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The 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) - 18th July 2021

Churches and lockdown easing Step 4

Following the Governments' announcement concerning Monday 19th July and step 4 of our Lockdown easing, late on Thursday evening we received updated guidance and recommendations from the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales on how to proceed in celebrating Mass and other Sacraments in the current climate of rising numbers of Covid infections (<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/>) Our Covid response team will be meeting during this week to consider the guidance carefully and to decide how the recommendations will be put into place in our three Churches for next weekend.

Church opening times this week

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

Public Mass

Friday - St Joseph's Church 10.00am

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

Guidance for face covering, sanitising, social distancing, stewarding, etc remains in place at the moment.

First Holy Communion programme - We usually have about 100 families and current restrictions still mean we don't know when we might be able to meet inside to prepare our children and families, but if you would like to register interest at this stage please email: First Reconciliation/Holy Communion frfhcpnl@gmail.com

Baptism Preparation - we have about 40 families waiting to celebrate their child's baptism and there are still several restrictions in place but we can baptise now. If you would like to register interest please email the parish office.

Build a 'Bug Hotel!' - would your children/Grandchildren like to make a bug hotel this holiday? A rotten tree at St Joseph's has been cut down and ideal dead wood is available by the left side of the Scout hut - help yourselves to a log or two and have fun learning about caring for our environment - pass the message round and also google "Laudato Si" for the Pope's letter on ecology.

The SVP are still reaching out to those in need (who would normally receive a visit) and have a mobile phone for this purpose, please ring 07918980330 and they will call back.

St Joseph's Church proposed new Glass Doors - The existing wooden entrance doors are old and heavy and will require a lot of work to repair. They are difficult to operate and could be considered unattractive. The Parish has an opportunity to enhance the entrance, creating one which is more contemporary, open, and welcoming, while also remaining in-keeping with the design of the existing building. We are proposing new glass doors and improving the pathway and a poster is on display at St Joseph's to give an idea of what we can achieve. If you have any comments or suggestions please contact the parish office.

'Virtual' Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, 17-24th July. Each year, the Diocese normally journey together as pilgrims to the holy Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes, however, due to Covid-19, this year it is not possible, so they have arranged for some events to take place in the UK and in Lourdes. These can all be followed on the pop-up website <https://2021.ablourdes.org/events> during their week of prayer and reflection on the past year's highs and lows.

BBC Songs of Praise from Arundel Cathedral. This week's Songs of Praise from Arundel airs on Sunday 18th July at 1.15pm on BBC One and will be available to watch on the BBC iPlayer afterwards. We hope you enjoy the episode; we welcome feedback so please get in touch after the broadcast and let us know what you thought; Email: communications@abdiocese.org.uk

The first World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, inaugurated by Pope Francis, will take place on Sunday 25th July. He has chosen as the theme "I am with you always" (cf. Mt 28:20) which is a way of expressing the closeness of the Lord and the Church to every older person, especially in these challenging pandemic times. You can find more information on our Diocesan website: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/home>

Diocesan Youth Service – 40th Anniversary Celebration – 4 September 2021 - Arundel Cathedral - Whether it was a Maryvale Retreat, a World Youth Day Pilgrimage, Youthgathering, Lourdes Redshirts, or you are a member of our new online community BeCome, or one of our other virtual networks, everyone will be welcome to give thanks and to pray for the success of the Youth Service in the future. Reminisce with old friends, and meet new friends in person. A thanksgiving Mass will be said by Bishop Richard, followed by a chance to chat over refreshments. Please click [here](#) for more information and to register.

Redundant iPads and Laptops are desperately needed by the Gatwick Detainees' Welfare Group. These devices can help give access to classes for speakers of other languages, to communicate with friends, family, our staff, their volunteer visitor and to access resources such as Food Banks and to join our post detention services. Contact Josie at: josiewade@gdwg.org.uk. Thank you.

Nurturing the growth of the Church - along with lockdown easing comes more opportunity to enliven the parish again and for new folks to step up - can you gift some time to help the celebration of the liturgy, the nurturing of faith and sacramental preparation, the care of the building and grounds, visits to the housebound, or anything else? Please email the parish office with your offers of help

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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**

Roland Cambel, Rosaline Liberman, Michael Fife, Mary Steer, Stephanie Remnant, Monica Peters, Anne Moon, Maria Mellone, Brigid Gow, Jaden Sebastian, Anne Grier, Lydia Fagan, Chris Bayley, Bill & Maureen Wasson, Fr Laurence Quin-Morris, Maria Dimaculangan, Michael Scoltock, Marcus Higgins, Raul Bantog, Marion & Barry Scholefield, Maeve Welsby, Malcolm & Maria Chelvanayagam, Damian Poole, Pat Weller, Chris & Margaret Byrne, Betty Murphy, Edith Rashbrook, Sarah Healy, Sheilaine Barrientos, John Philmore, Maura Green, Margaret McGettrick, Kathleen Beckey, Claire Chantal, Richard & Meli Greaves, Mary Carey, 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 parish on 01737 761017.

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Jer 23:1-6; Ps 22; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34

Response: The Lord is my Shepherd
There is nothing I shall want

Sat 17 July
St Joseph's 17.30 Jim Peters RIP
Sun 18 July
Holy Family 09.00 Mrs E Gilgunn's 80th
St Joseph's 11.00 People of the Parish
St Teresa's 17.30 Private Intention

Mon 19 July
Private Intention

Tue 20 July
Special intention

Wed 21 July
St Joseph's 10.30 Funeral Mass for Maura Tunney RIP

Thur 22 July
St Mary Magdalene
John Ward RIP

Friday 23 July
St Joseph's 10.00 **St Bridget of Sweden, Patron of Europe**
Farrukh family int.

The 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

2Kgs 4:42-44; Ps 144; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15

Response: You open wide your hand, O Lord
and grant our desires

Sat 24 July
St Joseph's 17.30 Special Intention
Sun 25 July
Holy Family 09.00 People of the Parish
St Joseph's 11.00 Maritess Alvior RIP
St Teresa's 17.30 Private Intention

The Sacrament of Reconciliation can be celebrated by appointment.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF SOULS OF:

Maura Tunney RIP her funeral will take place on Wed 21st July at 10.30am at St Joseph's, followed at Redstone Cemetery

James du Casse RIP his funeral will take place on Wednesday 28th July at 10.30am at St Joseph's followed at the Surrey and Sussex crematorium

Pamela Ward RIP her funeral will take place on Thurs 5th August at 12.30pm at the Surrey and Sussex Crematorium

Bernadette (Bernie) Keane RIP who retired to Ireland and has died

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.