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Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time (year A) 23rd August 2026

The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill is back in the House of Commons and seeks to legalise assisted suicide. It will have its Second Reading and vote on Friday 11 Sep. The Church believes in the dignity and value of every human life. This deeply flawed Bill, if passed, could lead to vulnerable people feeling pressured to end their lives and risks putting many hospices and care homes in the position of no longer being able to operate. Please write to your MP to make your voice heard and oppose the Bill, even if you have done so on a previous occasion. <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/>

Book + Circle: 'My Father's House' by Joseph O'Connor. It is based on the true story of Monsignor Hugh O'Flaherty, an Irish priest who saved thousands of Jews and escaped Allied prisoners from Nazi-occupied Rome in 1943. If you'd like to come along and chat about the book we will be meeting on Fri 4th Sep at 10.30am. Be sure to take advantage of buying a copy of the book second hand on line.

Parents, Babies & Toddlers Group meets in St Joseph's PNL Centre, holiday time, Weds 10.30am. All welcome

Please Continue to pray for Fr Stephen Wang His episcopal ordination for our Diocese will take place on Mon 19 Oct, the Feast of St Philip Howard, with limited spaces, and the celebration will be livestreamed to enable as many people as possible to participate in the Mass online. On Sat 24 Oct at 11.30am, Bishop Stephen will celebrate a special Mass of Welcome at Worth Abbey near Crawley. Further details will be shared soon.

The Season of Creation 1st September – 4th October: The theme is "Living water" based on Ezekiel's vision which invites human responsibility: recognising ecological damage and embracing our relationship with God's creation - www.seasonofcreation.org In this Season there will be suggestions for prayer and action to care for our common home, as a community and at home. For the great outdoors a new project, the Jubilee Garden Project, coordinated by the Ecological Conversion Gp being launched on zoom at 8pm on Tues 1st September – please go to www.jubileegarden.org/events to sign up or find out more.

A new WhatsApp channel for our diocese, enabling members of our faith community who perhaps don't use social media to receive the latest news from the Diocese. Those who do use social media can still sign up - WhatsApp channels don't allow comments or replies so are very safe spaces. Go to <https://www.whatsapp.com/channel/0029VbDWbIR5a241k0Vff0E>

Young Adult Retreat Day, 26 Sept, 10am to 6.30pm, St Wilfrid's Church, Burgess Hill, RH15 9EN (£20). Young Adults (18-35) are invited to a jam-packed day of prayer, formation, friendship, and fun - praying to discover true peace within ourselves, to become peacemakers in the world around us, and to be renewed with an apostolic fire. For details contact the parish office.

2026/7 First Holy Communion Programme We will be running this programme for children entering school year 4 and above starting in the autumn. The best preparation comes from the family, and the growing presence/familiarity the children can have with the Mass and the 'rhythm of faith' that we celebrate Sunday by Sunday through the seasons of the Church's year. If you have a child entering year 4+ and would like to register interest to join the programme please email: frfhcpnl@gmail.com

Thinking about becoming a Catholic, or maybe want to be confirmed as an adult? Weekly sessions will start again in September. For information contact the Parish Office.

PNL Youth Group - for school aged children (13-18 years old) - if you want to explore your faith alongside other young people your age, and discover more about what it means to follow Jesus in everyday life, we would love to invite you to join us. Each meeting is a mix of social time and faith focus, snack provided. Next meeting is **Sunday 6th September, from 3-5 pm at PNL hall at St Joseph's** email: pnlyoungpeople@gmail.com for more information, or just turn up on the day.

Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 11am Mass at St Joseph's on the first Sunday of every month - the next meeting will be on Sunday 6th September - 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 welcome new volunteers, please contact pnlchildliturgy@gmail.com - Submit consent forms here: <https://forms.gle/XJgWreVksmvK7Pwv9>

Parish Sunday Lunches Thank you to the volunteer who came forward to host the September. If your group would like to host a future lunch please contact the parish office.

Pray for Vocations: We continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life. We pray for all who serve God in this way, and especially for any who may be experiencing challenges at this time.

A Level & GCSE Results: Please keep in your prayers all those who have received their results as they prepare for their next steps in God's plan for them.

Enjoy the school holidays! If you are travelling, safe journeys and safe returns. If you are resting here, maybe come to an extra Mass in the week and rest with the Lord.

Collections

Offertory Collection last weekend: £1,279.28

Thank you for your support and 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 AND HOUSEBOUND OF THE PARISH

Stewart Lumgair, Pat Russell, Joyce & Terry Graham, Joan Hodge, Fr Tony Bridson, Kathleen Hagerty, Jim Fox, Marian Buck, Michael Leonard, Lizzie Wakeling, Mary Wilson, Lucy Smales, Robert Shave, Mary Hopkins, John McGrath, Annie, Rosa Godlewski, Paul Edwards, Michael Wood, Angela Brett, Mark Dalton, Frankie Harding, Teresa Thorp, Francesco Ambrosio, Steven Biczók-Hardy, Zosia, Shelagh Green, Patricia Blackwell, Chris Bayley, Brigid Gow, Anne Grier, Lydia Fagan, Maria Dimaculangan, Marion & Barry Scholefield, Damian Poole, Sarah Healy, Sheilaine Barrientos, Kathleen Beckey, Richard Greaves, Claire Chantal, Meli Greaves, and all the sick & housebound of our parish

If you, or someone you know, is sick & housebound and would like to be on our prayer list or to receive Communion please contact the parish office.

The Twenty-First Sunday of the Year (year A)

Is 22:15, 19-23; Ps 138; Rms 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

Response: O Lord, your merciful love is eternal;
discard not the work of your hands.

Sat 22 Aug
St Joseph's 17.30 Richard & Annie Pierce RIP
Sun 23 Aug
Holy Family 09.00 The People of the Parish
St Joseph's 11.00 Loretta Pereira RIP
St Teresa's 17.30 Private Intention

Mon 24 Aug **St Bartholomew**
St Teresa's 10.00 Joe McGannan RIP

Tue 25 Aug
No Mass

Wed 26 Aug
St Joseph's 10.00 Sarah Healy RIP

Thur 27 Aug **St Monica**
Holy Family 10.00 Rita Diffley RIP & family

Fri 28 Aug **St Augustine, Bishop, Doctor**
Holy Family 10.30 Funeral Mass for Andrew Wilson RIP

The Twenty-Second Sunday of the Year (year A)

Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63; Rms 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

Response: For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.

Sat 29 Aug
St Joseph's 17.30 Eileen Bamber RIP
Sun 30 Aug
Holy Family 09.00 The People of the Parish
St Joseph's 11.00 Doug & Joan Doyle 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

REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS IN THE PARISH

Tues	19.00	Rosary Group	St Joseph's Church
Wed	10.30	Coffee/Tea after Mass	PNL Cafe at St Joseph's
Wed	10.30	Parents & Toddlers	PNL Centre at St Joseph's
Fri	10.30	Coffee/Tea after Mass	PNL Cafe at St Joseph's
Sat	15.00	Get Together Group	PNL Cafe at St Joseph's
Sun	10.00	Coffee/Tea after Mass	PNL Centre at Holy Family
Sun	12.00	Coffee/Tea after Mass	PNL Centre at St Joseph's

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF

Andrew Wilson RIP his funeral will take place at Holy Family on Friday 28th August at 10.30am followed by burial at Matfield, Kent, refreshments provided.

Sarah Healy RIP her funeral has not yet been arranged

Maurice (Mo) Hartnett RIP his funeral has not yet been arranged

Ellen Ruggier RIP her funeral has not yet been arranged

Rita Diffley RIP her funeral has not yet been arranged

Joan Rose RIP her funeral has not yet been arranged

Please remember them and their families in your prayers