

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH EPSOM NEWSLETTER

15 AUGUST 2021

Fr Bill's Update

As I mentioned last week in my update, I thought it would be useful to let you know Mass times and intentions during the month of August.

Fr Ruslan is now taking a well-earned break prior to taking up his new role at St Erconwald's. And unfortunately, I have to isolate from Tuesday 10 August before I have a procedure on 24 August, so hence the limited weekday Masses for the coming week. However, I have managed to get a supply Priest to provide cover at the weekend Masses. Following my procedure, I will have to have a minimum of 6 weeks to recuperate, so hope to be back in action at the beginning of October.

Fr Stephen O'Brien will be joining us on 27 August. The Mass Intentions and times for the coming week are detailed below:

Saturday 14 August 5.30p.m.

Mass for People of the Parish

Sunday 15 August 10.30a.m.

Mass for Eric and Julia Mortimer R.I.P.

Sunday 15 August 5.30p.m.

Mass for the Hunter Family's Intentions

Monday 16 August – 10.00a.m.

Mass for Holy Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday 17 August – NO MASS

Wednesday 18 August – 10.00a.m.

Mass for Agnes Campbell R.I.P.

Thursday 19 August – 10.00a.m.

Mass for Derek Wixted R.I.P.

Thursday 19 August – 12.00noon

Funeral Mass for Jane Ibrahim

Friday 20 August – NO MASS

Saturday 21 August 5.30p.m.

Mass for Bob Hunter R.I.P.

Sunday 22 August 10.30a.m.

Mass for Achilles Fernando R.I.P.

Sunday 22 August 5.30p.m.

Mass for Osbal Ramirez R.I.P.

The **Bereavement Group** will meet again in the Lady Chapel on Wednesday 25 August after Mass.

I hope you are continuing to enjoy some rest and relaxation, despite the unpredictable and unseasonal weather!

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



SUNDAY 15 AUGUST THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord
and my spirit exults in God my Saviour!

The Feast of the Assumption marks the special place that Mary, chosen to be the Mother of Jesus, has in the life of the Church. The Roman Catholic Church today celebrates that she was taken, body and soul, into heaven, when her life on earth was over.

In the First Reading (**Apocalypse 11: 19,12: 1–6.10**), a woman, taken to be either Mary or the Early Church, safely delivers her son into the world. Although threatened by the dragon (representing the power of evil), the child – the Messiah who would rule all the nations – was taken directly to God. The woman herself escaped to a place of safety.

The Psalm (**Psalm 44**) was originally a wedding song for the king of Judah. It also points us towards Jesus the king and to Mary, his mother, as queen. She is also a subject of the king, and a daughter.

St Paul tells the Corinthians that through Jesus's death and resurrection, all followers of Christ can look forward to a risen life with Jesus, and to a new fullness of life with God. (Second Reading – (**I Corinthians 15: 20-26**).

The Gospel (**Luke 1: 39-56**) tells of Mary's visitation to her sister, Elizabeth. In Mary's hymn of praise, the Magnificat, we see her faith and complete trust in God. This week, we may like to ask Mary to intercede for us as we pray for the grace of knowing God's will for us, and to follow her example in always saying an unconditional 'yes'. We also offer thanks for all the great things the Almighty has done for us.