

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH EPSOM NEWSLETTER

17 OCTOBER 2021

Fr Bill's Update

Well almost back in harness and beginning to pick up being Parish Priest again. My first Mass in the parish last Saturday evening, it felt good to be back and to see some familiar faces.

Reintroduction into parish life will take a little longer and there are all the exercises that must be done twice daily, including walking with my Nordic Poles which also gives me the opportunity to meet some friendly faces.

As I was striding out last week I was asked if I was looking for the mountain to climb. Well not just yet, my level of fitness has a long way to go. As much as I would like to be getting on with more work, for the time being it would be counterproductive. At the same time, I am back in the parish and I am especially looking forward to meeting and greeting you here in the Church.

Coronavirus has not gone away which means we must continue to be on our guard. Added to this is the real threat of a winter flu. At our Deanery meeting of Clergy last Tuesday, the overriding feeling was that we must keep sanitising and wearing masks in Church. I believe most people appreciate and value the advice given at the very beginning of the Pandemic to do these things and to keep your distance when entering the Church, receiving Holy Communion and exiting at the end of Mass.

Please respect everyone's space irrespective of what you may see in other places. All of this is most important if we are to reassure people that it is safe to come back to Church and how I wish that we could be back to that pre-pandemic place. I guess like everything else, all in good time.

God bless you all and keep well. Canon Bill



**SUNDAY 17 OCTOBER
TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

This Sunday, following the predictions Jesus gave of his suffering and death, we contemplate our Saviour and the implications for us, his followers.

The First Reading (*Isaiah 53: 10-11*) comes from part of Isaiah's last song of the suffering servant. It foretells Jesus taking on our faults, and speaks not only of his Passion, but also his glory.

The Psalm (*Psalms 32*) sings of God's love as he rescues those who hope in him. The writer of the letter to the Hebrews (*Second Reading – Hebrews 4: 14-16*) presents Jesus as human and weak like us, but also as the supreme high priest. We can be confident that he will always help us.

In the Gospel (*Mark 10: 35-45*), James and John hope for privileged places in the kingdom, but learn that they, like Jesus, must go through suffering and death. They are asked to serve, not to dominate. Perhaps this week we can deepen our understanding of what Christ has won for us, and express our gratitude through service of others.

Opening Prayer

Almighty ever-living God,
grant that we may always conform our will
to yours and serve your majesty
in sincerity of heart.

DATE		MASS INTENTION
Sat 16 Oct	5.30pm	Frederick Packham RIP
Sun 17 Oct	Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	10.30am	Achilles Fernando RIP
	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Mon 18 Oct	Feast of St Luke, Evangelist	
	10.00am	Holy Souls in Purgatory Mary Bernie Randall RIP
Tue 19 Oct	Solemnity of St Philip Howard, Martyr	
	10.00am	Carmelo Schifano RIP
Wed 20 Oct	10.00am	Adrian and Danny Goodman RIP
Thu 21 Oct	10.00am	Mary Ellen McCrory RIP
Fri 22 Oct	9.00am	Bridie, Joe and Anthony Purcell RIP
Sat 23 Oct	5.30pm	Sr Margarite and Sr Fionnuala's Intentions
Sun 24 Oct	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	10.30am	Anthony Campbell RIP
	5.30pm	Mary Tommie RIP

CAFOD Family Fast Day – Climate Crisis Appeal

Please remember to return your CAFOD Family Fast Day envelopes this weekend to help people adapt to the worst impacts of climate change and protect our common home. You can also donate online through the [CAFOD website](http://cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis) (cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis). Would you consider too, adding your voice to our online COP26 [petition](http://cafod.org.uk/climate) calling for our Prime Minister to show leadership in tackling the climate crisis, cafod.org.uk/climate? Thank you for your support.

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 those who are ill: Halyna, Frances Walsh, Merlyn Soares, Anne Schifano, Peter Galipeau, Emma Lee, Ian Watts, Steve Lee, Jeffrey Forage, Melitona Leander, Vanessa Tuff, Francis McCrory, Susan McCrory, Anita Hully, Halina Krajewski, Kiera, Joseph Poku, Angela Brett, Maureen Hall, Bob and Maria Adams, Kay Pledge and Eddie Bell.

*Recently Deceased
 Please pray for Joseph Flaherty and Richard Short who have recently passed away. Please keep their families in your prayers.*

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

The Bereavement Group will meet again on Wednesday 27 October, in the Lady Chapel, after morning Mass at 10.30 a.m.

Do come along and join us if you are bereaved, especially if you have lost a loved one during the pandemic. Meetings are very informal and give parishioners the opportunity to share their experiences, or just to sit quietly and reflect.

SUPPLEMENTARY FORMS FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Forms which have been left in the Parish Office for signature are now available for collection from the Parish Office.

An Invitation to a
 Centering Prayer Taster Day
 at St Martin's Church, Epsom KT17 4PX
 Saturday, November 13th 10.30am - 4.15pm
 Centering Prayer is a method of silent prayer where we consent to God's presence and action within. It is a movement away from more active modes of prayer into a receptive prayer of resting in God. It is both a relationship with God and a discipline to foster that relationship.
 The cost of this Taster Day is £5.50 which includes refreshments and takeaway literature. There will be a BYO/DIY lunch break (the neighbouring Old King's Head will offer a soup and sandwich special). To book your place please contact Judith Mitchell at stmcenteringprayer@gmail.com To make a payment for attending the day please look on the notice on the Church Front Door for the details.

A way to make YOUR voice heard at COP26

Hundreds of young Christians are on a pilgrimage which spans the length of the country. They set off immediately after the G7 summit and will reach Glasgow in time for COP26, taking this opportunity to call on world leaders to address the climate crisis.

In support of the relay, Christian Aid are calling on people to make prayer boats and send them to COP

We are building a fleet of prayer boats that will set sail for climate justice and cannot be ignored by world boats that will set sail for climate justice and cannot be ignored by world leaders.

Send your boat to COP26 - Thousands of boats from across the country will come together in a special installation at COP26 to deliver your prayers and messages written on the boat - to world leaders.

- To add your boat, send it to PO Box 100, London SE1 7RT. Please ensure your boats arrive by **October 15** to be part of the fleet.

Your prayer boats will join with thousands of others in Glasgow and help us make sure decision makers cannot ignore our calls for action.

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 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.

A request from a Senior Carer at Redroof House, Epsom.

We have a male Portuguese resident living here who speaks primarily in Portuguese. We are hoping that we could find someone who speaks fluent Portuguese who can come to our address and speak with our resident in Portuguese. It would also be nice to connect him back with the Portuguese community somehow. We are willing to pay someone for their time to talk with our resident. If you are able to help us, or would like to find out more about this opportunity, then please leave your details with the Parish Office and they will forward them onto me. Thank you!

FINDING STILLNESS

The Open Cloister @ Worth Abbey

A hybrid retreat where you are invited to come to Worth or join the retreat online. A section of the retreat is silent.

Fri 29th-Sun 31st October 2021
Mon 8th-Thurs 11th November 2021
Mon 13th-Thurs 16th December 2021

For further information or to book a place online go to: worth.co.uk/retreat-programme Enquiries: retreats@worth.org.uk

PARISH OPENING HOURS

**MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY
8.30A.M. – 2.30P.M.**

**THURSDAY
8.30A.M. – 12.30P.M.**

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 and we will post it to you.

Missio Autumn Red Box Collection

Our Autumn collection takes place during the month of October (24th October is World Mission Day). Your promoter will be in touch to arrange collection of your box or ask if you can empty your box and leave a cheque for the amount in the Parish Office. Thank you for your continued and generous support for Missio.

Special collections

We are currently collecting for the following special collections:

Prisoners' Sunday (PACT) – Parish Gift Aid does not apply, but PACT can claim Gift Aid if (and only if) you complete and place your donation inside one of their special envelopes, available in the church entrance.

World Mission Sunday (MISSIO) – Parish Gift Aid does not apply, but, as above, MISSIO can claim Gift Aid if you use one of their special envelopes.

Retired Priests Fund – Parish Gift Aid does apply
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.**
- 3. Select the relevant option from the menu on the contactless giving device (located on the wall outside the Parish Office)**

London SW Catholic Social Group is a group for Catholic adults to meet for regular social and networking events in a friendly and relaxed setting with the aim of making new friends, enjoy new experiences or just to socialise. Upcoming events include walks, a karaoke evening and a Christmas meal; our monthly socials will restart in October. We can be found on Facebook – 'London SW Catholic Social Group' or on email - londonswcatholic-social@gmail.com

Contact Us:

Email: office@st-josephs-epsom.org.uk
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The Parish Sisters: 01372 745297

Golden Wedding Mass

Saturday 23 October, at 11 am St Joseph's Church

On Saturday 23 October, Howard and Theresa Park will be celebrating their Golden Wedding. Fr Bill is saying Mass for them at 11 am and everyone is welcome to attend. Please come and celebrate with us at the Mass.

Afterwards those who came to the Mass are invited to join us and the family for pre-dinner drinks in the Westlake Room. After which the family will then continue into the Canon Christall Hall for a celebration lunch.

Pooh Corner, the playgroup at St Joseph's, is looking for more volunteers.

Can you spare some time on a Monday morning between 9 and 11.30? Or do you have a toddler and want to get involved with helping out?

We are a very, very small team of 2 currently and we really need more help to keep our lovely friendly group running. Please come along on Monday and speak to Clare or Caroline, or contact us via the Facebook page Pooh Corner- Toddler Group at St Joseph's Catholic Church in Epsom.

Accommodation urgently needed for a parent and 3 children in the parish. Ideally 2 bedrooms but one large room would suffice. Can pay a basic rent and looking at around 3months. This would enable children to keep school places and continue their lives in the area they love. For further information please contact Gill Walshaw 07712739180. Many thanks

OUR LADY ROSARY BOUQUET

1,267 Rosaries were said at St Joseph's for Our Lady's Birthday, 8 June – 8 September.

November is the month of the Holy Souls when we pray for our deceased relatives and friends - if you would like to have the names of relatives or friends entered into the Book of Remembrance during the month of November, please do email the Parish Office with the names and dates and these will be entered into the Book by the Parish Office staff. Alternatively, you will find Holy Souls envelopes in the Atrium for you to use.

Richard Challoner School will be holding a Sixth Form Open Evening on Wednesday 20 October at 6.15p.m.

For further details please contact Jayne Boulden on 0208 330 5947 or view the notice on the Church Door.