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5th Sunday of Easter (Year A) 7th May 2023

The Lord is Risen. Alleluia, Alleluia!

The month of May

'Dear Brothers and Sisters, The month of May is a time when the People of God express with particular intensity their love and devotion for the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is traditional in this month to pray the Rosary at home with the family. The restrictions of the pandemic have made us to appreciate all the more this "family" aspect, also from a spiritual point of view. For this reason, I want to encourage everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May. This can be done either as a group or individually, you can decide according to your own situations, making the most of both opportunities. The key of doing this is always simplicity and it is easy also on the internet to find good models of prayer to follow. ... Dear brothers and Sisters, contemplating the face of Christ with the heart of Mary our Mother will make us even more united as a spiritual family and will help us overcome these times of trial. I keep all of you in my prayers, especially those suffering most greatly, and I ask you, please, to pray for me, I thank you and with great affection I send you my blessing. Pope Francis

King Charles III's Coronation "May God bless His Majesty the King and Her Majesty the Queen Consort, preserve them both in health of mind and body and grant them every grace and blessing now and for the years to come." Cardinal Vincent Nichols

Our Catholic Faith: Did you know that Pope Francis has written a personal message for every person in the World about how we can work together to care for our common home? By popular demand, a re-run of the truly brilliant film *The LETTER* - to be shown in our Parish
Viewing 1: 24th May start 2pm to 4pm - St Joseph's Café
Viewing 2: 6th July start 7pm end 9pm - St Joseph's Hall
Both showings are free of charge and light refreshments provided. We would love to see you and why not invite a friend so we can spread the Pope's message.

Bereavement Coffee Morning - Grief is a very personal experience but it can help to talk to someone. If you feel that this would be of comfort please come along to our coffee morning on Saturday 13th May 10:30am-12noon, St Joseph's PNL Centre- Meeting Room. Trained befrienders will be there, and there is no need to book, just turn up and you will be most welcome.

Gift Aid Annual Statements: the end of tax year 2022/3 statements will be e-mailed to all consenting donors in the next couple of weeks or so, or posted to those who don't use email. If you have changed your email address recently please contact the team: pnlgiftaid@gmail.com

Our SVP groups are reaching out to those in any kind of need, please call 07918980330 and they will call back.

Parents, Babies and Toddlers Group - continues on Wednesdays in the St Joseph's PNL Centre from 10.30am

The 'Saturday Group' with games & chat meets Saturdays 3pm in the Café at St Joseph's, all adults welcome

Removing the Splinter - an online talk for Young Adults (18-35), 15 May, 7.30pm. This next session in the series 'A Call to Holiness - Living out your Baptismal Vocation'. The talk, by Fr Rod Jones OSB, will focus on the things we may need to ask Jesus to heal, in order to allow us to follow him more closely. lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk

A month of prayer for Vocations Gather, pray, discern, this month of May for the mission of the Church and for the priesthood in our diocese. The word vocation comes from the Latin 'vocare' meaning 'to call'. Everyone has a vocation, our first call is to love God and to be holy, as Pope Francis says "to be saints is not a privilege for a few but a vocation for everyone". You can find out more about vocations and prayer resources on our diocesan website

Lourdes Pilgrimage Can you help? We now need lots of helpers, nurses and HCA's to apply "Being a helper is an act of service that many of us do not get to offer during our day to day lives. Further information available on the [Lourdes Pilgrimage \(abdiocese.org.uk\)](http://Lourdes Pilgrimage (abdiocese.org.uk)) website.

Carpet of Flowers at Arundel Cathedral All are welcome this year as a part of the 150 years of the Church, lately our Cathedral, which will be open for viewing the flowers on Wednesday 7th June 9.30am – 7.00pm and on Thursday 8th June 9.30am – 5.30pm when the Mass begins. You can join the procession from the Cathedral to Arundel Castle, with Benediction. For more information: www.arundelcathedral.uk/corpus-christi or 01903 882297

The Diocese is recruiting for two part time roles based at The St Philip Howard Centre in Crawley, a Safeguarding Administrator and a Senior Administrator for the diocesan Tribunal reporting to the Judicial Vicar. More details on the diocesan website

The Second Collection next weekend is for the Missionary Endeavour of the Diocese, which can be gift-aided. This collection funds our ongoing link with the Diocese of Chulucanas in Peru, as well as supporting diocesan priests serving in missions and assisting students from missionary dioceses.

Enjoy the bank holiday - whatever the weather!

Collections

Offertory collection last weekend: £1380.01

Education of Future Priests £856.89

Retiring Collection next weekend:

Missionary Endeavour of the Diocese

Thank you for your support.

PARISH CLERGY:

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St Joseph's Primary - 01737 765373
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St Bede's Secondary - 01737 212108
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ST JOSEPH'S 17TH REIGATE SCOUTS

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EAST SURREY HOSPITAL

The hospital will not inform the Catholic chaplain, Fr Alban (01293 431703), of your presence in the hospital unless a specific request is made by either yourself or your family for a visit. If you would like a visit from him please ask the hospital staff or contact him directly yourself.

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 Hospital stay.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR
THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND**

Steven Biczók-Hardy, David Pitt, Tomasina Harman, Margaret Murray, Zosia, Susan McMenamin, Shelagh Green, Patricia Blackwell, Jørgen Løvbakke, Chris Bayley, Zackery Tuffrey, Jean Longley, Bridget Steward, Dilys Purtell, Rosaline Liberman, Mary Steer, Maria Mellone, Brigid Gow, Anne Grier, Lydia Fagan, Maureen Wasson, Fr Laurence Quin-Morris, Maria Dimaculangan, Michael Scoltock, Marion & Barry Scholefield, Malcolm & Maria Chelvanayagam, Damian Poole, Pat Weller, Margaret Byrne, Edith Rashbrook, Sarah Healy, Sheilaine Barrientos, Kathleen Beckey, Claire Chantal, Richard & Meli Greaves, and all sick and housebound of our parish.

If you or someone you know is sick & housebound and would like to receive Communion please contact the parish on 01737 761017.

Fifth Sunday of Easter (year A)

Acts 6:1-7; Ps 32; 1Pt 2: 4-9; Jn 14:1-12

Response: May your love be upon us, O Lord
As we place all our hope in you

Sat 6 May

St Joseph's 17.30 Special Intention

Sun 7 May

Holy Family 09.00 Michael Rogers RIP

St Joseph's 11.00 People of the parish

St Teresa's 17.30 Private Intention

Mon 8 May

St Teresa's 10.00 Special Intention

Tue 9 May

No Mass

Wed 10 May

St Joseph's 10.00 The Burgess Family RIP

Thur 11 May

Holy Family 10.00 Christopher Byrne RIP

Fri 12 May

St Joseph's 10.00 Funeral Mass for Kathleen Leigh RIP

Sixth Sunday of Easter (year A)

Acts 8:5-8.14-17; Ps 65; 1Pt 3: 15-18; Jn 14:15-21

Response: Cry out with joy to God all the earth

Sat 13 May

St Joseph's 17.30 Floyd Family Int

Sun 14 May

Holy Family 09.00 People of the parish

St Joseph's 11.00 Rashi Perera RIP

St Teresa's 17.30 Betty Ramsey RIP

The Sacrament of Reconciliation can be celebrated by appointment
Please contact the parish office

Prayers for the Sick - If you would like to add someone to the list, please make sure you have that person's permission. Please inform us when your loved one has recovered and can be removed from the list. Thank you.

Visiting the Sick and Housebound Our Extraordinary ministers of Communion are bringing Communion to our parish's frailer members and currently we have about 50 being visited monthly. Our SVP members also visit on a regular basis. If you know of anyone who cannot come to Mass and would like such a visit please contact the parish office after obtaining their permission.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF

Kathleen Leigh RIP Her funeral will take place on Friday 12th May at 10:00am at St Joseph's followed at Bandon Hill Cemetery.

Ferenc Der RIP his funeral is yet to be arranged.

Cathy Hallam RIP her funeral is yet to be arranged.

Please remember them and their families in your prayers