

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH EPSOM NEWSLETTER

19 JUNE 2022

Fr Bill's Update

Do you remember the day you made your First Holy Communion? I'm sure it was a special day, celebrating with family and friends, being treated to lots of gifts, rosaries from the repository in the church, crucifixes on chains or holy medals and prayer books, to say nothing of sweets and goodies and of course money.

I am delighted to welcome some eighty-three children this week-end who will make their First Holy Communion. I know that it will be a very special day for the children and their families, and of course our parish family. Please keep the children very much in your prayers.

Synod News

I am grateful to Chris Donovan and the newly formed core group who will work on the parish synthesis exploring the ideas and suggestions brought forward from the fruitful discussions in the Synod discussions.

As you may recall our Parish made a very positive contribution to the Synod called by Pope Francis which has been shared with the diocese and the Bishops Conferences of England and Wales.

The aim of the Parish Core Group is to make monthly updates and to have draft proposals to share with us before the end of the year. At this point there will be the opportunity for further thoughts prior to any plans being drawn up.

There is much work to be done. All our efforts will be to no avail if we as a community do not pray. Pray especially for the guidance of the Holy Spirit so that all we do will be done for the honour and glory of God.

May God bless you and all your families.

Canon Bill and Fr Stephen

Please pray for all those children who have completed the current First Holy Communion Programme here at St Josephs.

Sean	Hugo
Luca	Harper
Sofia	Caipher
Ethan	Lottie
Theo	Matthew
Sofia	Harrison
Patryk	Harry
Pietro	Charles
Marc	Amelia
Jacob	Louis
Daniel	Malayika
Conal	Erin
Rumi	Nicola
Holly	Emmy
Anna	Olivia
Sofia	Madeleine
Isaac	Lena
Sabella	Taylor
Benjamin	Dylan
Giacomo	Tobias
Sofia	Grace
Henry	Eve
Charlie	Lara
Sebastian	Sophie
Alessandro	Olivia
Anthony	Alex
Grayson	Harry
Meghan	Mary
Ray	Yuna
Nicholas	Aleksander
Taryn	Emily
Wren	Nadison
Aaron	Rian
Samuel	Kyla
Kiril	Massimo
Charlie	Annabel
James	Elizabeth
Lena	Amelie
Greta	Hugo
Mattheus	Denis
Sienna	Natalie
Daniella	

DATE		MASS INTENTION
Sat 18 June	5.30pm	Bernard Capus RIP
Sun 19 June	Solemnity of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ	
	10.30am	Achilles Fernando RIP
	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Mon 20 June	10.00am	Edmond Kelly RIP
Tue 21 June	Memoria of St Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious	
	10.00am	Patrick Healey RIP
Wed 22 June	Feast of Ss John Fisher and Thomas More, Martyrs	
	10.00am	Emmanuelle Palladino RIP Benigna Moratin RIP
Thur 23 June	Solemnity of The Birth of St John The Baptist	
	10.00am	Dionisio Mugica RIP
Fri 24 June	Solemnity of The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	
	10.00am	Requiem Mass for Ivor O'Connor
Sat 25 June	5.30pm	Peter Wilkins RIP
Sun 26 June	Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	10.30am	Eric and Julia Mortimer RIP
	5.30pm	Saturnina Calgita RIP

Our Prayers are asked for all those who are ill:

Frances Walsh, Merlyn Soares, Ann Schifano, Peter Galipeau, Emma Lee, Ian Watts, Steve Lee, Melitona Leander, Vanessa Tuff, Susan McCrory, Francis McCrory, Anita Hully, Joseph Poku, Angela Brett, Bob and Maria Adams, Kay Pledge, Jean Child, Debbie Swain, Alan Lucas and Joe Soriano.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Carmela Mosquera who has recently passed away. Please also keep her family in your prayers.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Are you struggling with bereavement or loss? Would it help to talk to someone? We have bereavement supporters trained to listen, support and accompany people experiencing grief. Call Paula Thomas on 07710 099682 or Theresa Park on 07867 625291.

There will be a Second Collection on the weekend of 18 and 19 June for 'Day for Life'.

The Society of Friends of Westminster Cathedral is seeking a part-time Co-ordinator to assume responsibility for the day-to-day running of the charity. If you have strong interpersonal and organisational skills, coupled with the ability to work on your own initiative to implement the plans and actions determined by the charity's governing Council and its subcommittees, this role may be of interest. You will be a good communicator, able to sustain engagement with our members through personal contact, written and digital channels. In addition to being able to plan and execute a range of fundraising events, you will have a keen eye for detail, enabling you to deliver the exacting level of administrative support needed for a successful membership organisation. Full details at <https://westminstercathedral.org.uk/the-friends-seek-an-organising-secretary/>

SAVE THE DATE - Sunday 31 July 2022

The 2nd Pat Hall Sponsored Memorial Walks

A walk primarily to honour the achievement of Fr Simon's father in walking 100 miles of the Camino, aged 84, and 3 other substantial walks prior to that in and after his 80th year, will take place on Sunday 31 July, the longest of 4 options being 12+ miles from Hampton Court to Roehampton Gate of Richmond Park. The shortest walk will be 1+ mile. Afterwards there will be Mass and a buffet supper. The walks will raise money linked to the HCPT Cycle 2023 from Versailles to Lourdes and donations will be greatly appreciated through www.justgiving.com/fundraising/just-giving-compathallmemorialwalks, ideally with Gift Aid added.

Those interested in walking on 31 July or cycling in Holy Week 2023, please contact John Flood: email johncafood@gmail.com Mobile 07775 914717. Flyers with application forms are available in the Narthex.

LONDON: Catholic History Walks June 2022

Wednesday June 22nd meet 6pm outside St Margaret's Church, Twickenham TW1 1RL (nearest railway station: St Margarets). We'll walk along the Twickenham bank of the Thames and discover stories of exiled French royalty, poet Alexander Pope, and St Mary's University.

Sunday June 26th The annual Martyrs Walk. Meet 2.30pm churchyard of St Giles-in-the-Fields London WC2 8LG (nearest tube: Tottenham Court Road). We will walk to Tyburn Convent for Tea and Benediction, arriving approx 4pm. THERE IS NO NEED TO BOOK, JUST TURN UP!!

Parish Finances and Offertory

CHURCH OFFERTORY

Ways for you to contribute are as follows:

- **standing order:** this is our preferred method. Please set up your standing order directly with your bank, using the following details - 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).
- **contactless devices:** these are located in the narthex and in the church (beside the hymn books). Simply choose "Church offertory" from the list on the screen, and please select the option to add gift aid if you are a tax payer. (Note: these devices can also be used for special collections)
- **gift aid envelope scheme:** please place your envelope in the collection buckets
- **loose cash:** please place in the collection buckets

Thank you for your support.

POOH CORNER

Pooh Corner is looking for helpers! Could you spare a couple of hours on a Monday morning? If so, please would you think about joining us. We need helpers to make teas and coffees, welcome new mums and carers as well as looking after the toys, and enable the session to run smoothly.

We are a lovely friendly group of mums, dads and grandparents who help out in running the community playgroup here. We want everyone to feel welcome and included, the children to be able to play and socialise in a safe fun setting, and the carers to be able to enjoy a hot cup of tea and a chat with others!

You don't need to have a child with you to help out - in fact, we really need some helpers with hands free.

Please contact the Parish Office who will pass on our details. Thank you!

Tributes Website for St Fionnuala

As we did after Sr Margarite's death [www.forevermissed.com/srmargaritewindle], we have created a website to enable all those who wish to do so, to add a tribute that others can review. The website for Sr Fionnuala is www.forevermissed.com/srfionnuala-ellen-byrne and can be visited both to add a tribute and to read those posted by others. For those who don't have the facility to do so, arrangements can be made to add your tribute on your behalf, if you send your tribute to the Parish Office.

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School – Admission in September 2023

In St Joseph's Catholic Primary School's admissions criteria, priority is given to Catholic children whose parent/carer attends Sunday Mass (this can include the Saturday evening vigil Mass) at least once a month. Normally this is expected to have been the case for at least one year prior to the closing date for applications. However, due to COVID, the Bishops of England & Wales suspended the obligation to attend Sunday Mass on 18 March 2020.

On 6 May 2022, the Bishops announced that they were lifting the suspension of the obligation from Pentecost Sunday (i.e. 5 June 2022). This means that for those Catholic parents/carers who are seeking priority of admission to St Joseph's that reference Mass attendance, they need to attend Mass at least once a month from now through to the closing date for applications (i.e. 15 January 2023). In the parish of St Joseph's, Epsom, such parents will need to sign in at Mass when they attend Mass between now and 15 January.

Just for further clarification, the school's admission policy states:

"In most cases, attendance at Mass will be by the parent/carer. However, it is recognised that in certain circumstances, such as those involving bereavement, a separation or where one of the parents is not a Catholic, a child may attend Mass with another family member, such as a grandparent. In such circumstances, governors will accept this attendance as meeting the requirement of the policy as long as the duration and frequency of Mass attendance is met. If such a situation does apply to a family, they will need to ensure that the priest is familiar with their particular circumstances and can verify it, providing an explanation of the Mass attendance on the Supplementary Information Form."

FOODBANK UPDATE

In April we saw a continual rise in people using our food-bank services. Since Christmas, there has been a 74% rise in usage compared to our pre-Covid numbers. In April we fed more than 550 people. We have several urgently needed items as well as items we have completely run out of. Donations of these items would be greatly appreciated.

We have run out of:

Washing up liquid; Washing powder, pods and tablets; Instant mash; Ketchup; Non-dairy long-life milk; Shaving foam; Savoury biscuits

We urgently need:

Tinned fruit; Coffee; Powdered milk; Long-life sponge puddings; Tinned vegetables; Squash; Long-life UHT milk (semi and full fat only); Long-life fruit juice; Deodorant - all kinds; Soap

We are excited to announce that our Epsom Pantry project is due to open later this month. The Pantry will give people choice and dignity when sourcing food for themselves and their families. We will evaluate it to understand the impact it is making as we work towards our key vision: creating a poverty-free future in our community. This vision underpins our new trust - Good Company (Surrey) which went live on the 1st April.

Thanks, as always, for your amazing support.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN EPSOM

Our next CTiE Prayer Meeting will be on Friday, July 8th at 10:00 to 11:00 am. We will meet in the covered outdoor section of the Old Moat Garden Centre Café.

Missio Red Box Spring Collection.

Thank you to our Missio red box holders and promoters who emptied their boxes and left cheques in the Parish Office. Our Spring collection raised £599.17.

Looking for help!

Would anyone be able to offer gardening assistance to an elderly gentleman on the Epsom / Ashted border, e.g. lawn mowing, pruning etc).

If you know of someone who could help, please contact the Parish Office.

PARISH OPENING HOURS
MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY
8.30A.M. – 2.30P.M. and

THURSDAY 8.30A.M. – 12.30P.M.

Contact Us:

Email: office@st-josephs-epsom.org.uk
Telephone: 01372 723573

CAFOD IN ST JOSEPH'S

Fr Bill has asked me to become the CAFOD parish contact for St Josephs. The role will be to lead a parish team to undertake the following tasks on behalf of CAFOD (Catholic Agency for Overseas Development)

- Fundraising
- Responding to emergencies
- Campaigning
- Prayer and reflecting
- Working with young people

If you have an interest in and passion for CAFOD's mission to make our world a more just place and could use your skills to make a real and lasting difference why not join the Parish team. Please contact the Parish Office leaving you contact details and I (Jonathan Inns) will get back to you.

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

Refugee Crisis Coffee Morning with Bishop Richard, Saturday 25 June at 11.30am.

Bishop Richard will be hosting an informal coffee morning to discuss our response to the refugee crisis, at St Gabriel's Hall, Billingshurst, RH14 9QH. Everyone is very welcome, to reserve your free place please sign up here: <https://abdio-cese.churchsuite.com/events/an04uoxn>

Annual Pilgrimage of Reparation and Consecration at the Church of Our Lady of Consolation & St Francis West Grinstead RH13 8LT on Saturday 16 July, 12.15pm – 4.15pm.

The day includes Mass celebrated by Canon Tim Madeley, a personal consecration to Our Lady, The Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of Divine Mercy - Adoration and Silent Prayer and Benediction. There is no need to book, to find out more contact Linda C-Dominguez T: 01273 463463 or Jayne Lock M: 07816 422851 or E: jayne.lock1@gmail.com.

The Passage

The Passage invites you to attend their Secret Garden Party on Thursday 7th July, 6pm-9pm, at College Garden, Westminster Abbey. Tickets start at £55 per person and include a barbecue, alcoholic and soft drinks, live entertainment and a raffle and auction.

Tickets can be purchased here on our website: <https://passage.org.uk/get-involved/events/garden-party/>

All ticket purchases help us to continue our vital work supporting London's most vulnerable people.

GIFT AID STATEMENTS 2021-2022

Gift Aid Statements for the previous tax year 2021/22 are now ready for collection from the Parish Office.