

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH EPSOM NEWSLETTER

3 JULY 2022

Fr Bill's Update

Summertime has arrived, officially on the 21st June, also the longest day. Curiously enough the longest day should also be the count down to the shortest day!

Fortunately, that is a long way off and now our minds are focused on the summer holidays, a time for rest and relaxation or as Gershwin put in his 1934 hit of all time "Summertime and the livin' is easy, fish are jumpin' and the cotton is high, and one of these mornings you'll take to sky." Or will you?

Judging by the daily number of cancelled flights at airports here and abroad, it may not be so easy to take to the skies this summer.

Staycation could be the solution and perhaps the preferred option for many this year. Summer holidays are not a modern invention. It is important to take time out to rest and relax and to be rejuvenated. Body, mind and spirit need a time for refreshment.

Jesus frequently invited his disciples to join him in a quiet place in order to rest: "The Apostles returned to Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. And he said to them, 'Come away by yourselves to a lonely place, and rest a while.' " Mark 6:30

I hope that you will find time to rest and take life easy this summer and replenish the vitamin D. May your summertime with family and friends be filled with happiness and joy, and let the living be easy.

God Bless

Canon Bill



**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY 3 JULY 2022**

We are called and sent to bring the deep peace of the kingdom of God into the world.

The prophet Isaiah (First Reading – **Isaiah 66: 10–14**), proclaims a joyful time of peace that flows like a river from the healing, comforting love of God, which is compared to the intimate, tender bond between a mother and a baby.

The same spirit of contented happiness is reflected in today's Psalm of jubilation, where the whole earth cries out with joy to the Lord.

The members of the Early Church community in Galatia are encouraged to be at peace with one another through Christ, who makes us a new creation in him. Christ is the source of all peace and unity in the world (**Second Reading - Galatians 6:14–18**).

In the Gospel (**Luke 10: 1 – 12, 17 – 20**) Jesus sends seventy-two of his followers ahead of him. He is confident that they will have all they need for their mission through all they have learnt from following his way. He instructs them to bring his peace and healing into the communities that they visit. In a world that cries out more than ever for the peace of Christ, especially for the people of Ukraine, this is our calling today. Jesus stands among us and sends us before him, to declare his peace and to heal and encourage people in the knowledge that the Kingdom of God is very near.

Let us pray that the whole Christian community will joyfully answer this call.

DATE		MASS INTENTION
Sat 2 July	5.30pm	Mansoor Bholah and Lina Chan RIP
Sun 3 July	<i>Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	
	10.30am 5.30pm	People of the Parish Hugh Richards RIP
Mon 4 July	10.00am	Ivor O'Connor RIP Birthday Thanksgiving
Tue 5 July	10.00am	Ricky Galang RIP
Wed 6 July	10.00am	Benigna Moratin RIP Holy Souls in Purgatory
Thur 7 July	10.00am	Requiem Mass for Carmela Mosquera
Fri 8 July	10.00am	Raj Bheenick's Intention
Sat 9 July	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sun 10 July	<i>Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	
	10.30am 5.30pm	Bernard and Thelma Capus RIP Nancy and Phil Mannion 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 souls of Karen Pugh and Maurice Carden who have recently passed away. Please keep their families in your prayers.

CONFIRMATIONS - 9 JULY 2022

We are blessed to have so many candidates for our Confirmation masses.

The anticipated number of family and friends attending means we need to prepare, open, maintain, close and leave as found the school playground. This takes manpower and time.

If you can find the time to assist with any of the following shifts it would be appreciated

Friday 8th - 7pm to 9pm. Preparing the Playground and Car Park, This involves moving furniture, placing signage etc.

Saturday 9th - 10am to 5pm - part time offers welcome. General Stewarding. This involves directing drivers, maintaining the playground and closing down

Sunday 10th - 11.30am to 1.30pm Restoring the Playground, This involves moving furniture, removing signage etc.

For more information or simply volunteer please either contact the Parish office or email Liam direct on lkirbyqs@btinternet.com

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/justgiving-compathallmemorialwalks, ideally with Gift Aid added.

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

FOUNDATION GOVERNORS – ST ANDREW'S

St Andrew's Catholic School are looking for some Foundation Governors to join the Governing Body from September 2022. We would be particularly interested to hear from Catholics who have some experience in education or finance. If you would be interested in hearing more about how the Governors at St Andrew's support the school to be the best it can be for the children in its care please contact Angela McEnaney on 01372 221180 or enquiries@st-andrews.surrey.sch.uk

SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a Second Collection next weekend for The Apostleship of the Sea.

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

It was lovely to see our donation boxes full this week. Thank you so much for your continued support and generosity. This is especially needed now at a time when the Foodbank is running out of much needed items as the demand increases. Please only give the items listed below. Thank you.

We have completely run out of:

Pasta sauce, Cooking sauce, Long life fruit juice, Meat pies (microwaveable), Tinned spaghetti i.e. hoops, Sponge puddings, Mayonnaise, Small bags of sugar, Biscuits, Chocolate, Crisps, Sanitary towels

We urgently need:

Tinned vegetables, Custard, Noodles, Rice pudding, Squash Microwaveable rice, Packet soup, Pasta sauce, Deodorant Shampoo, Baby wipes, Dog food,
Many thanks once again.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT ST JOSEPH'S

We are hoping to recommence our Children's Liturgy at the 10.30a.m. Sunday Mass in September 2022.

If you would like to be part of the Team delivering this very valuable ministry then please do let the Parish Office know - we look forward to hearing from you!

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.

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.

**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.

A Day at the Seaside for Young Adults (18-35) (re-scheduled) Saturday 20 August at Our Lady Star of the Sea, East Preston at 11am

A day at the seaside with Fr Stephen Ortiger! Fr Stephen, a Benedictine monk who is currently working in Parish Ministry is looking forward to celebrating Mass and then spending the day with the young adults of our Diocese. After Mass we will walk along the sea front to a beach side cafe where we will share lunch together. Contact E: lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk for more information.

To find out about events hosted by the Diocese please visit our website events calendar W:
<https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events>

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.

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.

GIFT AID STATEMENTS 2021-2022

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