

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH EPSOM NEWSLETTER

27 JUNE 2021

The much misquoted lines of John Milton's Sonnet: "They also serve who only stand and wait". We may not be standing but we are waiting and waiting for our liberation from the present obligatory rules which as a Church we must keep to, so that we can continue to celebrate Holy Mass and the sacraments in this amazing church building which one could say was designed to deal with this crisis.

And so, the waiting goes on, maybe until July 19th when we pray that we will be released from these present regulations of Covid-19. With bated breath we watch this space standing or seated

For the time being therefore, let's continue to be good and faithful servants of the rules surrounding the pandemic. Please continue to register your presence in the church, sanitise your hands, something that may be required well into the future. For those who work in the medical field, this will be seen as good practice to control the spread of colds and flu to say nothing about coronavirus.

I do ask you please when you take your seat in the Church do not move around the place. I fully appreciate that it is only natural for us to want to greet people you may not have seen for some time. I suggest it is better to do this outside in the fresh air respecting social distance. I do know that some people have felt uncomfortable when they see Parishioners moving around inside the Church. And at the weekend Masses, please wait for the Stewards to ask you to leave before moving from your seat at the end of Mass.

Let us always be sensitive to the needs of our neighbours. Remember that our time together in Church is for the purpose of giving thanks and praise to God. We must also remember to pray for one another and not allow ourselves to be distracted by what others may be doing. Each time I come into the Church I remember very especially with great affection former Parishioners who have gone to their heavenly reward, who did so much to help St Joseph's achieve our new Church and community facilities. One such person was Mr Frank Campbell who acted as the Project Manager on behalf of the Parish and the Diocese. This Monday we will celebrate Frank's Requiem Mass here at St Joseph's at 12noon. Please pray for the repose of his soul and for the comforting of his family.

Fr Bill, Fr Ruslan, Sr Margarite and Sr Fionnuala



**SUNDAY 27 JUNE
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

Central to today's readings is God the giver of life. We are encouraged to have faith in the Lord and in the life that God brings – not just here on earth, but also in heaven.

The passage from the Book of Wisdom in the First Reading (**Wisdom 1: 13–15, 2: 23–4**), reminds us that God creates all things to have life, and to live that life well, resisting the temptations the evil one will bring.

In the Second Reading (**2 Cor. 8: 7, 9, 13–15**), St Paul offers guidance on responding to the many kinds of gifts that come from living that life well. We're not asked to make things harder for ourselves – but to use whatever surplus we have to share those gifts with others.

The Psalm (**Psalm 29**) gives us a song of praise and thanks for the gift of life, and the healing promise of the Lord. With the psalmist we can rejoice in the knowledge that the Lord comes to the help of those who call, regardless of our worthiness.

Through the miracles Jesus works in the Gospel (**Mark 5: 21–43**), we are reminded once more of the healing, comfort, and new life that can be ours, if we but trust in the gift of faith.

During the week ahead, I may like to use my time in prayer with the Lord to ask for my own faith to continue to increase, so that I will have more than enough to offer those who are struggling with theirs.

DATE		MASS INTENTION
Sat 26 June	5.30pm	Peter Wilkins RIP
Sun 27 June	<i>Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	
	10.30am	Cheryl Sequeira RIP
	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Mon 28 June	<i>Memoria St Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr</i>	
	12.00 noon	Funeral Mass for Frank Campbell
Tue 29 June	<i>Solemnity of Ss Peter and Paul</i>	
	10.00am	Lucia Saliba RIP
Wed 30 June	10.00am	Catherine Hunt RIP Arthur and Helena Dean RIP
Thu 1 July	<i>Feast of the Consecration of Arundel Cathedral</i>	
	10.00am	Bob Hunter RIP
Fri 2 July	10.00am	Mansoor Bholah RIP and Lina Chan RIP Mary Lynn RIP
Sat 3 July	<i>Feast of St Thomas, Apostle</i>	
	5.30pm	Hugh Richards RIP
Sun 4 July	<i>Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	
	10.30am	Cheryl Sequeira 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.

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 and Kiera.**

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please also remember in your prayers all those who have died recently, including Mary Lynn, Mary Byrne and Osbal Ramirez. Please keep their families in your prayers.

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.

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!

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

Enquiries: toc@worth.org.uk

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.

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 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

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 17th 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
For further information email toc@worth.org.uk

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 14th – Sycamore: The Search for Happiness
June 28th – Sycamore: The Existence of God
July 12th – 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.

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, 17th July, at West Grinstead, from 12 noon. More details from Jayne at 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 24th 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

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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 tommarymakinson@gmail.com or 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)

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

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."*

The Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group (Crawley) have issued the following request.

We would be grateful to receive good quality second-hand clothes as follows:

- Jeans, waist 30", 32", 33", 34"
- Joggers in all sizes
- T-shirts in all sizes but especially Medium
- Summer jackets in all sizes Shoes in all sizes (apart from 45)

People can bring clothes to the office (The Orchard, 1-2 Gleneagles Court, Brighton Road, Crawley, RH10 6AD) during office hours, but it is best to email Josie first to fix a time in case the staff member has to go out: josie@gdwg.org.uk