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The Fifth Sunday of Easter (year B) 28th April 2024

Cake Sale This Weekend - Our confirmation candidates and their families are making cakes and selling them after all Masses this weekend to raise money for the CAFOD charity, so bring some cash and take some cakes!

Our Parish Sunday Lunch will be on Sunday 12th May from 12.30pm in the St Joseph's PNL centre, hosted by our choir. All are welcome, no need to book, BYO drinks. If you could help host a lunch please contact the parish office.

Adoration on Wednesdays (7pm) at St Joseph's is suspended for the next few weeks as the group leaders attend a diocesan course. Thank you for your understanding.

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

Parents, Babies & Toddlers Group meets again this Wed 1st May at 10.30am in the main hall at St Joseph's.

Rosary Group Tuesdays at St Joseph's from 7pm – 8pm.

The Saturday Group is a social group for adults meeting at St Joseph's, Saturdays 3pm—5.15pm. Please join us.

A Parish International Mass & Gathering 19th May at 11am Mass in St. Joseph's Church, celebrating the diversity of our parish. Everyone is invited to wear traditional costumes and we will have multilingual bidding prayers. Following mass, there will be international food festival and entertainment. If you would like to participate by reading, preparing a multilingual bidding prayer and/or food preparation for this exciting event, contact the parish office

The Promise of the Father - a free course, supporting our diocesan plan, aims to help us to live our lives empowered by the Holy Spirit. 7 sessions, with renowned speakers (including Bp Richard) and small group discussions, continues till 23rd May. Limited spaces in the venue & online, book now to avoid disappointment: <https://www.catholicparishofworthingandlancing.co.uk/the-promise-of-the-father/>

Justice & Peace: Thank you to all who supported last week's plant sale raising £259.23 for 'Practical action'.

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

Friday 28th June - Quiz Night for A&B Diocese Lourdes "Red Shirts" in Parish Centre at St Josephs, organised by the Reigate Catenians. All are welcome and all the proceeds will go to help young people from the Diocese attend the annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes. More details to follow.

'Refugee Tales' - at the Sacred Heart Parish, Caterham on Tuesday 30th April at 7.30pm in the Canon Roe Hall, Mary Barrett will be talking about Refugee Tales and the annual walk styled in the way of the 'Canterbury Tales'. Rooted in the work of Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group (GDWG), 'Refugee Tales' shares the tales of people held in immigration detention and those who work with them.

Children's Liturgy of the Word TODAY Sunday (28th April) during the 11am Mass at St Joseph's. To comply with diocesan safeguarding rules we must adhere to the appropriate adult/child ratios meaning limited numbers, each child must have a consent form pre-filled by their parent or guardian, and a registration of children attending is required for each session. We are starting the sessions on an ad hoc basis with volunteers who are all DBS checked, with hopes of increasing frequency when more volunteers come forward. We welcome anybody who would like to volunteer, please get in touch. For more information contact pnlchildliturgy@gmail.com. and to give consent for each child go to; <https://forms.gle/XJgWreVksmV7Pwv9>

Lets ask the Spirit for the gifts of priests' The diocese has produced leaflets, available at the back of the Churches, called: *A Month of Prayer for Vocations*. These outline an intention for each of the coming weeks and provides a 'prayer itinerary' for this journey to Pentecost.

Rosary and Prayers for Vocations will be prayed at St Teresa's following morning Mass until the end of May; all are welcome to join, or pray at home at the same time.

Have you ever thought about being a priest, or know someone who has? It's not always easy to know if God is calling you to priesthood. Our diocesan Days of Discernment aim to explore some simple tools for finding out, with time for prayer and an opportunity to learn more about the beautiful vocation of the diocesan priest, along with other men following the same path. Certainty is not required: the day may just be a chance for you to start thinking, to pray, and to ask questions. Our next day is on Sat 4 May in Crawley, led by Fr Nicholas Harden. If you are a Catholic, unmarried male who is considering this vocation and would like to attend, please contact the parish office

Parish Life Ascending Group meet on Wed 1st May, 11am to noon in St Joseph's PNL meeting room. All retired or semi-retired parishioners are very welcome.

St Joseph's Preschool will be holding a Spring Fayre on Saturday 18th May 11am - 2pm - note it in you diary.

50/50 Club: April's winner of 50/50 draw of £40 is no. 106

Emergency CAFOD Sudan Crisis Appeal Millions of families in Sudan, forced to flee their homes amid conflict, now face yet another crisis - extreme hunger. Please give to CAFOD's Sudan Crisis Appeal in church or at cafod.org.uk/sudan-appeal Your donation will help support more families with food packages, emergency cash payments, as well as rebuilding water pipelines so clean water can reach communities who need it. Thank you for your support & prayers

Collections

Offertory Collection last weekend: £1,400.29
Education of Future Priests £665.53

Retiring Collection this weekend: **CAFOD Sudan Crisis**
Thank you for your generosity

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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**

Toni Sice, Rosa Godlewski, Paul & Audrey Edwards, Michael Wood, Angela Brett, Mark Dalton, Frankie Harding, Teresa Thorp, Francesco Ambrosio, Steven Biczók-Hardy, Tomasi-na Harman, Margaret Murray, Zosia, Susan McMenamin, Shelagh Green, Patricia Blackwell, Chris Bayley, Jean Longley, Bridget Steward, Dilys Purtell, Rosaline Liberman, Brigid Gow, Anne Grier, Lydia Fagan, Maureen Wasson, Fr Laurence Quin-Morris, Maria Dimaculangan, Marion & Barry Scholefield, Malcolm & Maria Chelvanayagam, Damian Poole, Margaret Byrne, Edith Rashbrook, Sarah Healy, Sheilaine Barrientos, Kathleen Beckey, Richard Greaves, Claire Chantal, Meli Greaves, 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

Fifth Sunday of Easter (year B)

Acts 9:26-31; Ps 21; 1Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

Response: You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly

Sat 27 Apr 17.30 Rita Powell RIP

Sun 28 Apr

Holy Family 09.00 People of the parish

St Joseph's 11.00 Henry Ainscroft RIP

St Teresa's 17.30 Private Intention

Mon 29 Apr St Catherine of Siena, Patron of Europe

St Teresa's 10.00 Julia Panella

Tue 30 Apr

No Mass

Wed 1 May St Joseph the Worker

St Joseph's 10.00 In Thanksgiving

Thur 2 May St Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor

Holy Family 10.00 Tom Corrington RIP

Fri 3 May Sts Philip and James, Apostles

St Joseph's 10.30 Funeral Mass for Jim Naylor RIP

Sixth Sunday of Easter (year B)

Acts 10:25-26.34-35.44-48; Ps 97; 1Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17

Response: The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations

Sat 4 May 17.30 Julia Owen RIP

Sun 5 May

Holy Family 09.00 People of the parish

St Joseph's 11.00 Roland Cambell RIP

St Teresa's 17.30 Private Intention

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Following the Saturday evening mass,
and 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 40 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

Bill Ward RIP his funeral Mass will take place on Wed 1st May at 12.15pm at The Friary, Crawley

Jim Naylor RIP his funeral will take place on Friday 3rd May at 10.30am at St Joseph's, followed at Surrey and Sussex Crematorium.

Carmel Peaston RIP her funeral has not yet been arranged

Please remember them and their families in your prayers