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First Sunday in Lent (year C) - 6th March 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. 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. The full letter can be found on the Bishops website and attached to our parish website.

Conflict in Ukraine - Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal: CAFOD is part of one of the largest aid networks in the world – Caritas Internationalis, and because of their global reach and local presence, they are there when an emergency hits. This weekend we have an emergency second collection for the appeal but you can donate online, and gift aid - www.Cafod.org.uk. You can also find resources for prayers for Ukraine.

Holy Hour for Ukraine - This Sunday afternoon 3pm at St Joseph's Church - come and pray in quiet before the Lord in Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, why not bring the children for a few minutes visit before the Lord?

Justice and Peace Group - our parish group are meeting this week to prepare prayer and practical resources for the parish's response to the crisis - if you would like to help see their newsletter online or contact the parish office

Bereavement coffee morning Grief is a very personal experience but it can help to talk about one's feelings to someone who is not family or a close friend. If you feel that this would be of comfort to you then please come along to our Bereavement Coffee morning on Saturday March 12th 10:30-12:00 in the Parish Meeting Room at St Joseph's. Trained Befrienders will be there to support you

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

Synod Update Bishop Richard will be holding a webinar on 9th March at 7.30 pm to share feedback To register to attend this meeting please visit <https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/8yaw6pon>

Gift Aid 2022 - New boxes of numbered gift aid envelopes will be available to collect from the back of church on all Sundays until Easter. If you requested a box, please remember to pick it up. If you would like to know more about this scheme of claiming tax back for the parish please contact our team pnlgiftaid@gmail.com

Our Scouts 107th birthday, Saturday 5th March! Despite the challenges of the last couple of years the 17th Reigate Scouts Group has continued to grow and now have over 200 youngsters on role, including the recently started Squirrel Scouts, the youngest and newest section. The Group will be holding their monthly parade and invite everyone to join them afterwards, in the Scout Centre, for refreshments and cake. All are welcome

Marriage Course - our parish lay led preparation course starts this week - please pray for those couples preparing for the sacrament of marriage and for those guiding them A reminder, in this diocese Bishop Richard asks for 12 months notice for those intending a Catholic Wedding.

Pope Francis' Lenten Message: "Lent invites us to conversion, to a change in mindset, so that life's truth and beauty may be found not so much in possessing as in giving, not so much in accumulating as in sowing and sharing goodness" His full message can be found online.

CAFOD Family Fast Day - Lent Appeal Every child should grow big and strong. Family Fast Day is 11 March, a day when we eat simply and give generously to support mums around the world, like Amie in Sierra Leone, with expert training in growing and making healthy food. You small act of love this Lent will make a big difference to many communities affected by extreme hunger and children suffering from malnutrition. Donate online or via the parish second collection.

Family Fast day - Soup Lunch, Mass at St Joseph's 10.30am, will be followed by bread and soup in the PNL centre, all are very welcome.

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

Second collections: (see also www.cafod.org.uk)
This weekend: Ukraine DEC appeal
Next Weekend: CAFOD Family Fast Day

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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**

Zackery Tuffrey, 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, Sheilane Barrientos, John Philmore, Margaret McGettrick, Kathleen Beckey, Claire Chantal, Richard & Meli Greaves, 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.

First Sunday of Lent (year C)

Deu 26:4-10; Ps 90; Rm 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13
Response: Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.

Sat 5 Mar
St Joseph's 17.30 Special Intention
Sun 6 Mar
Holy Family 09.00 Marie Cameron & Stefania Wieckowska RIP
St Joseph's 11.00 People of the Parish
St Teresa's 17.30 Dominico Phong Vo RIP
Mon 7 Mar
St Teresa's 10.00 Betty and Dermot Flemming's Int
Tue 8 Mar
St Joseph's No Mass
Wed 9 Mar
St Joseph's 10.00 Jim Allanson RIP
Thur 10 Mar
Holy Family 10.00 Special Intention
Friday 11 Mar **Family Fast day**
St Joseph's 10.30 Farrukh family int.
(note later time and followed by bread and soup lunch)

Second Sunday of Lent (year C)

Gen 15:5-12. 17-18; Ps 26; Phil 3:17-4:1 Lk 9:28-36
Response: The Lord is my light and my help.

Sat 12 Mar
St Joseph's 17.30 Michael Bourke RIP
Sun 13 Mar
Holy Family 09.00 People of the Parish
St Joseph's 11.00 In Thanksgiving
St Teresa's 17.30 Private Intention

The Sacrament of Reconciliation can be celebrated by appointment

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

St Joseph's Church, Friday 7pm

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF:

Peter Reade RIP his funeral will take place on Wednesday 23rd March 10.30am at St Teresa's followed at the Surrey & Sussex Crematorium

Sami Halata RIP his funeral had to be postponed due to Covid and will now take place on Thursday 24th March at 10.00am at St Joseph's followed at the Sussex and Surrey Crematorium

Yvonne Goodridge, nee Larthe, RIP, (former parishioner) her funeral will take place in Bristol

Please remember them and their families in your prayers.