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The Solemnity of Christ the King - 21st November 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 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.

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

SYNOD process Update - "The word Synod means on a road together... Celebrating a Synod means walking on the same road, walking together. ... First, he encounters the rich man on the road; he then listens to his questions, and finally he helps him discern what he must do to inherit eternal life. Encounter, listen and discern. (Pope Francis) In calling for a universal period of discernment about how to become a synodal Church, the Vatican has set the time-scale and posed ten groups of questions. As a diocese our Responses must be returned by 4th February 2022 and the questions have been arranged into three sessions and the booklet containing them can be found on the diocesan website using 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 for those interested - watch this space and check our diocesan link

Invited - the Diocesan programme has new 'deeper dive' films available: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited>

Parish Volunteers Audit we are asked to have a complete list of those who help. If you volunteer in the parish in any capacity please email the parish office so we can get 'our house in order'.

St Josephs' Pre-School has a few spaces left for January 2022 intakes and it is a place where your child will learn in an environment where caring, friendship, co-operation, a love of God and respect for others is encouraged: admissions@stjosephspreschoolredhill.co.uk or 07847 221367

Visiting Sick and Housebound as our Extraordinary ministers of Communion are recommencing bringing Communion to our parish's frailer members if you know of anyone who cannot come to Mass please contact the parish office after obtaining their permission.

(The Arundel and Brighton Diocesan Trust is a Registered Charity No. 252878)

School Admission Signings - as we continue cautiously in these Covid times it is best not to meet families in person to give the parish support to those applying for faith-places in our local schools. In the circumstances, Fr Tony has signed all the forms received from the Secondary schools in support for applications made by catholic families within the parish.

St Bede's School (SIF): this numbers about 75 children.

St Joseph's School (SIF) For parents who wish to apply for admission for their child under the Catholic Faith Criteria 1 -6, Fr Tony at the PNL will probably not be meeting parents this year. Instead, please send your completed SIF (leaving only the Priest's section unfilled) directly to the school before 15th January, and Fr Tony will then view these applications and support as applicable. You will NOT need a face-to-face meeting with Fr Tony this year. For applications outside of the Parish of the Nativity of the Lord, please check with your Parish Priest for details of their local arrangements.

St Joseph's Primary School are looking to employ a full time caretaker who is an enthusiastic reliable and hard-working person. DIY qualifications and a good knowledge of health and safety regulations and COSHH would be ideal. See their website or contact the school office before 26th November 2021.

Book+Circle Nourishing and developing our faith, our next meeting will be at St Joseph's after the 10am Mass on Friday 10th December. Our chosen book is "Interior Freedom" by Jacques Phillippe. All welcome.

Today is World Youth Day - a celebration of our young people's call to give 'witness' & help build God's kingdom on earth. For ideas see - <https://worldyouthsunday.com/>

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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**

Lorna Rigby, Margaret Murray, Jean Longley, Bridget Steward, Dilys 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 Solemnity of Christ the King (Year B)

Dan 7:13-14, Ps 92; Apoc 1:5-8; Jn 18:33-37

Response: The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed

Sat 20 Nov
St Joseph's 17.30 David O'Connor RIP
Sun 21 Nov
Holy Family 9.00 People of the parish
St Joseph's 11.00 Terry Wheddon RIP

St Teresa's 17.30 Private Intention

Mon 22 Nov
St Teresa's 10.00 Patricia Wright & Bridget Steward wellbeing

Tue 23 Nov
No mass

Wed 24 Nov
St Joseph's 10.00 Funeral Mass for Margaret McBrien RIP

Thur 25 Nov
Holy Family 10.00 Jack Richardson RIP

Friday 26 Nov
St Joseph's 10.00 Harry Peaston RIP

The First Sunday of Advent (Year C)

Jer 33:14-16; Ps 24; 1Thess 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-28.34-36

Response: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul

Sat 27 Nov
St Joseph's 17.30 Deceased brothers of the Catenians
Sun 28 Nov
Holy Family 9.00 John Foxwell 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:

Margaret McBrien RIP her funeral will take place on Wednesday 24th Nov at 10.00am at St Joseph's followed at the Surrey and Sussex crematorium.

Please remember her and her family 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)*