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3rd Sunday of Easter (Year A) 23rd April 2023

The Lord is Risen. Alleluia, Alleluia!

This Saturday sees the first of the Confirmation Masses at the Cathedral, in this 150th Anniversary of its building. Please remember all those being confirmed in the mother church of the Diocese this year. The gifts of the Holy Spirit, received in this sacrament, give to the confirmed the qualities required for the Christian life and they are, therefore, equipped to take the message of the Resurrection into the world, with all the challenges and joys that this will bring to them. Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, whose meeting with the Risen Christ we hear in this Sunday's Gospel, the Lord will accompany them in His Word. The rich resource of the scriptures will be their guide on the journey of life. The Lord Himself will continue to sustain them with the food that is His very Self. In the sharing in the Eucharist, we see and recognise the Lord, and He sustains us on our journey. We re-echo the words of Thomas in last Sunday's Gospel: "My Lord and my God." Those confirmed, along with all who are fully members of Christ's Church, must now do as did Cleopas and the other disciple on the road. The task, growing out of our listening to the Word and our being nourished by Christ, is to share the Good News of the Resurrection. Again, I ask you to pray for the many young people being confirmed this year, that they be open to the wonder of the gifts they receive and, growing ever closer to the Risen Christ, may proclaim His life at every moment of their lives. With every blessing, Bishop Richard

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 this 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

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

Liturgy of the Word with children – Free training for Liturgy Leaders - Saturday 13 May 9.30am - 1pm at The St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley. This is an opportunity for both those who are new to this as well as the experienced. Why do we have a Liturgy of the Word for Children? How can we best deliver it as a Liturgy at an appropriate level? What resources are there? How can we use this to help families develop their faith at home? If you are interested in any of these questions please do join us. If you wish to discuss your engagement with this training before booking please contact Katherine Bergin, Diocesan Advisor E: Katherine.Bergin@abdiocese.org.uk

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

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!

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

Lourdes Pilgrimage Can you help? Applications from pilgrims requiring assistance to journey with the Diocese Pilgrimage to Lourdes this summer are back to pre-Covid numbers – which is wonderful news, but it does mean we now need lots of helpers, nurses and HCA's to apply to make sure we have enough people to care for them in Lourdes. "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://LourdesPilgrimage.abdiocese.org.uk) website. The diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place 28 July to 3 August for those travelling by air, or 27 July to 4 August for those travelling by coach or jumbulance. The cost for Helpers and Clinicians is £680 (subsidised) or £850 full price. There are further subsidies which may be available.

School Volunteers Required: Do you enjoy working with children and young people? Could you help to inspire and empower children and young people in our Catholic schools and churches to bring alive their sense of global justice? Could you give an assembly or a workshop in a local school? Supported by CAFOD with training and resources, you will discuss issues of global justice, add to parish and school life whilst complementing the work of teachers, priests and catechists. Contact the CAFOD A&B office at:- St Pius X Church, Laustan Close, Mew, Guildford, Surrey GU1 2TS Tel: 01483 573273 07710 094448 Email: arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk

Education of future Priests: Next weekend is Good Shepherd Sunday, we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. Our Second Collection will go towards supporting the training of Priests. Please be generous.

Collections

Offertory collection last weekend: £1308.34

Retiring Collection next weekend is for:

Education of future Priests

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**

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

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

Mon 24 Apr St George, Martyr, Patron of England

St Teresa's 10.00 Charles Early int

Tue 25 Apr St Mark, Evangelist

No Mass

Wed 26 Apr

St Joseph's 10.00 Anne Evans RIP

Thur 27 Apr

St Joseph's 10.30 Funeral Mass for Elizabeth Hawkins RIP

Fri 28 Apr

St Joseph's 9.30 Tom Hannan RIP

(please note earlier time this Friday)

Fourth Sunday of Easter (year A)

Acts 2:14.36-41; Ps 22; 1Pt 2: 20-25; Jn 10:1-10

Response: The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want

Sat 29 Apr

St Joseph' 17.30 Alan Rowles RIP

Sun 30 Apr

Holy Family 09.00 People of the parish

St Joseph's 11.00 Michael Rogers 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 SOUL OF

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

Fr David Russell RIP, retired priest of this diocese. His funeral will take place on Friday 28 April at 12 noon at St Thomas of Canterbury, Magdalen Road, St Leonards on Sea, TN37 6ET

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

Please remember them and their families in your prayers