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The Third Sunday of Lent (Year B) - 7th March 2021

Churches and Lockdown 3 - what we can do...

Now we are in our third Lockdown **we can still attend communal worship (Mass)** but we must only sit with our own household or support bubble and we cannot mingle with other households before, during, or after coming to Church. It is good to be able to have the choice of coming to Mass but remember that the obligation to do so is still suspended and it is important not only to be safe but to feel safe.

Church opening times this week

Wednesday - St Joseph's 5.30pm - 6.30pm **Private Prayer**

Public Mass

Friday - St Joseph's Church 10.00am Mass

Saturday - St Joseph's Church 5.30pm

Sunday - Holy Family Church 9.00am - St Joseph's Church 11.00am - St Teresa's Church 5.30pm

Please be mindful that the numbers are limited due to Government guidelines and that at both St Joseph's and Holy Family we can overspill into the halls, so Mass at those churches can accommodate more people.

Invited. Lent 2021 – The Mission has begun! More than 1,000 people have signed up to the programme with individuals and families across the Diocese - and indeed, the world, taking part. You can find each week's pre-recorded episode on the Diocesan website, with a transcript and Thursday's group questions listed underneath each week's film in the supporting resources. Season one is a series of programmes that help us to understand exactly how much we are loved by God, see: www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited

Palm Sunday and Holy Week - this year, at the moment we have had instruction that we will be able to celebrate our Easter Liturgy together, with a number of restrictions and adaptations in place (for instance no washing of feet on Holy Thursday, but we can take home palms on Palm Sunday). More details/times in the next few weeks.

Online Alpha (using Zoom) at PNL We are excited as a parish to invite as many people as possible to take part in our Alpha Online course after Easter, w/c 12 April 2020. Alpha is a chance to ask the big questions in life - What is my purpose? What happens when I die? Why is there suffering? -and explore the Christian faith in a fun, non-pressurised environment. Each session (over 11 weeks) is approximately 1 hr 30 mins long and includes a short film and a discussion where you can share what you think with a small group of people just like you. We are hoping to ensure there are enough different time slots during the week to suit individual circumstances. We would also love you to invite your friends and family too. And being online, you are not geographically limited! If at any point you decide that Alpha isn't for you, that's not a problem. There's no pressure and no charge. To sign up or for details email: pnlalphacourse@gmail.com

Holy Week Retreat for Young People: Join the Well-spring Community, Monks of Worth Abbey, and young people from across the country in this interactive online retreat over the Easter Triduum - April 1-4th
www.wellspringbrighton.org.uk/the-virtual-easter-retreat/

Caring for Creation during Lent a parish group reflecting on the weekly Gospel reading, share inspiring stories from around the world and on excerpts from Laudato Si - for details contact: pnlcareofcreation@gmail.com

...Also, Have you considered focusing on ecological conversion as your Lenten sacrifice? Maybe go plastic free - contact: pnlcareofcreation@gmail.com

Sacramental programmes - we still don't know when we might be able to meet in person to prepare for our children and young people's sacraments, but if you would like to register interest at this stage please email: First Reconciliation/Holy Communion frfhcpnl@gmail.com and Confirmation confpnl@gmail.com

Scouts and lockdown - our beavers, cubs, scouts and explorers are continuing in very imaginative ways at the moment. They celebrated Founders Day this week and said thanks to some of the leaders who have gone above and beyond to continue Scouting during lockdown. The Commissioner Commendation Award for good service has been awarded to Martin Beckett, Sarah Davis, Tors Brown, Nikki Hurst, Graham Mountain, Matt Brown and Paul Cove. Well done to them all for their commitment and enthusiasm. More volunteer helpers are always welcome - check the website: www.17threigate.org

Foundation Governors for our Primary School The school's Governing Body is currently looking for 2 Foundation Governors to join their team of volunteers. Foundation Governors are practising Catholics, appointed by the Bishop specifically to preserve and develop the Catholic ethos of the school. A mixture of skills and experience is needed, and at the moment they are looking for skills in education and in finance - contact the parish office for more details.

Safeguarding Awareness Training - The Diocese has introduced mandatory online safeguarding training for all volunteers who work with vulnerable groups including; children, young people or adults at risk. If you volunteer in the Parish with one of these groups it is expected that you will undertake this online training by 31 March 2021. You should have heard from our safeguarding rep, Katie Jones, but if not please email pnlsafeguarding@gmail.com

Something extra for Lent - once in a while try surfing the internet for something of a 'religious' nature to ponder and if you find an item which helpful - share it with others.

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EAST SURREY HOSPITAL
The hospital does not inform the Catholic chaplain, Fr Francis (01293 431703) of your presence in the hospital unless a specific request is made by either a patient or their family. This needs to be made clear to the staff on admission to the hospital. If you are going in hospital as a 'Planned Admission' you are encouraged to contact Fr Tony to receive the Sacrament of the Sick prior to your admission.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR
THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND**

Stephanie Remnant, Frankie Bain-aud, Monica Peters, Anne Moon, Maria Mellone, Brigid Gow, Jaden Sebastian, Shelagh Green, Bobette O'Connell, Lydia Fagan, Anne Grier, Chris Bayley, Bill & Maureen Wasson, Fr Laurence Quin-Morris, Maria Dimaculangan, Pam Dysart, Michael Scoltock, Marcus Higgins, Raul Bantog, Marion & Barry Scholefield, Maeve Welsby, Malcolm & Maria Chelvanayagam, Damian Poole, Pat Weller, Chris & Margaret Byrne, Betty Murphy, John Warren, Edith Rashbrook, Sarah Healy, Sheilaine Barrientos, John Philmore, Margaret McGettrick, Kathleen Beckey, Claire Chantal, Richard & Meli Greaves, Mary Car-ey, Maura Green, Peter Reade, and all the sick and housebound of our parish.

If you or someone you know is sick & housebound and would like to receive Communion please contact

The 3rd Sunday of Lent (Year B)

Ex 20:1-7; Ps 18; 1Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

Response: You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.

Sat 6 Mar
St Joseph's 17.30 Ann O'Connor RIP
Sun 7 Mar
Holy Family 09.00 S Gilgunn - 80th Birthday
St Joseph's 11.00 People of the Parish
St Teresa's 17.30 Enrique Vasquez' wellbeing

Mon 8 Mar
For NHS workers and their families

Tue 9 Mar
Private Intention

Wed 10 Mar
Private Intention

Thur 11 Mar
Thomas Lyons RIP

Fri 12 Mar
10.00 Francoise Shaby RIP

The 4th 'Laetare' Sunday of Lent (Year B)

Chron 36:14-16.19-23; Ps 136; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

Response: O let my tongue cleave to my mouth
If I remember you not!

Sat 13 Mar
St Joseph's 17.30 Private Intention
Sun 14 Mar
Holy Family 09.00 People of the Parish
St Joseph's 11.00 Farrukh family
St Teresa's 17.30 Bourke & Reade family RIP

The Sacrament of Reconciliation can be celebrated by appointment.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF SOUL OF:

Frank Sladowski RIP, funeral details to be arranged.

Halina Ambrose RIP, Her funeral will take place at Holy Family on Wed 17th March, followed by burial at Redstone cemetery.

Please remember them and their families in your prayers.

Volunteer Stewards are still needed for our Masses and private prayer opportunities, you must not be from those instructed to shield themselves, nor from those under 18 or over 70 years old, or from groups considered more vulnerable to coronavirus. If you can help in please email the parish office with the subject line 'Volunteer' and encourage others to offer as well.