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Fourth Sunday in Lent (Laetare) (year C) - 27th 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 or 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?

Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal: You can donate online, and gift aid - www.Cafod.org.uk. You can also find resources there for prayers for Ukraine.

How can we help the People of Ukraine? Our Parish Holy Hours and prayers for peace continue, and our Diocese is receiving emails and telephone calls from people across our community hoping to provide practical support, and possible housing, to Ukrainian refugees. Go to <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/news> for more details.

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

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

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

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. On Wednesday 27th April at 8pm, the venue to be arranged

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

Safeguarding: Creating a Safer Environment Training
If you are a parish safeguarding rep, group leader, or coordinator of activities and would like to register to attend a training session, Tuesday 26th April 2pm -3.30pm Wednesday 11th May 7pm-8.30 or Thursday 16th June 11am-12:30pm Please email with your name and role to Safeguarding@abdiocese.org.uk and a Zoom link will be circulated to you nearer the time.

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 April. 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>.*

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?

Collections

Offertory Collection last weekend: £900.09

2nd Collection next weekend: Easter Flowers

Thank you for your generosity

PARISH CLERGY:
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St Joseph's Pre-School - 07847221367
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St JOSEPH'S 17TH REIGATE SCOUTS
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EAST SURREY HOSPITAL
The hospital will not inform the Catholic chaplain, Fr Alban (01293 431703), of your presence in the hospital unless a specific request is made by either yourself or your family for a visit. If you would like a visit from him please ask the staff or contact him directly yourself. 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 Hospital stay.

**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.

Fourth (Laetare) 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

Mon 28 Mar
St Joseph's 10.30 Funeral for Peninah (Penny) Ndyanabangi RIP

Tue 29 Mar
No Mass

Wed 30 Mar
St Joseph's 10.00 Marie Thurtle RIP

Thur 31 Mar
Holy Family 10.00 John Foxwell RIP

Friday 1 Apr
St Joseph's 10.00 Sylvia Evans, Evans & Staples Families RIP

Fifth Sunday of Lent (year C)

Is 43:16-21; Ps 125; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

Response: What marvels the Lord worked for us indeed we were glad

Sat 2 Apr
St Joseph's 17.30 Lawrence McCormick RIP

Sun 3 Apr
Holy Family 09.00 Bob and Chris Daly RIP
St Joseph's 11.00 People of the Parish
St Teresa's 17.30 Peter Zung Vu 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:

Peninah (Penny) Ndyanabangi RIP her funeral will take place on Monday 28th March at 10.30am at St Joseph's followed by return to Uganda for burial

Patrizia (Debbie) Gurung RIP her funeral will take place on Tuesday 29th March at 10.15am at the Surrey and Sussex Crematorium

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

John Philmore RIP his funeral will take place on Friday 8th April at 10.30am at St Joseph's followed at the Surrey & Sussex Crematorium.

Ellen (Eileen) Bell RIP her funeral will take place on Wednesday 20th April at 2.45pm at the Surrey and Sussex Crematorium

Please remember them and their families in your prayers.