett, Daniel, Alan Lucas, Patrick Mullins, Paul Shannon, Thomas C Y Chan, Mary Canon, Naty Villafior, Ralph Peters, Cynthia Philogene, Valerie Barrett, Rachel Bonito, Francis McCrory, baby Mathew Long, Lucena Javier, Santiago Duarte Rodrigues, Chloe Bowe, June O'Connor, Susan McCrory, Leah Hill, Bob Hunter, Estelle Cuthbert, Indra and Ivan Pedropillai, Emma Amour, Christine Dawson, Anne Egan, Sue Halliden, Kathleen Pledge, Merlyn Soares, Frances Walsh, Bernard Theo, Judith Hayward and Adela Bolanos.

Please also remember in your Prayers all those who have died recently, especially Daniel Nongbri (brother of Parishioner).

THANK YOU

The family of the late Giovanni De Ponte would like to thank all those who have offered support and kindness on the passing of Giovanni. Your thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated at this difficult time.

Bereavement Group

The Bereavement Group continues to keep in touch with their group members on a regular basis, particularly those who have been recently bereaved and may not have the support they would normally have. If you would like to speak to a Member of the Group, please contact Paula Thomas on 07710 099682.

Keeping In Touch

Are you self-isolating, shielding, ill, frail or simply overwhelmed? Or perhaps you are concerned about someone. There are a number of Groups within the Parish who may be able to help e.g. collect shopping, or just to have a chat on the phone. If you or someone needs support, either emotionally or practically, then please email the Parish Office at: office@st-josephs-epsom.org.uk. or contact Terry Cruise (SVP President) on 07788 454774.

Volunteer Researchers Wanted

Horton Estate Cemetery in Epsom occupies about 4.5 acres, and holds the remains of about 8,500 men, women and children who ended their days in the Epsom Hospitals Cluster and were buried as paupers. The cemetery was sold by the NHS to a developer in 1983. Today it is completely overgrown and used as a dumping ground for building rubble, unwanted electrical appliances, and other rubbish. It is the largest derelict hospital cemetery in the UK. A local group has set up a charity, the "Friends of Horton Cemetery" to try to get the ground protected from development in perpetuity and cleaned up so that the cemetery occupants, most of whom still have relatives alive today, are shown the respect they deserve. We have a Volunteer research project to bring the occupants of the cemetery "back to life" by researching their lives. By telling the stories of the people buried there, we hope that, when the time comes, we will have the stories of enough cemetery occupants to be able to rally mass public support for the protection of the ground.

We need volunteer researchers to help us tell these stories. Some people may already have access to genealogical tools such as *Ancestry* and *Find My Past* at home, but these tools are also available to use free in our public libraries. Using tools like this, the stories of the people buried in the cemetery can be built quite quickly. If you could help us with this research, please contact me at email address hortoncemetery@gmail.com.

Kevin McDonnell

FOODBANK UPDATE

Thank you once again for your continued and unwavering support over the summer months. The number of clients remains high and so too, your donations which are very much appreciated. Last week, we fed 318 people with 108 deliveries. The Foodbank is preparing to open its centres again soon - plenty of planning, like most re-openings in these times.

The Foodbank is well stocked with many items, however, those listed below are in urgent need or have completely run out.

We have either no or very little stock of the following items -

Sugar - small bags if possible - very low stock
Long life fruit juice
Long life sponge puddings - we have run out
Children's treats - chocolate etc - we have run out
Instant mash - we have run out
Powdered milk - we have run out
Custard
Coffee
Hot chocolate
Tea bags - not catering packs
Cereal



If you're passing by and a yellow heart you see,
please take a moment to recognise what it means to me.
It means that I've lost someone who was so very dear,
stolen by an evil virus that now only brings me fear.
So please help us raise awareness and stay safe at every cost,
and may our yellow hearts remind you of our
[#loveforthelost](#)

NEW FOR AUTUMN!

Every Monday evening at 8pm. Join us for a Taketime meditation via zoom. Taketime meditations provide a calm, comfortable space in which to meet God.

Please email meditations@olchurch.org.uk for the zoom link. To find out more about the meditations go to <https://taketime.org.uk/>

UPDATE ON SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION AT ST JOSEPH'S

Now that we have set dates for the conclusion of our 2019 – 2020 sacramental preparation for First Holy Communion and Confirmation, we are turning our thoughts to when and how we will begin our 2020 – 2021 sacramental programmes.

Our initial thoughts are that we may be able to begin in January 2021. Once we have drawn up our plans, ensuring that they are COVID secure, we will put the details in our Newsletter and on our Website.

FACE COVERINGS!

There is more good news! We have now sent £2,500 to the FMDM's work in Zambia since the lockdown through our Parish Faith in Action.

We now have two designs of face coverings so please keep your orders coming in. They are made from 100% cotton, have 3 layers of fabric, meeting the WHO recommendation, with a special filter sheet in the centre. All are washable and so reusable and reversible too.

The cost/suggested donation for each mask is still only £5.

Mary Makinson is kindly taking the orders and delivering the masks.

Here are her details:

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CONNECT GROUP

The Connect Group continues to meet on a weekly basis through 'Zoom' to pray through the following Sunday's Gospel together. If you are interested in finding out more about the Group, please contact Antonia Lynn at: Antonia.j.lynn@gmail.com.

Or maybe consider having a look at the Connect Group Blog at <https://stjosephconnect.blogspot.com>