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Second Sunday in Lent (year C) - 13th 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. You can donate online, and gift aid - www.Cafod.org.uk. You can also find resources there 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?

Confirmation Programme will be starting shortly for current year 10 and older students. 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 the 25th March by emailing confpnl@gmail.com

Marriage Course - our parish lay led preparation course is running for the next few weeks - 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.

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 (which increases offerings you make by 25%) please contact our team pnlgiftaid@gmail.com

Congratulations and well done to St Joseph's School who received 'Good' within the new framework of the Ofsted report. The report is well worth reading for the praise it gives the head teacher, Mrs Lawlor and her staff, the governors, and especially the children!

CAFOD Family Fast Day - Lent Appeal Every child should grow big and strong. Family Fast Day was 11 March - if you forgot do this another day! This day is 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. Your 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 (with giftaid) or via the parish second collection this weekend.

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

Children's Liturgy at Mass - it is wonderful to offer young children an opportunity to encounter the Sunday Gospel in a way suited to their age and it would be good to start this again. If you would like to volunteer to help organise and run the children's liturgy please contact the parish office.

Synod Update Bishop Richard held a webinar on 9th March to share feedback from our Diocesan contribution to the Synod - you can find it on our diocesan website.

ADoRE Online spiritual mini-retreat morning. March 26th 10.00-13.00 with Mass, Adoration, Reflection, Praise, Talk, Prayer and Discussion. Theme: "Your Kingdom Come" – we are called to be Kingdom Ambassadors. Our special guest speaker is Fr Simon Penhalagan, formerly Chaplain to the Sion Community, now Episcopal Vicar for Mission in Northampton Diocese. Please register for the Zoom meeting in advance at bit.ly/ADOREMAR2022

Come to an extra Mass during Lent maybe!

Collections

Offertory Collection last weekend: £1019.03
2nd Collection last weekend: CAFOD for Ukraine £1303.14
2nd Collection this weekend: CAFOD Family Fast Day
Thank you for your generosity

PARISH CLERGY:

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St JOSEPH'S 17TH REIGATE SCOUTS

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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, Sheilaine Barrientos, 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.

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

Mon 14 Mar

St Teresa's 10.00 Michael Henderson RIP

Tue 15 Mar

St Joseph's No Mass

Wed 16 Mar

St Joseph's 10.00 Special Intention

Thur 17 Mar

Holy Family 10.00 **St Patrick, Bishop, Missionary**

Tom Foley RIP

Friday 18 Mar

St Joseph's 10.00 Cloragh Tierney RIP

Third Sunday of Lent (year C)

Ex 3:1-8.13-15; Ps102; 1Cor 10:1-6;10-12; Lk 13:1-9

Response: The Lord is compassion and Love.

Sat 19 Mar

St Joseph's 17.30 Mrs Mary McCrory int

Sun 20 Mar

Holy Family 09.00 Brian Brown

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
Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service - Friday 8th April 6.30pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

Holy Family Church - after Thursday morning Mass
St Joseph's Church, Friday 7pm

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF:

John Philmore RIP his funeral is to be arranged.

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.

Please remember them and their families in your prayers.