

# ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH EPSOM NEWSLETTER

## 11 JULY 2021

### Fr Bill's Update

Edging forward with hope and optimism. I could be talking about Euro 2020 Finals or the much speculated end of the present lockdown. In a sense, I am speaking about both. I don't know much about football, but like many of you, I have enjoyed watching some of the matches, especially the recent ones. I am sure we will have a full complement present at our Masses this weekend to pray for England's success on Sunday evening, and no doubt, the Italians will be praying for Italy!

With regard to the present restrictions about sanitising etc. here in the Church, we must wait for the latest Diocesan instructions. However, you will notice when you next visit the Church, that the chairs have been re-configured and are now 1 metre distance apart - this change still meets the current Diocesan guidelines. The re-configuration is in part to accommodate more Parishioners at my 40<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Mass at 10.30a.m. on Sunday 25 July— we have still 200 seats available for this Mass, so please do sign up if you would like to attend (further details of the event are on page 2 of this Newsletter).

Fr Ruslan, as you know, will leave us at the end of August to take up his new appointment as Parish Priest at Walton-on-Thames.

I am pleased to tell you that Bishop Richard has appointed Fr Stephen O'Brien as Assistant Parish Priest in place of Fr Ruslan. Fr Stephen was ordained at Arundel Cathedral last Sunday 4 July. I look forward to welcoming Fr Stephen to the Parish and I know that you will give him a warm welcome when he arrives.

With continued prayers and blessings,  
Fr Bill, Fr Ruslan, Sr Margarite and  
Sr Fionnuala



**SUNDAY 11 JULY  
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**

This week's readings tell of people who receive a mission. It has always been God's plan from the beginning to choose ordinary people like us to help spread the Good News. Jesus asks us to listen, and really come to know him. All we need do is trust him, and we will be blessed with all we need to follow his way.

Amos, a shepherd, has simply listened and responded with courage and faith to God's call. He has spoken up for the poor of Bethel. Today, the royal priest tells Amos to mind his own business and leave. (**First Reading – Amos 7: 12-15.**)

The Psalmist (**Psalm 84**) too, listens to the Lord's 'voice ... of peace for his people'. He sings praise to God's promise of faithfulness, mercy, justice and help to all who trust in him.

Paul's letter to the Ephesians (**Ephesians 1: 3-14**) begins with a long prayer of praise and blessing to God. We have always been part of God's plan: 'Before the world was made, God chose us.' Through the gifts of Christ and our faith, we are God's loved and forgiven sons and daughters. (Second Reading)

In the Gospel (**Mark 6: 7-13**), Jesus sends out the apostles in pairs to support one another, teaching others the message of love and repentance they have seen and learnt from him. They are to carry nothing other than their staff, but to trust in God's love and rely on the hospitality of others. If they are not welcomed, they are not to make a scene, but simply 'shake off the dust from under their feet', then move on. Let's pray this week that we show Jesus's message in our love for those we encounter each day. We ask to be witnesses to the joy of our faith in the way in which we live our lives.

DATE		MASS INTENTION
Sat 10 July	5.30pm	Nora McDonagh RIP
Sun 11 July	<b>Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
	10.30am	Carmelo Schifano RIP and The Schifano Family
	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Mon 12 July	11.00am	Funeral Mass for Mary Bernie Randall
Tue 13 July	11.00am	Funeral Mass for Mary Byrne
Wed 14 July	10.00am	Gwen Marshall RIP Fr Bill's Intention
Thu 15 July	<b>Memoria of St Bonaventure, Bishop, Doctor</b>	
	10.00am	Nellie Maloney RIP
Fri 16 July	10.00am	Lucita Bernardino RIP Santos Domingo RIP
Sat 17 July	5.30pm	Paul and Teresa Commins RIP
Sun 18 July	<b>Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
	10.30am	Achilles Fernando RIP
	5.30pm	People of the Parish

**Mass is streamed live—please see Website for further details.**

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

### ST JOSEPH

*To mark the 150th Anniversary of the Proclamation of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church, Pope Francis has dedicated a year-long celebration of St Joseph which is great news for our parish and school communities as we are dedicated to St Joseph. Let us double our efforts to seek his intercession in our prayers during this time of Covid-19. Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter "Pastoris Corde" (With a father's heart) "That is how Joseph loved Jesus". Here is the Pope's Prayer for St Joseph.*

St Joseph Prayer  
*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
 Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
 To you God entrusted his only Son;  
 in you Mary placed her trust;  
 with you Christ became man.  
 Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
 show yourself a father  
 and guide us in the path of life.  
 Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,  
 and defend us from every evil. Amen*

**Our Prayers are asked for all the sick:**  
**Halyna Kurdiumov,**  
**Frances Walsh, Merlyn Soares, Anne Schifano, Sheila Burgess, Peter Galipeau, Emma Lee, Sheila Everitt, Ian Watts, Steve Lee, Jeffrey Forage, Melitona Leander, Vanessa Tuff, Francis McCrory, Susan McCrory, Anita Hully, Halina Krajewski, Kiera and Joseph Poku.**

"The 11th Annual GK Chesterton Walking Pilgrimage will take place on Saturday 24th July 2021. You can sponsor Stuart as he raises funds for Good Counsel on this 27 mile walk here; [www.justgiving.com/fund-raising/gkcwalk21](http://www.justgiving.com/fund-raising/gkcwalk21) You can email prayer intentions to be prayed for along the way, to; [catholicgkcsociety@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:catholicgkcsociety@yahoo.co.uk) You can join us for Mass or part of the walk on the day or even just join us by saying the GK Chesterton Prayer on the day wherever you are. Find details and the prayer in a number of languages here; [www.catholicgkchesterton-society.co.uk](http://www.catholicgkchesterton-society.co.uk) "

### FR BILL'S 40TH JUBILEE – 25 JULY

If you would like to attend the Mass to celebrate the occasion of Fr Bill's 40<sup>th</sup> Jubilee, please use the signing in sheets in the Narthex, or email the Parish Office.

***We have planned to have refreshments after the Mass in the Church Hall and on the school field, but this will be dependent on confirmation of the lifting of restrictions on 12 July – so watch this space!***

If anyone would like to bring a cake or biscuits to share for our celebration in the Hall after Mass, could you please leave your name with the Parish Office. We would also appreciate some help with setting up a few tables and chairs before Mass and the all important clearing away afterwards! Again, please contact the Parish Office if you can help.

If you would like to make a donation to mark this special event, then please use the contactless payment machine in the Narthex, using the 'Fr Bill Jubilee' button, or alternatively, you can take your donation to the Parish Office. Gift Aid does not apply to these donations.  
 Thank you.

## Special collections

We are currently collecting for the following special collections:

Day for Life - parish gift aid does not apply

Peter's Pence - parish gift aid does not apply

Apostleship of the Sea - parish gift aid does not apply, but AOS can claim gift aid IF (and only if) you use one of their special Stella Maris envelopes, available in the church entrance

You can contribute to these special collections in one of the following ways:

1. Bank transfer to parish bank account (Account name: RCD A&B St Joseph's Epsom; sort code: 40-05-20; account number: 71076221). Your bank reference should be the name of the collection
2. Hand your donation in at church. (If you use a Stella Maris envelope for your AOS collection then they can claim gift aid)
3. Select the relevant option from the menu on the contactless giving device (located on the wall outside the parish office).

## Parish Finances and Offertory

Your offertory donations continue to be vital if we are to achieve break-even in 2021.

Easiest ways to contribute to offertory:

**Standing order:** Please set these up directly with your bank. The parish bank account details are as follows:

account name: RCD A&B St Joseph's Epsom; sort code: 40-05-20; account number: 71076221. Bank reference: your name, along with "GA" if you are a member of our Gift Aid scheme. (If you aren't yet a Gift Aider, please do join the scheme! See below.)

**Via the Diocese website:** visit [www.abdiocese.org.uk](http://www.abdiocese.org.uk) and click the red "Donate" button in the top right corner, then under "Parish Giving" select "Epsom".

**Gift Aid** If you are a taxpayer, please join our Gift Aid scheme. This will boost the value of your donation by 25% at no cost to you. Simply fill in the Gift Aid Form (<https://st-josephs-epsom.org.uk/giftAidForm2020.pdf>) and return it to the parish office (by email is fine). Hard copies available in the narthex. Many thanks for your support.

### GIFT AID STATEMENTS

Your GiftAid tax statements are now ready for collection at the church. If you are unable to collect in person, please email the office at [giftaid@st-josephs-epsom.org.uk](mailto:giftaid@st-josephs-epsom.org.uk) and we will post it to you.

**Day for Catechists** Saturday 25 September, Worth Abbey. A gathering of Catechists from around the Diocese, to share our experiences and offer support and resources. The day ends with mass with Bishop Richard. To book, please contact [ruth.gerun@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:ruth.gerun@abdiocese.org.uk)

### Churches Together in Epsom - Coffee morning and sale

We are organising a coffee morning with a cake, plant and garden produce sale along with some fun activities for all ages on **Saturday 31st July at Epsom Methodist Church from 10.00 to 12.00hrs.** (Covid permitting).

Please do 'pop in' even if only for a few minutes.

### World Day for Grandparents - Sunday, 25 July 2021

Pope Francis has instituted a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. Identifying with the more senior members of our society, he says "The whole Church is close to you – to us – and cares about you, loves you and does not want to leave you alone!"

Here you can read the full [message from the Holy Father](#) as well as a filmed [reflection from President of the Bishops' Conference, Cardinal Vincent Nichols](#). You can also [use our prayers](#) and links to help you celebrate the day.

As the Pope says, we should cherish the elderly and recognise that there's no retirement age from the work of proclaiming the Gospel and handing down traditions to grandchildren.

**FINDING STILLNESS: The Open Cloister @ Worth Abbey**  
Tuesday 24th-Thursday 26th August 2021

An experimental hybrid retreat where you are invited to come and stay at Worth or join the retreat online.

For further information or to book your place online go to: [www.worth.co.uk/retreats/online-retreats](http://www.worth.co.uk/retreats/online-retreats)

Enquiries: [toc@worth.org.uk](mailto:toc@worth.org.uk)

**CCRS** - The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS) is beginning again in our Diocese this September. The course is designed for teachers in Catholic schools, for Catechists and for anyone who would like to grow in understanding as they live their Catholic faith. The CCRS offers a very flexible and accessible way of learning, it includes some online content and is made up of eight modules: six core and two specialist modules. Each module involves ten hours of course time and an assignment. For more information or to register your place please contact our Formation Adviser

**Pilgrimage of Reparation and Consecration:** On Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> July, at West Grinstead, from 12 noon. More details from Jayne at [jaynelock1@gmail.com](mailto:jaynelock1@gmail.com) or 07816 422851.

**The Open Cloister @ Worth Abbey:**

**Desert Wisdom: the power of thoughts - Online Day Retreat led by David Clayton & Michael Woodward**

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2021. 10am-4:30pm

Evagrius (b.345) is honoured as 'one of the most important names': come & see why his teaching lives. . .

To book your place online go to [www.worth.co.uk/retreats/online-retreats](http://www.worth.co.uk/retreats/online-retreats)

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### **MASKS MASKS MASKS!!**

Yes - the Creative Ladies are back in business! Now that we are emerging from Lockdown, the requirement to wear face coverings in Churches, shops, or on public transport is still with us. Some of your original masks may need replacement, or maybe you feel ready to diversify your wardrobe!

Please think of ordering from us. All the masks have three layers, including a filter, nose wires and are washable. And there are two styles to choose from, as shown below. We charge just £5 per mask and all the proceeds go to Faith in Action.

For more details and to place an order please contact either [tommymakinson@gmail.com](mailto:tommymakinson@gmail.com) or [creativeladies.stjosephs@gmail.com](mailto:creativeladies.stjosephs@gmail.com) or phone **Mary on 01737 942164**



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### **FOODBANK UPDATE**

The Foodbank will be opening the doors to its centres again very soon, meeting clients face to face as we did over a year ago! This will take some readjustment and all our wonderful volunteers have been offered refresher courses. Sadly, our numbers are still high and we are feeding approximately 150 people per week. Your generosity and kindness means that we are meeting this demand - thank you so much. Every donation really does make a difference. We would ask that you only donate the items listed below to maximise our storage capacity.

- Dog Food (wet and dry) – urgent
- Biscuits - urgent
- Children's toothpaste - urgent
- Breakfast cereal (not porridge), Pulses
- Tinned meat (meatballs, ham, hotdogs etc)
- Hot Chocolate, Tinned vegetables; Instant mash, Tinned fruit; Sweetcorn, Tinned tomatoes
- Tea (bags); Powdered milk
- Washing up liquid, Shampoo, Hair conditioner, Deodorant, Treats for children (chocolates, sweets, crisps etc)

### **BEREAVEMENT GROUP**

We are delighted that the Bereavement Group can now resume meeting monthly, commencing on Wednesday 21st July, after morning Mass. We shall meet in the Lady Chapel, allowing us to socially distance. Sadly, we are unable to offer refreshments on this occasion.

If you have suffered a loss, especially during the period of the pandemic, it can often be helpful to chat to someone outside your family circle. We can offer you time, to talk together and the Team, to confide, or simply just to sit and think. Please do come and join us.

**ADoRE Online** spiritual mini-retreat morning. **July 24<sup>th</sup>**, 10.00-13.00 with Mass, Adoration, Reflection, Praise, Talk, Prayer and Discussion. Theme: **"Transformation in Christ"** - The Holy Spirit is at work in you to change you and make you holier. Our guest speaker is Maria Heath, Chair of English Catholic Charismatic Renewal Service. Please register in advance at [bit.ly/ADOREJUL2021](http://bit.ly/ADOREJUL2021)

**The Open Cloister @ Worth Abbey:**  
**Julian of Norwich - Online Day Retreat led by**  
**Fr David Jarmy OSB**

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2021. Zoom registration at 09:45 and the day ends at 4:30pm

To book your place online go

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