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7th Sunday of Easter (year C) - 29th May 2022

The Lord is Risen. Alleluia!

'Returning to Mass at Pentecost' - the Bishops of England and Wales have issued a letter about the Sunday Obligation, "A beautiful hallmark of the Catholic faith is the profound desire to participate in the Holy Mass and share in the Eucharist. We do so with deep gratitude and joy. The Eucharist gives the Church her identity... It enables us to worship Almighty God, to support each other on our journey of faith, and to be a visible sign of faith in the world... The pressing challenges of the pandemic have lessened significantly. Most people have resumed the wide range of normal activities, no longer restricted by the previous Covid measures. We therefore believe that the reasons which have prevented Catholics from attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation no longer apply. We understand there will still be some members of our congregations who, for reasons of health, do not feel safe enough to return to Mass.... this is not a breach of the Sunday Obligation... 'Virtual viewing' of Mass online does not fulfil the Sunday Obligation. With humility, we glory in being a Eucharistic people for whom attendance at Mass is essential. Looking forward to the forthcoming feast of Pentecost, we now invite all Catholics who have not yet done so to return to attending Mass in person". The full letter can be found on the CBEW website and our own parish website

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.

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 As we reach the end of the Invited mission, all parishioners are invited to sign up to a Novena between the Ascension to Pentecost: Nine days of prayer, to nourish and restore our personal lives, our parish communities and wider society in which we live. Sign up online <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited> and receive a prayer reflection for each day of the Novena.

Union of Catholic Mothers Renewal of Commitment - will take place during the 5:30 pm Mass at St. Teresa's on Sun 29th May. After Mass our Foundation President will say a few words.

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 You can also support the food bank financially via the website

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.

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.

The Gift of Being You! 25 June, 11am - 12.30pm via Zoom. How can women in Scripture help us to affirm and develop our gifts in the Church? The National Board of Catholic Women is delighted to present an online webinar in which Fleur Dorrell will explore Bible heroines and reflect on our faith, roles, and talents as Catholic women - for details contact Sue Petritz: nbcw@abdiocese.org.uk

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World Communications Day (today) Sunday 29 May.

Today we are encouraged to take up the command of Jesus to preach the Good News of the Gospel to the whole world. This year's message from Pope Francis is entitled 'Listening with the Ear of the Heart'. Exploring this theme we are invited to reflect that listening involves more than simply hearing, and that true listening is an important component of genuine relationships - and is foundational to the relationship between God and humanity

Rome at Home: This summer we are all invited to spiritually gather as a World Family in Christ to celebrate the joy, love, and glory that is the vocation of family life through The World Meeting of Families (WMF), Wednesday 22 to Sunday 26 June 2022. We are all part of a family, thus this is something in which everyone can participate. <https://www.romefamily2022.com/en/>

Parish Day - Sunday 17th July, a chance for us to come together for one Mass and celebrations - all at St Joseph's School in the sunshine (prayers needed). More details to follow - if you would like to help organise the day please contact the parish office.

Lourdes Pilgrimage - Helpers Needed, subsidies are available. We may have to turn down some pilgrims who require assistance if we do not get fit helpers so please do apply. Please contact the Pilgrimage Office with any questions, 01403 740110, office@ablourdes.org - Helpers apply now - lourdes.abdiocese.org.uk

Diocesan vacancy for a trained Archivist and Records Manager .to establish a comprehensive, archival resource for the Diocese- contact the parish office for more details

Enjoy the half term - an extra Mass midweek maybe?

Collections last weekend

Offertory collection : £1182.63

Second collection this weekend:

Catholic Communications Network

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 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 Purcell, 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, 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.

Seventh Sunday of Easter (year C)

Acts 7:55-60; Ps 96; Apoc 22:12-14.16-17.20; Jn 17:20-26

Response: The Lord is King, most high above all the earth.

Sat 28 May

St Joseph's 17.30 Jim Peters RIP

Sun 29 May

Holy Family 09.00 Lily & Ben Ellison (wellbeing)

St Joseph's 11.00 People of the parish

St Teresa's 17.30 Joan Hodge & Vivienne O'Byrne's Int

Mon 30 May

St Teresa's 10.00 Fr Anthony Hale RIP

Tue 31 May

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

No mass

Wed 1 Jun

St Joseph's 10.00 **St Justin, Martyr**

John O'Leary's int

Thur 2 Jun

Holy Family 10.00 Bronia Chwalek RIP

Fri 3 Jun

St Joseph's 10.00 **St Charles Lwanga and Companions**

The Blessed Three Martyrs of Chimbote

The Solemnity of Pentecost (year C)

Vigil: Gb 11:1-9; Ps 103; Rms 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39

Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 103; Rms 8:8-17; Jn 14:15-16.23-26

Response: Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

Sat 4 Jun

St Joseph's 17.30 Lionel Bay RIP

Sun 5 Jun

Holy Family 09.00 People of the parish

St Joseph's 11.00 Queen Elizabeth II - Platinum Jubilee

St Teresa's 17.30 Maria Bajada and deceased of the family RIP

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:

Olive Regan RIP her funeral will take place on Monday 6th June at 11.45am at the Surrey and Sussex Crematorium

Saviour (Sam) Francalanza RIP his funeral will take place on Wednesday 8th June at 10.30am at Holy Family followed at the Surrey and Sussex Crematorium

Chris Byrne RIP his funeral will take place on Monday 13th June at 10.30am at Holy Family followed at Redstone cemetery

Please remember them and their families in your prayers.