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The 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) - 25th July 2021

Churches and lockdown easing Step 4

On Monday 19th July we entered Step 4 of the Government's Covid-19 Response Roadmap. The Bishops' Conference (CBCEW) has prepared new guidance for parishes accordingly, following discussions with officials from Public Health England and HM Government Places of Worship Task Force. 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 the new guidance involves moving away from centralised detailed regulation to prudent local judgements, adopting a continuing cautious approach to easements. The key watchwords for the future steps are 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.

After a meeting with our own Covid Response team the following guidance has been agreed for the parish:

- 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 on 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.
- From 1st August we will return to the normal weekday schedule for Mass to which all are welcome.

We will review these measures as necessary in the light of local conditions

Nurturing the growth of the Church - along with lockdown easing comes more opportunity to enliven the parish again and for new folks to step up - can you gift some time to help the celebration of the liturgy, the nurturing of faith and sacramental preparation, the care of the building and grounds, visits to the housebound, or anything else? Please email the parish office with your offers of help

First Holy Communion programme - We usually have about 100 families and current restrictions still mean we don't know when we might be able to meet inside to prepare our children and families, but if you would like to register interest at this stage please email: First Reconciliation/Holy Communion frfhcpnl@gmail.com

Baptism Preparation - we have about 30 families waiting to celebrate their child's baptism and there are still several restrictions in place but we can baptise now. If you would like to register interest please email the parish office.

The SVP are still reaching out to those in need (who would normally receive a visit) and have a mobile phone for this purpose, please ring 07918980330 and they will call back.

St Joseph's Church proposed new Glass Doors - The existing wooden entrance doors are old and heavy and will require a lot of work to repair. They are difficult to operate and could be considered unattractive. The Parish has an opportunity to enhance the entrance, creating one which is more contemporary, open, and welcoming, while also remaining in-keeping with the design of the existing building. We are proposing new glass doors and improving the pathway and a poster is on display at St Joseph's to give an idea of what we can achieve. If you have any comments or suggestions please contact the parish office.

The First World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, inaugurated by Pope Francis, will take place on Sunday 25th July. He has chosen as the theme "I am with you always" (cf. Mt 28:20) which is a way of expressing the closeness of the Lord and the Church to every older person, especially in these challenging pandemic times. You can find more information on our Diocesan website: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/home>

Food Vouchers have been obtained via a grant from the Albert Gubay Foundation to provide free supermarket food vouchers for people in need. If you know someone who might benefit please contact the parish office

17th Reigate Scouts write: *Many thanks to all those that have made a donation to our minibus fund in memory of John Davis. Both John's family and the Group have been overwhelmed by the response. If you would still like to make a donation you can do so by bank transfer to 17th Reigate Scout Group, sort code - 405250 (CAF Bank), account number - 00031028 or by emailing 17th.groupscoutleader@gmail.com. Please keep Saturday 11 September free in your diaries as we have something special planned - more details to follow.*

A new group meeting in Redhill assisting Asylum young mums with babies is looking for volunteers. Contact the parish office for further information.

The Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group has great need of men's clothes for those who have come from the Channel boats - if you can help contact: josie@gdwg.org.uk

Mass by phone, Sundays 11.30am from Middlesbrough Cathedral, dial 01642 130120 five minutes before the start.

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

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, Maeve Welsby, Malcolm & Maria Chelvanayagam, Damian Poole, Pat Weller, Chris & Margaret Byrne, Betty Murphy, Edith Rashbrook, Sarah Healy, Sheilaine Barrientos, John Philmore, Maura Green, Margaret McGettrick, Kathleen Beckey, Claire Chantal, Richard & Meli Greaves, Mary Carey, Peter Reade, 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 on 01737 761017.

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2Kgs 4:42-44; Ps 144; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15

Response: You open wide your hand, O Lord
and grant our desires

Sat 24 July
St Joseph's 17.30 Special Intention

Sun 25 July
Holy Family 09.00 People of the Parish
St Joseph's 11.00 Maritess Alvior RIP
St Teresa's 17.30 Private Intention

Mon 26 July **Sts Joachim and Anne**
Private Intention

Tue 27 July
Special intention

Wed 28 July
St Joseph's 10.30 Funeral Mass for Jim DuCassé RIP

Thur 29 July **St Martha**
Private intention

Friday 30 July **St Bridget of Sweden, Patron of Europe**
St Joseph's 10.00 Pat Greevey RIP

The 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

Ex 16:2-4.12-15; Ps 77; Eph 4:3.7.20-24; Jn6:24-35

Response: The Lord gave them bread from heaven

Sat 31 July
St Joseph's 17.30 Dan Lyons RIP

Sun 1 Aug
Holy Family 09.00 People of the Parish
St Joseph's 11.00 George Gillespie RIP

St Teresa's 17.30 Private Intention

The Sacrament of Reconciliation can be celebrated by appointment.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF SOULS OF:

James du Cassé RIP his funeral will take place on Wednesday 28th July at 10.30am at St Joseph's followed at the Surrey and Sussex crematorium

Pamela Ward RIP her funeral will take place on Thurs 5th August at 12.30pm at the Surrey and Sussex Crematorium

Margaret Hayes RIP her funeral is yet to be arranged.

Anne Boyles RIP her funeral is yet to be arranged

Please remember them and their families in your prayers.

PRAYER FOR A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION Please use this prayer if you 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