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4th Sunday of Easter (year C) - 8th May 2022

The Lord is Risen. Alleluia!

As the great season of Eastertide continues, the readings at Mass invite us to reflect more deeply on our response to the Good News of Jesus' Resurrection from the dead. Writing in the Acts of the Apostles, St Luke records St Peter's words to the Sanhedrin: "We are witnesses to all this." This is as true for us as it was for the Apostles. The history of the Church gives us so many examples of martyrs and confessors of faith who put their witness to the Resurrection before all else. We are their successors, and we share their responsibility. This may seem a daunting task but, like them, we are guided by the Holy Spirit.

With every Blessing, + Richard, Bishop of Arundel and Brighton

Churches and Covid - though restrictions have been lifted in England we are encouraged to exercise caution and consideration for others in the parish, especially those who are more vulnerable and anxious. Bishop Richard has issued some guidelines which he strongly urges us to continue: the use of **sanitization** on entry and exit from Church buildings, the wearing of **face coverings** for the protection of others, **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. For the full letter see the Bishops website and our parish website.

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?

The Invited mission continues. There are a couple of ways to get involved: either you can watch the weekly film online, using this link <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited> OR join us for a '**come and watch**' session in **St Joseph's Church hall on a Wednesday morning (10.30am) during May**. This week the guest speaker on the film is Susan Elderfield, she will help us understand the nature of suffering in a Catholic context. In her talk Susan shows us that struggles can be transformative. She explores how God works through you and in you, getting you in the best place to answer your prayer. Everyone is welcome to pop along, after morning mass, or before picking up a child at playgroup, or between work or other appointments. We hope you can join in. No need to book. Any questions contact the parish office

Lourdes Pilgrimage-Helpers Needed, subsidies are available. There may be a need to turn down some pilgrims who require assistance if we do not get a significant number of fit helpers so please do apply. The Pilgrimage Office is happy to answer any questions, please contact via 01403 740110, office@ablourdes.org - Helpers apply now - lourdes.abdiocese.org.uk

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Healing Service at St John the Evangelist, Horsham, Saturday 14th May 2-4 pm. With Joe Livingston, prayer, fellowship, music and a cuppa! All welcome

Awakening -Eucharistic Adoration, (an Initiative of Jesus youth) at St Joseph's Church on 13th May 2022 after the Friday morning mass until 6:00 pm in the evening

Vacancy at Renewed Hope Trust for a Support Worker Contact the Parish Office for further details

National Marriage Week 9-15 May - The theme this year is "Celebrating Commitment". All married couples are invited to take a moment during the week to focus on the gift of their marriage and to discern some of the elements that might make their marriage stronger. Within each of our parishes we have many couples with wonderful experiences to share – why not meet for a chat to support each other. An alternative might be to consider forming a "Teams of Our Lady" group which will enrich your marital spirituality all year round! If you would like to find out more about ways to enrich Marriage and Family life within your parish contact E: katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk

Yellow Bucket Collection. The weekly parish donations to the food bank at St Matthew's Redhill are very much appreciated. Check www.redhillfoodbank.org.uk for the standard shopping list. Currently noodles, mash, tinned fish and juice are needed. Stock is getting low for tinned meat meals, soup, tinned fruit, tinned tomatoes, soap powder or tablets. You can also support the food bank with a financial donation via the website. Many thanks.

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 14th May 10:30-12:00 in the Parish Meeting Room at St Joseph's. Trained Befrienders will be there to support you

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje from 12th-19th September 2022 Cost £630 if sharing, £130 single room supplement. Includes flights, transfers, guide, breakfast and evening meal. Please contact the parish office if interested.

Grandparents Day 8 June at West Grinstead For more information please E: katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk

Collections

Offertory collection last weekend: £1192.72

Retiring collection this weekend:

Education of future priests (giftaidable)

Thank you for your generosity

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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**

Chris Fisher, Shelagh Green, Patricia Blackwell, Jørgen Løvbakke, Chris Bayley, 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, Sheilanine 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 Sunday of Easter (year C)

Acts 13:14.43-52; Ps 99; Apoc 7:9.14-17; Jn 10:27-30

Response: We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Sat 7 May

St Joseph's 17.30 Pauline Gavin RIP

Sun 8 May

Holy Family 09.00 People of the parish

St Joseph's 11.00 Dan Lyons RIP

St Teresa's 17.30 Nyakallo Mphutlane-Taole RIP

Mon 9 May

St Teresa's 10.00 Anne Moon RIP

Tue 10 May

No mass

Wed 11 May

St Joseph's 10.00 Michael and Trina Daly RIP

Thur 12 May

St Joseph's 12.00 Funeral Mass for Fr Anthony Hale RIP

Fri 13 May

St Joseph's 10.00 Marjorie Flanagan RIP

Fifth Sunday of Easter (year C)

Acts 14:21-27; Ps 144; Apoc 21:1-5; Jn 13:31-35

Response: I will bless your name forever, o God my King.

Sat 14 May

St Joseph's 17.30 Norman Tadd RIP

Sun 15 May

Holy Family 09.00 Mgr Canon Cyril Murtagh RIP

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
Please contact the parish office

PRAYER FOR A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION Please use this prayer if you need to isolate, or are unwell, or unable to come to Mass: My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen. (St Alphonsus Liguori)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF:

Fr Anthony Hale (CP) RIP, a Passionist priest, who had retired in this parish. His funeral will take place on Thursday 12th May at midday at St Joseph's followed at Redstone cemetery.

Malcolm Tadd RIP his funeral will take place on Wednesday 18th May at 10.30am at St Joseph's followed at the Surrey and Sussex crematorium

Saviour (Sam) Francalanza RIP his funeral has not yet been arranged

Olive Regan RIP her funeral has not yet been arranged

Stephen Smith RIP - a past Reigate parishioner, buried 2nd May in USA

Please remember them and their families in your prayers.