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7th Sunday of Easter (Year A) 21st May 2023

The Lord is Ascended in Heaven. Alleluia, Alleluia!

On Thursday we celebrated the Ascension of the Lord into Heaven. This places us in the days approaching Pentecost, the celebration of the coming of the Holy Spirit on the young Church. In Holy Week..we are accustomed to walking with the Lord on His path to Death and Resurrection. Now, in these days before Pentecost, I invite you to reflect on the life of Our Lady and the Apostles. They are in prayer in the Upper Room, awaiting the Holy Spirit. While we may have received the Holy Spirit in baptism and in confirmation, we must continue to pray for a renewed openness to the Holy Spirit's action in us – and these days before Pentecost present us with a wonderful opportunity for this. Please pray for those being confirmed at this time, that their openness to the gifts of the Spirit bears fruit in their lives. Please pray for our Diocese, for in this rapidly changing world we are called to continue the mission the Lord has given us. This will require new ways of doing things, as it were – with all in the Diocese being ready to do whatever the Lord may ask of us. There is no need for us to be fearful, for the Holy Spirit abides in the Church. We can go forward with confidence, even though the road may seem unclear at times. May our preparation for Pentecost and our celebration of this feast bring many graces to us all, and fill us with fresh heart for the mission to which we have been called. (Bishop Richard)

Laudato Si' Week 21- 28 May - Caring for Our Common Home - **Wednesday 24th May 2pm** St Joseph's parish centre - a screening of the film "The Letter" telling the story of 4 "social poets" affected first-hand by the climate crisis who travel to Rome to meet Pope Francis. All welcome.

Renewed Hope Trust are planning to restart the Winter Night Shelter and are looking for more volunteers. For further information please visit: www.renewedhope.org.uk

Union of Catholic Mothers UCM: Next meeting Wed 31st May at 7:30 pm St. Teresa - Focus on Our Lady.

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. For more see: cafod.org.uk/latestcampaigns

'The Saturday Group' meets Saturdays 3pm to 5pm in the Café, at St Joseph's, all adults welcome

Mental Health Champions: Our Parish communities should be places of comfort and solace for the troubled and weary. 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.

Bereavement Coffee morning: This will not take place for the next few months but will resume in September. If you are grieving and feel that you would like to talk to someone then please contact the Parish Office and a member of the Parish Bereavement Team will get in touch

Caritas Social Action Network, 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 please visit <https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk>

Congratulations to all at St Bede's School - Following an Ofsted Inspection, St Bede's continues to be an outstanding school. - Happy Feast day on Thursday as well!

A month of prayer for Vocations Gather, pray, discern, for the mission of the Church and for the priesthood in our diocese. This week, people across our community of faith are invited to read about the forgiveness of sins (John 20: 19-23), and pray for more priests who will celebrate the sacraments of healing with the living and the dying. See the Diocesan website for more prayers and information.

Parish Sunday Lunches: We are hoping to recommence parish lunches soon, please can any parish groups or individuals who might be hosts contact the parish office.

Parish Grounds - a few have mentioned that the grass needs cutting - it has been left to grow long deliberately as our J&P group guided us to 'No Mow May', a time to let nature have a chance to flourish. Of course, this means that soon we will need more work to tame things a bit - so if you can offer help please contact the parish office.

Can you help? A wild flower area has been proposed as part of our drive to "live simply" in the spirit of Laudato Si. If you have knowledge, skills or equipment that could help us to achieve this please contact the Justice and Peace group as soon as possible pnljandp@gmail.com

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

St Philomena's Catholic School need to recruit an examination Invigilator now: recruitment@stphils.org.uk

Please keep our students in your prayers as GCSE and A' Level exams begin in our schools.

This Sunday is World Communications Day. The Bishops' Conference works with media outlets to communicate positive news relating to the life of the Catholic Church and her people. Thank you for your support.

Collections

Offertory collection last weekend: £1092.13
Missionary Endeavour of the Diocese: £555.58

Retiring Collection this weekend is for:
World Communication Sunday
Thank you for your support.

PARISH CLERGY:

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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

Margaret Leonard, Ray Flanagan, 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.

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

Mon 22 May

St Joseph's 10.00 Memorial Mass for Ferenc Der RIP

(note change from normal)

Tue 23 May

No Mass

Wed 24 May

St Joseph's 10.00 Ted Hyatt RIP

Thur 25 May

St Bede the Venerable, Priest, Doctor

Holy Family 10.00 Special Int

Fri 26 May

St Philip Neri, Priest

Holy Family 10.30 Funeral Mass for Cathy Hallam RIP

(note change from normal)

The Solemnity of Pentecost (year A)

Vigil: Joel 3:1-6; Ps 103; Rms 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39

Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 103; Cor 12:3-7.12-13; Jn 20:19-23

Response: Send forth your Spirit, O Lord
 and renew the face of the earth

Sat 27 May

St Joseph's 17.30 Jim Peters RIP

Sun 28 May

Holy Family 09.00 People of the parish

St Joseph's 11.00 John, Anne & Percy Davis 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 memorial mass will take place on Monday 22nd May at 10.00am at St Joseph's Church.

Cathy Hallam RIP her funeral will take place on Friday 26th May at 10.30am at Holy Family Church

Sara Gosnell RIP her funeral has not yet been arranged.

Please remember them and their families in your prayers