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6th Sunday of Easter (Year A) 14th May 2023

The Lord is Risen. Alleluia, Alleluia!

In this 150th Anniversary year of our Cathedral, it is a joy to be welcoming so many younger people from across the Diocese for the celebration of Confirmation. The coming of the Holy Spirit is promised by the Lord in this Sunday's Gospel – the Holy Spirit, whose gifts are bestowed in Confirmation. The reception of these gifts with an open heart, and a listening ear, enables us to take up the particular call that the Lord has for each and every one of us. In this openness and the response it calls forth from us, we become the people we are truly called to be, and the fruits of the Holy Spirit are borne in us, amongst which are the joy and peace that show themselves in charity that is marked by kindness, gentleness, and generosity. While the road that the Lord calls us to take may not always be an easy one, he never leaves us. Openness to the Spirit enables us to keep following the Lord, even when the way seems unclear and the path difficult. The challenge to live the Gospel is so present to us in these times, yet in the strength of the Holy Spirit, we find life. Join with me in praying for all those who will be confirmed this year – that they may come to know the joy that is the mark of the Christian, in lives spent in the service of Christ in prayer, and Whom we see in our brothers and sisters. (With every blessing, Bishop Richard)

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.

Carpet of Flowers at Arundel Cathedral will be open on Wed 7th June 9.30am – 7pm and on Thur 8th June 9.30am – 5.30pm All welcome. Please contact us at 01903 882297 or www.arundelcathedral.uk/corpus-christi

CAFOD: Pope Benedict XVI said that "Love — caritas — is an extraordinary force which leads people to opt for courageous and generous engagement in the field of justice and peace." For decades CAFOD has spoken out against injustice. To find out more please go to cafod.org.uk/latestcampaigns

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.

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

Mental Health Champions: Our Parish communities should be places of comfort and solace for the troubled and weary, and in today's society, one of the great struggles people face is mental ill health. Would you like to support mental wellbeing in your Parish, ensuring that it reaches out to those in need? lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk to find out more about the upcoming Mental Health Champion training days.

Parents, Babies and Toddlers Group meet Wednesdays, term time, at 10.30am in St Joseph's PNL Centre.

Parish Sunday Lunches: We are hoping to recommence parish lunches soon and are asking any parish groups that might be interested in hosting one, to contact the parish office.

Caritas Social Action Network, in partnership with St John of God Hospitaller Service an international Catholic Charity are matching Ukrainian people displaced by the brutal war in their country with people in the Catholic community willing to host them in their homes for six months. If you have room in your home and in your heart to consider welcoming a stranger then we'd love to hear from you. Please visit <https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk>

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

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 2nd Collection this weekend is for the Missionary Endeavour of the Diocese, which can be gift -aided. This 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.

The 2nd Collection next weekend is for World Communications Day. The theme of this year's comes from *Ephesians 4:15*, Speaking with the heart. "**The truth in love**". The call to speak with the heart, radically challenges the times in which we are living, which are so inclined towards indifference and indignation, at times even on the basis of disinformation which falsifies and exploits the truth. The Bishops' Conference works to forge positive relationships with media outlets to communicate news relating to the life of the Catholic Church and her people. Please donate to help in this work.

Collections

Offertory collection last weekend: £1239.03

Retiring Collection this weekend is for:

Missionary Endeavour of the Diocese

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World Communication Sunday

Thank you for your support.

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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.

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

Mon 15 May

St Teresa's 10.00 Special Intention

Tue 16 May

No Mass

Wed 17 May

St Joseph's 10.00 Anne Evans RIP

Thur 18 May

The Ascension of the Lord

Holy Day of Obligation

St Joseph's 10.00 People of the parish

Holy Family 19.00 Maire-France Cameron & Stephania Wieckowska

Fri 19 May

St Joseph's 10.00 In Thanksgiving

Seventh Sunday of Easter (year A)

Acts 1:12-14; Ps 26; 1Pt 4:13-16; Jn 17:1-11

Response: I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
In the land of the living

Sat 20 May

St Joseph's 17.30 Mark and Anna's int

Sun 21 May

Holy Family 09.00 People of the parish

St Joseph's 11.00 Lionel Bay RIP

St Teresa's 17.30 Private Intention

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

Ferenc Der RIP his funeral is yet to be arranged.

Cathy Hallam RIP her funeral will take place on Friday 26th May at 10.30am at Holy Family followed at the Surrey and Sussex Crematorium.

Please remember them and their families in your prayers