

# ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH EPSOM NEWSLETTER

## 20 JUNE 2021

### Fr Bill's Update

So, our unlocking from lockdown didn't quite materialise as we had hoped this week! But at least we had the sun, the heat and then the rain this week and as I said in last week's Newsletter, with God's help, we will have a good summer.

I was delighted to host our First Holy Communion Programme Launch Service on Wednesday evening – it was wonderful to see some many of our Parent's wanting their children to take the next step on their sacramental pathway. There was a lovely buzzing and optimistic atmosphere in the Church despite the sweltering heat and then torrential downpour that evening.

Our Confirmation Programme is also progressing well with a large group of candidates this year and we have another 5 children being baptised next weekend.

I know last week's Newsletter had an item about celebrating my 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ordination. The expectation was that we would be able to have a low-key celebration after the 10.30a.m. Mass on Sunday 18 July. However, as the lifting of lockdown has been put back 4 weeks to 19 July, I am now proposing to move the celebration to the following week with **Mass at 10.30a.m. on Sunday 25 July followed by a celebration.** This is all still subject to the next stage of the Government's roadmap and what we will be able to safely do. We will keep you updated on our plans when we are able to. In the meantime, you will still need to book a seat for the Mass and you will find sign-up sheets in the Atrium.

So, we may still not be able to forecast future events but we can still to continue to pray that the Lord will continue to bless you and your families.

With assurances of prayers  
Fr Bill, Fr Ruslan, Sr Margarite and Sr Fionnuala



**SUNDAY 20 JUNE  
TWELFTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**

This week's readings, including the Psalm (*Psalm 106*) and Gospel in our Prego leaflet, reveal a God with power. As God's creatures, the forces of nature listen to and obey the voice of their Creator.

Though the storms of fear and doubt may have played more significant roles in our lives during this past year, God's love continues to speak to us with words of calm, as it did to Job (First Reading – *Job 38 1.8 – 11*).

It is the love of Christ, not the storm, which 'overwhelms us' (Second Reading – *2 Corinthians 5. 14 – 17*).

This love is shown in the Gospel (*Mark 4: 35 – 41*), when Jesus 'rebukes the wind' and the wind and waves obey. He is revealing something about his divine nature. 'Who can this be?' the disciples are led to ask as they are filled with awe. Their question may also be seeking a faith response in us as well.

Let's begin to ponder our own responses with the help of these scripture passages. Although we may yet be experiencing storms blowing around and within us, let's listen for that strong, yet calm voice, which brings with it peace and security. We may want to pray that the voice of the psalmist may echo throughout our lives in the coming week: 'Give thanks to the Lord, for his love endures forever'.

### Opening Prayer

Grant, O Lord,  
that we may always revere and love your holy  
name,  
for you never deprive of your guidance  
those you set firm on the foundation of your love.

DATE		MASS INTENTION
Sat 19 June	5.30pm	Angel Daroy RIP
Sun 20 June	<b>Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
	10.30am	Giovambattista Trosino RIP
	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Mon 21 June	<b>Memoria St Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious</b>	
	10.00am	Mary and George Fisher RIP Deidre Sheehan RIP
Tue 22 June	<b>Feast of Sts John Fisher and Thomas More, Martyrs</b>	
	10.00am	Bob Hunter RIP
Wed 23 June	10.00am	Teddy and Colette Totman's Intention Lottie and William Walter RIP
Thu 24 June	<b>Solemnity of The Birth of John The Baptist</b>	
	10.00am	Gomersindo Baxbay's Intention
Fri 25 June	10.00am	Ossie Ellis RIP Nora Ryan's Intention
Sat 26 June	5.30pm	Peter Wilkins RIP
Sun 27 June	<b>Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
	10.30am	Cheryl Sequeira RIP
	5.30pm	People of the Parish

**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, Mary Byrne, Francis McCrory, Susan McCrory, Anita Hully, Halina Krajewski and Kiera.**

**FR BILL'S 40TH JUBILEE – CHANGE OF DATE TO 25 JULY**

You will have read in Fr Bill's Update that we are now proposing to celebrate Fr Bill's 40th anniversary of ordination at our 10.30am Mass on **Sunday 25 July**, (subject to the next Government announcement). If you have already signed up to attend the Mass previously scheduled for 18 July we will automatically move your booking request to **25 July** and you do not need to do anything.

If you had previously booked and are unable to attend on 25 July, then please let the Parish Office know and we can remove your name from the list. You can find sign-up sheets in the Atrium.

We are hoping that Mass will be followed by refreshments, but we will have to wait for the next stage of the Government's Covid 'roadmap', together with our Diocesan guidelines, before we can make plans. **Watch this space!**

**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*

**FINDING STILLNESS: The Open Cloister @ Worth Abbey**

Tuesday 24th-Thursdays 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)

**ONLINE RETREATS: The Open Cloister @ Worth Abbey**

**Fri 18<sup>th</sup>-Sun 20<sup>th</sup> June: The Motif of Feast in the Bible**

Led by Viv Randall and Michael Woodward (both Lay Community of St Benedict)

Further information and to book your place online:

<https://worth.co.uk/retreats/online-retreats>

For enquiries, please email: [toc@worth.org.uk](mailto:toc@worth.org.uk)

## Special collections

We are currently collecting for the following special collections:

**Education of Future Priests** - parish gift aid applies

**Missionary Endeavour of the Diocese** – parish gift aid applies

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 (ie "Edn Priests" / "Miss Endeav", as applicable).
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). Please say yes to Gift Aid when prompted, if you are a UK taxpayer.

## 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/giftAid-Form2020.pdf>) and return it to the parish office (by email is fine). Hard copies available in the narthex. Many thanks for your support.**

**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)

ADoRE is offering confidential **prayer for healing by telephone** – please ring **07579 824523** Monday to Friday 10am to 4pm. Experienced prayer ministers will pray with you confidentially for healing of physical, emotional and spiritual problems.

**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 to [www.worth.co.uk/retreats/online-retreats](http://www.worth.co.uk/retreats/online-retreats)  
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## A new group for Young Adults (18-35)

Our exciting new online youth community will meet for the first time in just four days. We will be using Sycamore materials as a starter for our conversations, and will meet once a fortnight, on alternate Mondays, started on **14th June at 7pm on Zoom**. To join our diocesan wide community, please [register here](#), or [contact our team](#) who will be happy to help. We look forward to welcoming you on Monday!

**June 14<sup>th</sup>** – Sycamore: The Search for Happiness  
**June 28<sup>th</sup>** – Sycamore: The Existence of God  
**July 12<sup>th</sup>** – Sycamore: A God who Speaks

## Bereavement Group

If you have been bereaved recently, especially due to Covid 19, and you would like to talk to someone, please contact either Paula Thomas on 07710 099682 or Theresa Park on 07867 625291.

## MASS FOR ENGAGED COUPLES ARUNDEL CATHEDRAL

**FRIDAY 25 JUNE 7.00P.M.**

Join Bishop Richard for a special Mass celebrating the momentous journey of discernment that is engagement towards the lifelong commitment made by couples preparing for marriage. We look forward to meeting many engaged couples from across the Diocese and sharing in their joy. Please click here to book your place or contact our Marriage and Family Life Adviser: E: [katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk)

**Fri 18<sup>th</sup>-Sun 20<sup>th</sup> June (Online): COME DINE WITH ME:**

**Feasting with Moses and Jesus**

Led by Viv Randles and Michael Woodward (both Lay Community of St Benedict)

Hanuka, Shavout, Rosh Hashana - come and learn some fresh angles on these festivals and others, which go so far to explain our own. . .

Further information and to book your place online:

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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 [tommariamakinson@gmail.com](mailto:tommariamakinson@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. Thanks once again. Keep safe.

- 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)

**ADoRE Online** spiritual mini-retreat morning. **June 26th**, 10.00-13.00 with Mass, Adoration,

Reflection, Praise, Talk, Prayer and Discussion.

Theme: "Growth in the Holy Spirit" - *Grow your Christian life in the Spirit through Prayer, Scripture, Service and Community.* Speaker: Carol Ann Harnett, Catechist trainer. Please register in advance at [bit.ly/ADOREJUN2021](https://bit.ly/ADOREJUN2021)

People from all over the country are joining our mini-retreat mornings and thoroughly enjoying them. Here is what one participant said recently: *"This session was wonderful...so full of the Holy Spirit. I came away feeling uplifted and full of thanks and praise to God."*

## 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.