

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH EPSOM NEWSLETTER

4 JULY 2021

Fr Bill's Update

Well, what a wonderful week it's been so far, that is if you are a football fan or a keen gardener!

What a great performance by the England Team and of course, I mustn't forget to mention the Ukraine Team who England will now play in Rome on Saturday evening. Whatever the result, I hope that there will be a cordial atmosphere at Mass on Sunday, with no hard feelings on either side.

It is lovely to see so many of you returning to the Church for the celebration of Mass, I know this has been a difficult time for those of you who have had to shield but I hope you do feel comfortable, safe and supported when attending. I know I have mentioned in the past about the restrictions that we have in place which you need to adhere to, but I do have one other request – when arriving for weekend Mass, please do try and come early so that everyone (including the Stewards) can be seated before Mass begins.

Thank you to all those of you have already signed up to celebrate the occasion of my 40th Jubilee at the 10.30a.m. Mass on 25 July – there are still some seats available for those of you, especially the regular attendees at the 10.30a.m. Mass who have not yet signed up.

And finally, our Cleaning Team who look after the floors and toilets have decided to re-group and spring into action again but would like some more volunteers to help them in their good work. They will be cleaning on a Monday and Friday after the 10.00a.m. Mass, so if you are fit and able and willing to join them, please let the Parish Office know and they will pass on your details to the Co-Ordinator.

With continued prayers and blessings,

Fr Bill, Fr Ruslan, Sr Margarite and Sr Fionnuala



**SUNDAY 4 JULY
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

Today's readings provide us with valuable lessons in discipleship and humble faith. The calling of Ezekiel and Paul brings them into challenging situations. But they draw strength and endurance from their relationship with God, as does Jesus himself from the Father. Ezekiel lived through turbulent times. Despite the opposition he experienced as God's messenger, he was not deterred from sharing God's message with the rebellious Israelites. **(First Reading – Ezekiel 2:2-5).**

As well as facing opposition and challenges from community members, Paul is also experiencing unwelcome personal suffering. However, through his 'thorn in the flesh', the Lord has helped him grow in understanding. He is not to depend on himself, but rather on Christ's power. Divine grace works best through vulnerability and humility. **(Second Reading - 2 Corinthians 12: 7-10).**

Jesus, too, has to cope with opposition and rejection. The people of Nazareth struggle to believe in him because they earlier knew him as one of their local community. They are convinced that he could not be anyone special. This amazes and hurts Jesus. **(Gospel - Mark 6: 1-6).**

Today's Psalm (**Psalm 122**) is a prayer to God for mercy in times of trouble. This hymn of lamentation is made in a spirit of trust in God's compassion. This week, I may want to pray for divine comfort and solace, as we as a society face life's desolations and trials. I also pray for my sisters and brothers across the world who are living through times of great loss and fear.

DATE		MASS INTENTION
Sat 3 July	5.30pm	Hugh Richards RIP
Sun 4 July	Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	10.30am	Cheryl Sequeira RIP
	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Mon 5 July	10.00	Holy Souls in Purgatory For Healing – Halina Krajewski
Tue 6 July	10.00am	Adela Bolanos – Herrero RIP
Wed 7 July	10.00am	Milton Pears RIP Gloria Smitter RIP
Thu 8 July	10.00am	Raj Bheenick – In Thanksgiving
Fri 9 July	10.00am	John Read RIP Marcelle Copus RIP
Sat 10 July	5.30pm	Nora McDonagh IRP
Sun 11 July	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Sea Sunday)	
	10.30am	Carmelo Schifano RIP and The Schifano Family
	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, Kiera and Joseph Poku.**

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for those who have recently passed away including Edmund Kelly, Lucita Bernardino and Francesco Tomei. Please keep their families in your prayers.

FR BILL'S 40TH JUBILEE – 25 JULY

If you would like to attend the Mass to celebrate the occasion of Fr Bill's 40th Jubilee, please use the signing in sheets in the Narthex, or email the Parish Office.

*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!***

If you would like to make a donation to mark this special event, then please use the contactless payment machine in the Narthex, using the 'Fr Bill Jubilee' button, or alternatively, you can take your donation to the Parish Office. Gift Aid does not apply to these donations.
 Many thanks

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

Enquiries: toc@worth.org.uk

Special collections

We are currently collecting for the following special collections:

Day for Life - parish gift aid does not apply

Peter's Pence - parish gift aid does not apply

Apostleship of the Sea - parish gift aid does not apply, but AOS can claim gift aid IF (and only if) you use one of their special Stella Maris envelopes, available in the church entrance

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
2. Hand your donation in at church. (If you use a Stella Maris envelope for your AOS collection then they can claim gift aid)
3. Select the relevant option from the menu on the contactless giving device (located on the wall outside the parish office).

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/giftAidForm2020.pdf>) and return it to the parish office (by email is fine). Hard copies available in the narthex. Many thanks for your support.

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.

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.

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

For further information email toc@worth.org.uk

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**



Contact Us:

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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)

Thank you

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

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