

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH EPSOM NEWSLETTER

29 AUGUST 2021

Fr Bill's Update

Thank you again for all your prayers and good wishes, I am slowly but surely beginning to recover from my surgery and will be heading off to convalesce in the next few days.

It's good to have Fr Ruslan back amongst us for a few days to help Fr Stephen settle in before he finally departs on 5 September. We will be resuming week-day Masses every day next week and the schedule is detailed below:

Saturday 28 August 5.30p.m.

Mass for Derek Wixted R.I.P

Sunday 29 August 10.30a.m.

Mass for Sarah Fonticoba R.I.P.

Sunday 29 August 5.30p.m.

Alice Imafidon R.I.P.

Monday 30 August 10.00a.m.

Mass for Carmelo Schifano R.I. P. and the Schifano Family

Tuesday 31 August 10.00a.m.

Bob Hunter R.I.P.

Wednesday 1 September 10.00a.m.

James and Catherine O'Shea R.I.P.

Thursday 2 September – 10.00a.m.

Agnes Campbell R.I.P.

Friday 3 September 10.00a.m.

Funeral Mass for Luigi Barbato

Saturday 4 September 5.30p.m.

Mary Tommie R.I.P.

Sunday 5 September 10.30a.m.

Achilles Fernando R.I.P.

Sunday 5 September 5.30p.m.

Edmond Kelly R.I.P.

I don't know if you feel the same, but the month of August seems almost to be over before it's begun! And, I believe that schools start again (for most of you!) at the end of next week. I hope you've all had a lovely break and are recharged and looking forward to getting back to your old routines.

Normal newsletter production will resume next week-end.

With continued prayers and blessings.

Fr Bill, Fr Ruslan, Sr Margarite and Sr Fionnuala



**SUNDAY 29 AUGUST
TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

Our readings this week encourage us to pay attention to the ways in which the word of God truly influences how we live our lives. Although we all too often fail to live up to the example set for us, we are none the less assured of an abundance of gifts, because of God's infinite love for each and everyone.

In the First Reading, (*Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-8*) Moses explains to the people that it is by obeying the laws given to them in the commandments that they will have life in the land, as promised to them by the Lord.

The importance of actively living our faith is further emphasised in the Second Reading (*James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27*). Here the author exhorts Jewish Christians not just to listen to the word, but to do what the word tells them, by caring for those in need, and living good and honest lives.

In the Gospel, (*Mk 7:1-8,14-15, 21-23*) Jesus describes the lip-service of the Pharisees, who, as foretold in the words of Isaiah, offer 'worthless worship'. Their adherence to human traditions and values takes their hearts far from God.

This week, we may want to spend some time reflecting, with the Lord's help, how closely our own lives reflect the ideals described in the Psalm, (*Psalms 14*) which speaks of the just dwelling in the presence of the Lord.

We can then ask with confidence that the Lord will show us the path that will draw us ever closer to his presence.