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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (year C) - 16th January 2022

Churches and "Plan B"

The Prime Minister has confirmed that England has moved to Plan B following the rapid spread of the Omicron variant in the UK. In this parish, within the context of our comparatively large congregations, we have tried to maintain a measured steady approach to changes we have introduced as the pandemic seemed to ease. For some this has been very frustrating, for many of the more vulnerable and anxious this has meant they have felt able to return and participate in the Mass feeling safe. Rather like the emphasis on face coverings at the moment, it is important that we are thinking more about others than ourselves. The Bishops of England and Wales have not restored 'The Sunday Obligation' but have issued a rich reflection on 'The Day or the Lord' which they urge everyone to reflect on. It is available on our website and the Bishops own website, alongside other resources. 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 their guidance involves moving away from centralised detailed regulation to prudent local judgements, adopting a continuing cautious approach to easements. The key watchwords remain: 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.

The response our Parish has adopted remains in line with the latest requirements:

- 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.

SYNOD process 10 questions have been posed for the Universal Church to answer in groups or individually. Our Diocese has arranged them into three sessions which can be found following 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, please email the parish office if you are interested in joining a group, online or in person. Responses by 4th February

Are you part of our Invited Mission community? The latest Invited Monthly Reflection is out now, with exciting plans for Season 2: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited>

PNL Book + Circle Following Fr Stephen Ortiger's recommendation in the Invited series, our next book is "Praying the Truth" by William A. Barry S.J. Our next meeting is on Wednesday 26th January at 8pm, venue to be confirmed

Visiting Sick and Housebound Our Extraordinary ministers of Communion are 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.

St John's Horsham Sunday 6th Feb 2.45pm All those in our parish communities who may be divorced, remarried or simply separated, are invited to come together with Bishop Richard for conversation, Evening Prayer and afternoon tea. details: katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk

Crib Collection - Catholic Children's Society Crisis fund, donate online: <https://www.cathchild.org.uk/crisis-fund/>

This Sunday is Peace Sunday. The theme chosen for 2022 by Pope Francis is: "Education, work and dialogue between generations: tools for building lasting peace" In this country we have an active Catholic peace movement in Pax Christi, <https://paxchristi.org.uk/> with plenty of resources and information. Our retiring collection this weekend will be for their work.

Marriage Care write to say: Please encourage your parishioners to seek support if they are experiencing relationship distress. Our professional relationship counselling service is provided on a donation-only basis and seeking help at whatever stage can make a real difference. You can find out more and book counselling sessions at www.marriagecare.org.uk

The National Board of Catholic Women (NBCW) strives to give Catholic women a voice at national and international level, actively promoting the presence, participation and responsibilities of Catholic women in the Church and society. - see <https://www.nbcw.co.uk/>

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'.

The Lourdes Office are very pleased to announce that online applications for the 2022 diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes, 29 July - 4 August, are now open. See the website for details <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/lourdes/home>

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

Sammy Halata, Margaret Kirkaldy, Jean Longley, Bridget Steward, Dily's Purtell, Brian O'Connor, Roland Cambel, Rosaline Liberman, Michael Fife, Mary Steer, Stephanie Remnant, Monica Peters, 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, Sheilanine Barrientos, John Philmore, 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.

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Is 62:1-5; Ps 95; Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

Response: Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.

Sat 15 Jan
St Joseph's 17.30 Michael Bourke RIP
Sun 16 Jan
Holy Family 09.00 For all who have died of Covid RIP
St Joseph's 11.00 People of the Parish
St Teresa's 17.30 Private Intention
Mon 17 Jan
St Teresa's 10.00 Anne Moon RIP
Tue 18 Jan
St Joseph's 10.30 Funeral for Kim Marden RIP
Wed 19 Jan
St Joseph's 10.00 Carola Penruddock RIP
Thur 20 Jan
Holy Family 10.00 Francois Shaby RIP
Friday 21 Jan
St Joseph's 10.00 Special Intention

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (year C)

Neh 8:2-6.8-10; Ps 18; 1Cor 12:12-30; Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Response: Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.

Sat 22 Jan
St Joseph's 17.30 Jim Peters RIP
Sun 23 Jan
Holy Family 09.00 People of the Parish
St Joseph's 11.00 Tom Akpata RIP
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:

Kim Marden RIP her funeral will take place on Tuesday 18th January at 10.30am at St Joseph's followed at Redstone Cemetery.
Anne Moon RIP her funeral will take place on Monday 31st January at 10.30am at St Teresa's followed at Redstone Cemetery.
Mr Angel Guerra RIP His funeral will take place on Tuesday 1st February at 10.30am at St Joseph's followed at the Sussex and Surrey Crematorium
Carola Penruddock RIP her funeral is to be arranged
Maura Green RIP her funeral is to be arranged
Nyakallo (Nina) Mphutlane-Taole RIP her 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 are 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)*