

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH EPSOM NEWSLETTER

8 AUGUST 2021

Fr Bill's Update

I know in my last update I said that there would be no Newsletters in August, but due to my absence and Fr Ruslan's holiday, I thought it would be helpful to keep you updated on the changes to daily Masses on a weekly basis.

Fr Ruslan will be saying all the weekend Masses this weekend and will then be going on holiday. I will be returning from Ireland over the weekend and will be back on duty on Wednesday 11 August. So, there will be no Mass on Monday 9 August or Tuesday 10 August. You will find the Mass Intentions for the coming week detailed below.

Saturday 7 August 5.30p.m.

Mass for Sebastian Danes R.I.P.

Sunday 8 August 10.30a.m.

Mass for Mansoor Bholah R.I.P.

Sunday 8 August 5.30p.m.

Mass for Eamon Reilly R.I.P.

Monday 9 August – NO MASS

Tuesday 10 August – NO MASS

Wednesday 11 August 11.00a.m.

Funeral Mass for Sheila Everitt

Thursday 12 August 11.30a.m.

Mass for Valerie Barrett R.I.P.

Friday 13 August 10.00a.m.

Mass for Primitiva Gabon, Cresanto Gabon, Nora Babon R.I.P.

Saturday 14 August 5.30p.m.

Mass for People of the Parish

Sunday 15 August 10.30a.m.

Mass for Eric and Julia Mortimer R.I.P.

Sunday 15 August 5.30p.m.

Mass for the Hunter Family's Intentions

Last week, I forget to mention in my 'thank you's' George, Terry, Caroline and Chris for the wonderful music and singing at the Jubilee Mass. Also special thanks to Gloria and her cousin for the lovely cake, and to Tony and the team for organising the reception in the Hall.

I hope you are enjoying some rest and relaxation,
With continued prayers and blessings.

Fr Bill, Fr Ruslan, Sr Margarite and Sr Fionnuala



SUNDAY 8 AUGUST NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

'I am the Bread of Life'

Today's readings demonstrate how our Father draws us closer to himself, and – through Jesus Christ – nourishes and sustains us with the living bread of the Eucharist.

The prophet Elijah is convinced he's a failure, and is fleeing for his life into the wilderness. However, an angel of God rouses him from his depression, and comforts and nourishes him for his long journey to the 'mountain of God'. (**First Reading – 1 Kings 19: 4-8**)

In the Gospel (**2 John 6: 41-51**), those hostile to Jesus are complaining against him, confused by and misunderstanding his teachings. But Jesus challenges their criticism directly: he is the one who has come to reveal the Father to them. Jesus teaches that he himself is the true, living bread from heaven; bread that gives life forever.

The Psalmist (**Psalms 33**) thanks God for deliverance from trouble, inviting us to 'Taste and see that the Lord is good'. St Paul begs the Ephesian community not to sadden the Holy Spirit by their anti-social behaviour towards each other.

Instead, they are to follow the path shown by Christ, loving each other as Christ loves them. (**Second Reading – Ephesians 30**). Let us pray this week for an openness to the Lord's tender, nourishing care, especially when we experience times of alienation, self-doubt or despair. We pray to deepen our acknowledgment of our human vulnerability, and our utter dependence on God's grace and love.