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The 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 29th August 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 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.
- From 1st August we will return 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.

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 2021/22 - After discussion with our leaders, given the easing and the possibility of meeting in person we are preparing to start our First Reconciliation/First Communion course. We have decided, given we normally have about 100 children on the course that the best way forward is to run the programme with those children about to enter year 4 in September who have been waiting for a year now to start preparation. This will mean that those entering year 3 will now have to wait until times are hopefully more settled, though we are proposing to offer a few 'pop-up sessions' to help. 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, so, with lockdown easing hopefully continuing, let this be the family aim. If you have a child entering year 4 and would like to register interest email: frfhcpnl@gmail.com

Diocesan Youth Service 40th Anniversary Celebration! Arundel Cathedral, 4 September, 2-5pm Anyone who has ever attended an event hosted by the Service is invited to join us on 4 September for a Thanksgiving Mass celebrated by Bishop Richard. See Diocesan website for details

17th Reigate Scout Group are holding their AGM on Saturday 11th September and will follow this with mass at which we will be especially remembering John Davis and Danny Fitzgerald and the considerable contribution they made before sadly passing away this last year. Following mass we will be unveiling The Davis Scout Centre in honour of John's contribution and a plaque to Danny. There will be BBQ with drinks and everyone is welcome - please note there will be some restrictions with the parking to ensure safety but traffic marshals will there to help.

....**Also exciting news they are starting 'Squirrels'** a new section aimed at introducing 4-5 year olds to the scouting adventure. They will meet on Thursdays 4.30-5.30pm. If you would like your child to join or could offer to help send an email: 17th.groupsoutleader@gmail.com

Are you a medical professional? You will be aware that as Parliament's autumn session approaches, a Bill to legalise assisted suicide - introduced to the House of Lords by Baroness Meacher - will soon face its Second Reading. A group of UK medical professionals who oppose assisted suicide or euthanasia are highlighting their concerns with the Bill in an open letter to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, Sajid Javid. If you are a medical professional, please visit: <https://ourdutyofcare.org.uk/>

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.

CAFOD is responding to multiple emergencies across the world, including, Haiti, Afghanistan and Africa - please visit their website <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news>

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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**

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, Maeve Welsby, Malcolm & Maria Chelvanayagam, Damian Poole, Pat Weller, Chris & Margaret Byrne, Betty Murphy, Edith Rashbrook, Sarah Healy, Sheilanine 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.

The 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

Deu 4:1-2.6-8; Ps 14; Jm 1:17-18.21-22.27; Mk 7:1-8.14-15.21-23

Response: The just will live in the presence of the Lord

Sat 28 Aug
St Joseph's 17.30 Maura Tunney RIP
Sun 29 Aug
Holy Family 09.00 People of the Parish
St Joseph's 11.00 Sylvester Addley RIP
St Teresa's 17.30 Private Intention
Mon 30 Aug
St Teresa's 10.00 Special Intention
Tue 31 Aug
St Joseph's 10.30 Funeral Mass for Lilian Fotherby RIP
Wed 1 Sept
St Joseph's 10.00 Farhana's int
Thur 2 Sept
Holy Family 10.00 Margaret Hayes RIP
Friday 3 Sept **St Gregory the Great**
St Joseph's 10.30 Funeral Mass for Anne Boyles RIP

The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

Is 35:4-7; Ps 145; Jm 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

Response: My soul, give praise to the Lord

Sat 4 Sept
St Joseph's 17.30 Michael Bourke RIP
Sun 5 Sept
Holy Family 09.00 Fr Andrew Smith OP RIP
St Joseph's 11.00 People of the parish
St Teresa's 17.30 Private Intention

The Sacrament of Reconciliation can be celebrated by appointment.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF:

Lilian Fotherby RIP her funeral will take place on Tuesday 31st August at 10.30am at St Joseph's followed at the Surrey and Sussex Crematorium.

Anne Boyles RIP her funeral will take place on Friday 3rd Sept at 10.30am at St Joseph's followed at the Surrey and Sussex Crematorium.

Fr Mario Sanderson RIP, a retired priest of our diocese, his funeral is 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