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2nd (Low) Sunday of Easter (Year A) 16th April 2023

The Lord is Risen. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Today's Gospel brings us face-to-face with the problem of doubt in the person of Thomas the Apostle. Like so many in our modern times, he would not accept the word of his friends. He wanted to see for himself, and if he could not, he would not believe. In the midst of his doubts, the Lord Himself stood before him. Thomas' doubts were dispelled and he professed his faith with the simple, yet wonderful words: "My Lord and my God." Perhaps there are times in our lives when we doubt – perhaps the experience of life, the grim realities of the world around us, bring us to doubt, to question. We must know that in our times of doubt, the Lord stands before us. As with Thomas, He is gentle towards us. The Lord says to us, as He says to Thomas: 'Here I am, gaze upon me, see what I have done for you. Believe.' On this Divine Mercy Sunday, may we recognise in a new and ever-deeper way, all that the Lord has done for us. In His dying and rising He gives us new life. In saying, with Thomas, "My Lord and my God" we shall know the mercy that only He can give, and experience that peace the world cannot give; the peace that is the gift of the Risen Christ.

With every Blessing, Bishop Richard

With many thanks to all who helped with the Easter liturgy, to those who were visible such as the musicians, projectionists, readers, servers, welcomers, to those who were not so visible, such as the cleaners, flower arrangers, sacristans. Thanks to the scouts for the Easter refreshments and Egg hunt. It was wonderful to see the crowds - about 1400 people came to the four Easter Masses. With thanks also for your kind wishes and prayers, cards, gifts and your Easter collection. Happy Easter!

Thinking about becoming a Catholic, or maybe want to be confirmed as an adult? We run informal 'Come and see' sessions looking at different aspects of our faith. Please contact the parish office for more information

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

Plant Sale in aid of Practical Action 22 & 23 April: there will be a Bring and Buy plant sale after all Masses in our three churches next weekend. Please donate seedlings and plants (vegetables, indoor and outdoor plants, flowers etc) and/or come to buy. Our parish charity, Practical Action, supports a programme to decrease the disastrous environmental and social effects of plastic waste in Bangladesh. Any enquiries contact pnljandp@gmail.com

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

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 2023 - those who asked for numbered gift aid envelopes will find their boxes at the back of the churches. Thank you for your offerings however you give them. For more information on gift-aid: pnlgiftaid@gmail.com

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

Marriage Care write to say: Please encourage your parishioners to seek support if they are experiencing relationship distress. Our professional relationship counselling service is provided on a donation-only basis and seeking help at whatever stage can make a real difference. To find out more: www.marriagecare.org.uk

Book+ Circle Our next book is the novel "Gilead" by Marilynne Robinson. We will discuss it at 8pm, Wed 19th April, in the Meeting Room in the parish centre at St Joseph's.

Mass for Engaged Couples – Friday 16 June 2023 7pm at Arundel Cathedral As part of your journey to marriage we invite you to join Bishop Richard for a special Mass. This will be followed by refreshments in the Cathedral Centre. [Mass for Engaged Couples \(16-Jun-2023\) - ChurchSuite Events](#)

A CAFOD word of thanks: Shukla is a mum in Bangladesh who has been very worried about her children's nutrition. After joining a community project supported by CAFOD, Shukla has a productive garden and can grow food for her son. Shukla says, "worry has completely disappeared now." People can support in so many ways – giving in church, by direct debit, or leaving a gift in their will. This generosity and compassion reaches hard-working mothers like Shukla. Thank you. To read Shukla's story, go to cafod.org.uk/GiftInWill

Thinking of getting married... A reminder that Bishop Richard calls for a minimum of twelve months' notice for Marriages planned to take place in a Catholic Church to allow for the necessary preparation and paperwork.

No Faith in Fossil Fuels Friday 21 - Monday 24 April - 'The Big One' - set to be the biggest climate protest yet in the UK with around 100,000 gathering around Parliament to demand an end to the fossil fuel era, with family friendly activities planned across the weekend. Starts on Friday with a service at St John's Church, Waterloo at 12mid-day. More info on CAFOD's website/Green Christian.

Keep the date! Our parish celebration day will be on Sunday 16th July in St Joseph's School grounds - start praying for good weather now!

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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.

Second 'Low' Sunday of Easter (year A)

Acts 2: 42-47; Ps 117; 1Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

Response: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good
 For his love has no end

Sat 15 Apr
St Joseph' 17.30 Thomas Lyons RIP
Sun 16 Apr
Holy Family 09.00 David Flynn RIP
St Joseph's 11.00 People of the parish
St Teresa's 17.30 Private Intention

Mon 17 Apr
St Teresa's 10.00 Betty Ramsey RIP

Tue 18 Apr
 No Mass

Wed 19 Apr
St Joseph's 10.00 Special Intention

Thur 20 Apr
Holy Family 10.00 John Motion RIP

Fri 21 Apr
St Joseph's 10.00 Douglas Breault RIP

Third Sunday of Easter (year A)

Acts 2:14.22-33; Ps 15; 1Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

Response: Show us, Lord, the path of life

Sat 22 Apr
St Joseph' 17.30 Corcoran/Wakeling Family Int
Sun 23 Apr
Holy Family 09.00 People of the parish
St Joseph's 11.00 Catherine Alexa Scott RIP
St Teresa's 17.30 Private Intention

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

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

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 SOUL OF

Rita Goacher RIP Her funeral will take place on Thursday 20th April at mid-day at Redstone Cemetery Chapel followed by burial in the cemetery

Richard Burford RIP His funeral will take place on Monday 24th April, at 11:45am at Randalls Park Crematorium

Elizabeth Hawkins RIP her funeral will take place on Thursday 27th April at 10.30am at St Joseph's followed at the Surrey and Sussex Crematorium

Kathleen Leigh RIP Her funeral is yet to be arranged

Please remember them and their families in your prayers