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The Feast of the Holy Family (Year C) - 26th December 2021

Churches and "Plan B"

The Prime Minister has confirmed that England has moved to Plan B following the rapid spread of the Omicron variant in the UK. In this parish, within the context of our comparatively large congregations, we have tried to maintain a measured steady approach to changes we have introduced as the pandemic seemed to ease. For some this has been very frustrating, for many of the more vulnerable and anxious this has meant they have felt able to return and participate in the Mass feeling safe. Rather like the emphasis on face coverings at the moment, it is important that we are thinking more about others than ourselves. The Bishops of England and Wales have not restored 'The Sunday Obligation' but have issued a rich reflection on 'The Day or the Lord' which they urge everyone to reflect on. It is available on our website and the Bishops own website, alongside other resources. They advise that care must be taken to ensure that churches continue to be places where people feel safe to gather to worship. A key element of their guidance involves moving away from centralised detailed regulation to prudent local judgements, adopting a continuing cautious approach to easements. The key watchwords remain: discernment of local prevailing conditions and careful consideration of what mitigations are needed in light of these, with a strong emphasis on common sense risk averse activities to continue to mitigate against the transmission of the virus.

The response our Parish has adopted remains in line with the latest requirements:

- We are still asked to ensure the use of face coverings and also sanitization on entry and exit from Church.
- Track and trace is encouraged and people can continue to use the QR points or sign in themselves.
- Stewards are no longer required to manage movement of the congregation, on entry or for Communion
- There is no longer a requirement for social distancing within the Churches and all seating is available.
- Should people wish to socially distant we will maintain the use of the halls to ensure this.
- The physical sign of peace remains suspended and Communion continues to be under one kind only.
- We are able to re-introduce congregational singing gradually.
- The use of our PNL centres is still heavily restricted by our Diocesan requirements for Covid and so for the time being remain 'out of action' except for Mass overflow and our Sacramental programmes.
- We have returned to the normal weekday schedule for Mass to which all are welcome.
- St Joseph's Church will be open daily for visits and private prayer.

With many thanks to all who helped us celebrate Christmas this year

those who prepared the flowers and decorations, those who put up the trees and the crib scenes, those who helped clean and sanitize the churches, the readers and the musicians who enriched the liturgy, and everyone who helped in any way...thank you!

With thanks also, from Deacon Tim and Fr Tony for all your kind thoughts, words, prayers, cards, and gifts, and for your kind Christmas collection.

The Christmas season continues this week with the 'Octave of Christmas' and then through the Solemnity of the Epiphany on Thursday 6th Jan, 10am mass (St Joseph's) and 7pm (Holy Family), before finishing on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (Sunday 9th Jan).

Christmas Crib We continue to leave the Crib scene until February 2nd which is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas), you may like to do the same in your homes as a reminder that God is truly with us, a message of hope and comfort particularly for our times during this pandemic.

...and wishing you a Happy Christmas season and all the best for a better 2022!

SYNOD process Update - ten questions have been posed for the Universal Church to answer in groups or individually. Our Diocese has arranged them into three sessions which can be found following this link: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/synod>. It is possible to answer these via the online booklet but we will also be organising a group discussion, please email the parish office if you are interested in joining a group.

Afghanistan Crisis Appeal CAFOD is combining efforts with the DEC for 8 million people on the brink of famine because of drought, collapsing economy, food shortages, conflict, and COVID - see www.cafod.org.uk for more information and to donate to this emergency fund

Crib Collection - Catholic Children's Society Crisis fund

50/50 Club This month there are two winners of £40 each: **No. 95 & No. 3**. Subscriptions are now due for 2022 at £12.00 per number per year. As the name suggests, 50% of the money goes to the Parish and the other 50% goes out in monthly prizes.. For more information please email 5050club.pnl@gmail.com

Visiting Sick and Housebound if you know of anyone who cannot come to Mass please contact the parish office after obtaining their permission.

Telephone Support of the bereaved, our Bereavement Team are able to offer you the time and space to talk if you have been recently bereaved. If you would like to talk to someone then please contact the Parish office and this can be arranged.

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EAST SURREY HOSPITAL
The hospital does not inform the Catholic chaplain, Fr Albion (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**

Jean Longley, Bridget Steward, Dily's Purtell, Brian O'Connor, 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, Marion & Barry Scholefield, Malcolm & Maria Chelvanayagam, Damian Poole, Pat Weller, Chris & Margaret Byrne, Edith Rashbrook, Sarah Healy, Sheilaine Barrientos, John Philmore, Maura Green, Margaret McGettrick, Kathleen Beckey, Claire Chantal, Richard & Meli Greaves, Peter Reade, 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.

The Feast of the Holy Family

1Sm 1:20-22.24-28; Ps 83; 1Jn 3:1-2.21-24; Lk 2:41-52

Response: They are happy who deal in your house, O Lord.

Sun 26 Dec
Holy Family 09.00 People of the Parish
St Joseph's 11.00 Maeve & Joe Welsby RIP
St Teresa's 17.30 Private Intention

Mon 27 Dec **St John, Apostle and Evangelist**
St Teresa's 10.00 Katherine & Louis Rock RIP

Tue 28 Dec **The Holy Innocents**
No mass

Wed 29 Dec **St Thomas Becket, Bishop, Martyr**
St Joseph's 10.00 Special Int

Thur 30 Dec **Sixth day in Octave of Christmas**
Holy Family 10.00 Canon Richard Hern RIP

Friday 31 Dec **Seventh Day in Octave of Christmas**
St Joseph's 10.00 Farrukh family int.

The Second Sunday of Christmas

Ecc 24:1-2.8-12; Ps 147; Eph 1:3-6.15-16; Jn 1:1-18

Response: The word was made flesh, and lived among us.

Sat 1st Jan
St Joseph's 5.30pm Deceased Benefactors RIP
Holy Family 09.00 People of the Parish
St Joseph's 11.00 Special Intention
St Teresa's 17.30 Teresa Jiang RIP

The Sacrament of Reconciliation can be celebrated by appointment

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF:

Lionel Bay RIP His funeral will take place on Wed 12th Jan at 10.30am at St Joseph's followed at Redstone Cemetery.

Dom Ian Condon RIP monk at Worth Abbey, his funeral is to be arranged

Please remember them and their families in your prayers.

Opening Prayer for the Christmas Dawn Mass

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that as we are bathed in the new radiance of your incarnate Word, the light of faith which illumines our mind may also shine through in our deeds. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER FOR A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION Please use this prayer if you are needing to isolate, or are unwell, or unable to come to Mass: *My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen. (St Alphonsus Liguori)*