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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (year C) - 20th February 2022

Churches and Covid - Update

The Prime Minister has confirmed that England has moved away from 'Plan B'. Whilst caution is still expressed, many restrictions have been lifted as we try to move from 'pandemic' to 'endemic', both nationally and globally. In this area numbers still remain high, 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. Over the next few weeks we aim to introduce the changes which the Bishops conference has directed for us. These include a return to holy water at the entrance of our Churches, a reduced use of sanitization, and exchanging a sign of peace, though this does not have to be shaking of hands. Other measures now permitted such as the prayers of the faithful and the use of hymn books we have already re-introduced. Bishop Richard has issued some guidelines which he strongly urges us to continue:

- The wearing of face coverings for the protection of others and particularly during 'congregational singing'.
- A provision for social distancing for those who prefer this option.
- The use of sanitization on entry and exit from Church buildings.
- A good ventilation of the buildings
- Communion under one kind only

The Bishops of England and Wales have not restored 'The Sunday Obligation' but have issued a rich reflection on 'The Day of the Lord' which they urge everyone to reflect on. Their letter emphasizes the importance of Sunday and our call to Mass, *"our primary joy, for which there is no substitute, and from which we draw our strength.... When the Church speaks of the Sunday obligation it reminds us that attending Mass is a personal response to the selfless offering of Christ's love. At this time, we recognise that for some people there may be certain factors which hinder attendance at Sunday Mass. The pandemic is clearly not over....As your bishops, we recognise that these prevailing circumstances suggest that not everyone is yet in the position to fulfil the absolute duty to attend freely....We now encourage all Catholics to look again at the patterns which they have formed in recent months with regard to going to Mass on Sundays.... This review, and the decisions which arise from it, fall to every Catholic and we trust this will be done with honesty, motivated by a real love for the Lord whom we encounter in the Mass"*. The full letter can be found on the Bishops website and attached to our parish website.

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>
Helpers, Nurses and Doctors are needed this year to assist the pilgrims, if you would like to volunteer please check the website for information/application forms

BeCome: Young Adults 18-35, Saturday 12 March, A Day of Lenten Reflection at the House of Prayer, East Molesey. Our Youth Adviser has arranged a series of Connect Days across the Diocese offering an opportunity for young people to gather in person and strengthen faith-filled friendships. Contact the parish office for details

The Bartimaeus Project 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening' with Fr Stephen Dingley, Tuesday, 1 March at 7.30pm, online & in person. The first in a series of engaging talks, delivered by Arundel & Brighton parish priests. For more details visit <https://bartimaeus-project.org/>

Fairtrade Fortnight 21st Feb – 6th March. On Sat 26th Feb a Coffee morning at the Methodist Church community centre, Reigate, 10.–12.30. Traidcraft stall with Fairtrade goods, Bring and Buy stall. Coffee and cakes. There is also a Fairtrade 'Children and family quiz' around the High Street and in the shops. Win a Fairtrade Hamper. Look out for the Fairtrade Bears. Please come & support the event

Our parish SVP groups are reaching out to those in need of any kind and have a mobile phone for this purpose, please ring 07918980330 and they will call back

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje 2022, 12th-19th September, cost £630, if sharing a room, £130 single room supplement. This includes flights, transfers, guide and breakfast and evening meal. If you are interested please contact the parish office for further information, or ring Marian Pilgrimages direct on 02038085156.

CAFOD'S Walk Against Hunger Lent challenge There are 200 million children in the world whose lives are at risk from malnutrition. So, this Lent, challenge yourself to walk 200km, and help give hunger its marching orders. Do 5k a day, your way, for 40 days, and you'll conquer your 200k in time for Easter - and help people round the world to live free from hunger. To take part, go to cafod.org.uk/walk

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER, "I know the plans I have for you", prepared by the women of the UK, will be celebrated ecumenically at Merstham Baptist Church, Weldon Way on Friday 4th March at 11am & 7.30pm. All are welcome

Thinking about becoming a Catholic? An informal group meets on Tuesday evenings and you would be very welcome to come along, without any obligation, to find out more about the Catholic faith. Contact the parish office.

Confirmation Programme we are planning to start a preparation programme for current year 10 and older students with an initial meeting in March. The Bishop is planning to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in the parish on 15th July in the evening. Please pass the word around to anyone concerned and register to join the programme by emailing confpnl@gmail.com

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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**

Jean Longley, Bridget Steward, Dilys Purtell, Roland Cambel, Rosaline Liberman, Michael Fife, Mary Steer, Stephanie Remnant, Monica Peters, Maria Mellone, Brigid Gow, Anne Grier, Lydia Fagan, 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, 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.

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (year C)

Sam 26:2.7-9.12-13.22-23; Ps 102; 1Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

Response: The Lord is compassion and love.

Sat 19 Feb
St Joseph's 17.30 Lionel Bay RIP
Sun 20 Feb
Holy Family 09.00 People of the Parish
St Joseph's 11.00 Special Int
St Teresa's 17.30 Margaret Daly RIP
Mon 21 Feb
St Joseph's 10.30 Funeral Mass for Marjorie Flanagan RIP
Tue 22 Feb **The Chair of St Peter**
St Joseph's No Mass
Wed 23 Feb **St Polycarp, Bishop, Martyr**
St Joseph's 10.00 Funeral Mass for Sami Halata RIP
Thur 24 Feb
Holy Family 10.00 Lothar Klein RIP
Friday 25 Feb
Holy Family 10.00 Funeral Mass for Maura Green RIP

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (year C)

Ecc 27:4-7; Ps 91; 1Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

Response: It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

Sat 26 Feb
St Joseph's 17.30 Michael Bourke RIP
Sun 27 Feb
Holy Family 09.00 People of the Parish
St Joseph's 11.00 Fr Laurence Quin Morris wellbeing
St Teresa's 17.30 Anne Moon RIP

The Sacrament of Reconciliation can be celebrated by appointment

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF:

Marjorie Flanagan RIP her funeral will take place on Monday 21st February at 10.30am at St Joseph's followed at Redstone cemetery

Catherine Maltby RIP her funeral will take place on Monday 21st February at 12.30am at The Sacred Heart, Caterham, followed at Croydon Crematorium

Sami Halata RIP his funeral will take place on Wednesday 23rd February at 10.00am at St Joseph's followed at the Sussex and Surrey Crematorium

Maura Green RIP her funeral will take place on Friday 25th February at 10.00am at Holy Family Church, followed at Redstone Cemetery

Martin Davies RIP (former parishioner) his funeral will take place on Tuesday 1st March at 11.00am at Holy Innocents Parish Church, Horsham

Neil McCabe RIP his funeral will take place on Friday 4th March at 3pm at the Surrey and Sussex Crematorium

Please remember them and their families in your prayers.