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Third Sunday in Lent (year C) - 20th March 2022

Churches and Covid - Update

Whilst Covid restrictions have been lifted in England as we move from 'pandemic' to endemic', currently numbers are rising, particularly hospital admissions, and this locality remains above the national average. We are urged to exercise caution and consideration for others in the parish, especially those who are more vulnerable and anxious. We have introduced 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. 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.

War in Ukraine - prayers for peace

Holy Hour for Ukraine - Sunday afternoons 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?

On Friday 25 March, the Feast of the Annunciation, Pope Francis will consecrate Ukraine and Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, calling on the intercession of Our Blessed Mother for peace. 10am Mass that day will be offered for Peace in our World - try & come if you are free.

Stations of the Cross "For Our Time" this Friday will be led by our Justice and Peace group as part of our parish's prayerful response to the Ukrainian conflict. It starts at the usual time 7pm at St Joseph's Church.

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.

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.

Gift Aid 2022 - numbered gift aid envelopes - if you asked for a box of envelopes for the new tax year please pick it up from the back of church.

How to gift aid to the parish 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!

The Yellow Bucket - our local foodbank is based at St Matthew's Church and you can donate directly or via our SVP and J&P group using the 'Yellow Buckets' at the back of the Churches. Thanks - every offer counts.

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.

PNL Book+Circle. Our next book is "What Happens at Mass" by Jeremy Driscoll OSB. Simple and straightforward, but not simplified, it will draw you to a deeper understanding of the Mystery of Faith. On Wednesday 27th April at 8pm, the venue to be arranged

Thank you for giving to CAFOD's Lent Appeal. You can still donate on the CAFOD website cafod.org.uk/lent or join CAFOD's *Walk Against Hunger* to raise vital funds to tackle extreme hunger and its causes.

CAFOD Parish Walk You are invited to join the Justice and Peace group for a walk from St Joseph's Church at the end of Mass 12.30pm on Sun 3rd Apr. Bring a picnic lunch, and suitable gear. Return to St Joseph's 3-4pm.

CAFOD'S Walk Against Hunger Lent challenge There are 200 million children in the world whose lives are at risk from malnutrition. So, challenge yourself to walk 200km. Mary Barratt writes: *'I am walking an average of 5km a day, so far I have walked 70 km I have a Just Giving page <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/stamp-out-hunger>.*

Collections

Offertory Collection last weekend: £1358.26
2nd Collection last weekend: CAFOD Fast Day £699.86

Thank you for your generosity

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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.

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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
Mon 21 Mar
St Teresa's 10.00 Tim Houston (sick)
Tue 22 Mar
No Mass
Wed 23 Mar
St Teresa's 10.30 Funeral Mass for Peter Reade RIP
Thur 24 Mar
St Joseph's 10.30 Funeral Mass for Sami Halata RIP
Friday 25 Mar **The Annunciation of the Lord**
St Joseph's 10.00 Peace in our World

Fourth Sunday of Lent (year C)

Jos 5:9-12; Ps 33; 1Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3.11-32

Response: Taste and see that the Lord is good

Sat 26 Mar
St Joseph's 17.30 Michael and Elizabeth Ashe RIP
Sun 27 Mar
Holy Family 09.00 John and Myra Warren RIP
St Joseph's 11.00 People of the Parish
St Teresa's 17.30 Michel Peter Nicoll RIP

The Sacrament of Reconciliation can be celebrated by appointment
Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service
St Joseph's Church 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.

Peninah (Penny) Ndyanabangi RIP her funeral is 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.

Lucy Cahillane RIP her funeral will take placed on Tuesday 5th April 10.30am at St Joseph's followed at Redstone cemetery

Please remember them and their families in your prayers.