ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH EPSOM NEWSLETTER

28 MAY 2023

CANON BILL'S UPDATE

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

This weekend we celebrate the great feast of Pentecost, the birthday of the Church. When the Holy Spirit came upon the first disciples, they were empowered to undertake the task Jesus had given them. They used the gifts of the Spirit to 'renew the face of the earth', the words of today's psalm.

As St Paul reminds us in today's second reading: 'There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them.

The particular way in which the Holy Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.'
Last weekend we celebrated and shared some of the ways in which parishioners use their unique God-given gifts and talents to serve others. There was a fantastic atmosphere as we learned more about some of the amazing activities that take place in our parish. More than 70 parishioners expressed an interest in getting more involved. Truly, the Holy Spirit is working in our parish.

Thanks to all who made these events such a wonderful success: representatives from our parish group and parishioners taking the time to find out more. Thanks also to the coordination team who organised the whole event, especially Mary Burke and John Mortimer. There is still time to register your interest in the areas of parish life that were the focus of last weekend's events. These were Welcoming, Faith Development, Liturgy and Outreach. Either contact the parish office or complete a short online form: forms.gle/kiRpJ23QHt6F4xBu5.

At the beginning of July, we will have a second 'Celebrate & Share' event, focusing on other areas of parish activity. These include Sacramental Development, Fundraising, Young People and Social Life.

I pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to guide and inspire our parish as we seek new ways to show God's love to the world.
God Bless, Canon Bill

PENTECOST
SUNDAY 28 MAY 2023

'Peace be with you!' With these words the Risen Lord stood amongst his fear-filled followers ***(Gospel – John 20: 19-23)***. He breathed the Holy Spirit upon them. With their hearts filled with joy, Jesus sent them out to bring the fire of his love to all.

With the Holy Spirit transforming their lives, the disciples began speaking in many different languages ***(Acts 2: 1-11)***. Christ was calling them to share the Gospel to the whole world. We too are baptised in this same Spirit.

Each of us has been given a unique gift, so that together as a community we become the risen Christ, bringing love and goodness to all people ***(Second Reading – 1 Corinthians 12: 3-7, 12-13)***. Filled with the Holy Spirit we become a new creation in the Lord. The Psalm ***(Psalm 103)*** joyfully proclaims a time of rejuvenation as the spirit of the Lord moves over the earth.

On this Pentecost Sunday, let us ask for a spirit of renewal for the whole Christian community. We pray that we may overcome any fear, doubt or differences, and be united in giving expression to the joy of Resurrection, each of us doing so in our own unique way, whilst rooted in the same spirit of transforming love.

Opening Prayer

O God, who by the mystery of today's great feast
sanctify your whole Church in every people and nation,
pour out, we pray, the gifts of the Holy Spirit
across the face of the earth
and, with the divine grace that was at work
when the Gospel was first proclaimed,
fill now once more the hearts of believers.

DATE		MASS INTENTION
Sat 27 May	10.00am 5.30pm	NO MASS Beryl Mackenzie's Intention
Sun 28 May	***Pentecost***	
	10.30am 5.30am	Eric and Julia Mortimer RIP People of the Parish
Mon 29 May	***Memoria of Mary, Mother of the Church***	
	10.00am	Padraig Colohan RIP
Tue 30 May	10.00am	NO MASS
Wed 31 May	***Feast of the Visitation of The Blessed Virgin Mary***	
	10.00am	Emanuele Palladino RIP
Thur 1 June	***Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest***	
	10.00 am	Funeral Mass for Christopher McNamee
Fri 2 June	10.00am	Funeral Mass for Kath Welling
Sat 3 June	10.00am 5.30pm	NO MASS Max Kiberd's Intention
Sun 4 June	***The Most Holy Trinity***	
	10.30am 5,30pm	Mario Taibi RIP People of the Parish

ST JOSEPH'S STATEMENT OF ASPIRATIONS

At St Joseph's, we **show God's love to the world**. This means that we:

- ✞ are a welcoming community, where all can explore, develop and deepen their faith;
- ✞ help everyone to discover how much they are loved by God;
- ✞ participate in spiritually enriching liturgies and celebrate sacraments as signs of God's love for us;
- ✞ empower people to use their individual talents and skills for the service of others;
- ✞ put the Gospel into practical, loving action by reaching out to help others, especially the poor and disadvantaged in the local community and beyond.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Due to half term, there will be no Children's Liturgy on 28 May or 4 June. We will be back on 11 June.

Celebrating The Feast of St Joachim & St Anne Mass & Afternoon Tea - Saturday 22 July 2023 2.30pm at Arundel Cathedral

Pope Francis calls us to this annual celebration for Grandparents and the more senior members of our community. Please sign up here: Celebrating the Feast of St Joachim and St Anne (22-Jul-2023) · ChurchSuite Events

Any questions please contact Katherine Bergin, Marriage & Family Life Adviser E: Katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk

Our Prayers are asked for all those who are ill:

Frances Walsh, Merlyn Soares, Ann Schifano, Peter Galipeau, Emma Lee, Ian Watts, Steve Lee, Melitona Leander, Vanessa Tuff, Susan McCrory, Anita Hully, Joseph Poku, Angela Brett, Kay Pledge, Debbie Swain, Alan Lucas, Tom Makinson, Kate O'Hare, Ethan Foley, Alice Nicolle, Jean Childs, Sue Brackenbury, Matty Horkan, Lorraine Corsini, Sebastiana Kaullysing and Baby Trevor Agius.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Francesco Guerrini and Maria Fernanda Marques who have recently passed away. Please also keep their families in your prayers.

Bereavement Group

Are you struggling with bereavement or loss? Would it help to talk to someone? We have bereavement supporters trained to listen, support and accompany people experiencing grief. Call Paula Thomas on 07710 099682 or Theresa Park on 07867 625291.

St Andrew's School – Assistant Caretaker position

There is an Assistant Caretaker position available at St Andrews Catholic School. If you are interested, please contact Mrs McEnaney on 01372221880 or email: enquires@st-andrews.surrey.sch.uk for further information.

THURSDAY 8 JUNE 2023

Following his recent return from Rome, Austen Ivereigh is coming to talk to us on Thursday 8 June at 7:30 pm at St Joseph's Church.

Your invitation to:

"Listening to the future: Pope Francis and the Church to come."

Austen is a British writer and journalist known for his two biographies of Pope Francie: The Great Reformer and Wounded Shepherd. He is also very involved in the Synod called by the Pope and he established the Catholic Voices movement. He is currently a Fellow in Contemporary Church History at the Jesuit-run Campion Hall, University of Oxford. He lives on a small regenerative farm in the west of England, close to the Welsh border, inspired by Laudato Sì.

Parish Finances and Offertory

CHURCH OFFERTORY

Ways for you to contribute are as follows:

- **standing order**: this is our preferred method. Please set up your standing order directly with your bank, using the following details - account name: RCD A&B St Joseph's Epsom; sort code: 40-05-20; account number: 71076221; bank reference: your name, along with "GA" if you are a member of our Gift Aid scheme. (If you aren't yet a Gift Aider, please do join the scheme! See below).
- **contactless devices**: these are located in the narthex and in the church (beside the hymn books). Simply choose "Church offertory" from the list on the screen, and please select the option to add gift aid if you are a tax payer. (Note: these devices can also be used for special collections)
- **gift aid envelope scheme**: please place your envelope in the collection bags
- **loose cash**: please place in the collection bags.

Thank you for your support.

PARISH VISIT TO WALSINGHAM

We are planning a parish visit to Walsingham in Norfolk. This is the site of probably the best known English shrine of Our Lady. Our visit will coincide with the Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham. Key information if travelling by coach is : -

Depart Epsom (Church car park) on Friday 22September late afternoon

Depart Norfolk on Sunday 24 September at about 15:00.

Accommodation

In the shrine's modern accommodation at Elmham House.

Accommodation costs per room for two nights including dinner and breakfast

Single en suite £160 Single not en suite £128

Double/twin en suite £320 Double/twin not en suite £256

If pressure on accommodation means that we need to use double/twin rooms with single occupancy, there would be a single room supplement.

If you plan to join us, please e-mail jennyandjohnm@netscape.net or leave a note in the Parish Office. Please see flyer for further information.

Diocesan run events

Refugee Crisis Coffee Morning – Saturday 17 June 11.30-1pm at St Gabriel's Church Hall, Billingshurst

You are invited to join Bishop Richard for an informal coffee morning to discuss our response to the refugee crisis. The morning includes a short talk on the 'Homes for Ukraine' scheme. Here is the booking link Refugee Crisis Coffee Morning with Bishop Richard (17-Jun-2023) · ChurchSuite Events A poster is also attached. Any questions please contact E: formation@abdiocese.org.uk

The next Chilworth Abbey Study Day, is on Saturday 10 June 2023, led by Fr John Seddon OSB, of Bishop Barron's 'Catholicism', Episode 10, 'World without End: the Last things'. Mass, 9.00am, Talks 10.15am - 3.30pm. Bring a packed lunch and a friend if possible. See chilworthbenedictines.com for more details

Annual Procession in honour if Our Lady of Lourdes Sunday 4 June at 5.00p.m.

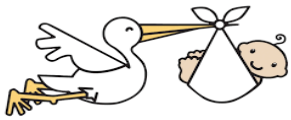
Starts at 5.00p.m. at Westminster House, 23 Lower Teddington Road, Hampton Wick, KT1 4EU.

After the procession, return to Westminster House for Mass, followed by refreshments. Enquiries to: 07921 125283.

St Philomena's Catholic High School for Girls is seeking to appoint Examination Invigilators for an immediate start.

Further details and an application form are available by emailing: recruitment @stphils.org.uk or by contacting the HR Officer on 020 8642 2025. Further information can be downloaded from the school's website: https://stphils.org.uk/join-us/vacancies.

Baptism at St Joseph's



We very much look forward to meeting new parents and explaining our Baptism preparation which includes regular attendance at Mass prior to joining classes. You will find one of us (Baptism Catechists') near the font after 10:30 Mass on Sundays. Do come and say hello.

Grandparents Pilgrimage to West Grinstead – Wednesday 14 June 2023 11am - 3pm.

Bishop Richard looks forward to meeting all those of a more senior generation at our annual pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation at West Grinstead. Please bring your friends and a picnic for what is always a wonderful day of faith, friendship and recollection. For further information and to book, please go to the Diocesan website event calendar or click on the link :Grandparents Pilgrimage to West Grinstead (14-Jun-2023) · ChurchSuite Events

If you, or someone you know is struggling and would appreciate some help or just someone to talk to in confidence, please call Celia Flood on 07767 870035, or Terry Cruise on 07788 454774.

Retrouvaille: A Programme for Couples Struggling in their Marriages

Help Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue … or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. The programme helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. It helps them through difficult times whether they are disillusioned or in deep misery. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the next programme commencing with a Virtual weekend on 6 - 9 July 2023 or a Face to Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 13-15 October 2023, call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

St Joseph's Admissions – September 2024

For admissions to St Joseph's School from September 2024, there is no longer a need for parents and carers to be signing in at Mass.

The requirement for entry from September 2024 is that you provide the school with a copy of the baptism certificate for your child and that you have the Supplementary Information Form signed, dated and stamped by Canon Bill. Parents may submit their Supplementary Information Form to the Parish Office at any point from now in advance of January 2024.

CELEBRATION OF OUR LADY, MARY

The Brazilian and Portuguese speaking community from St Joseph's Catholic Church would like to invite the English congregation to a celebration of Our Lady, Mary. Mary will be presented in different stages of her life and through some Apparitions such as Lourdes in France, Fatima in Portugal and Guadaloupe in Mexico. Adults and children from the Church will be wearing costumes of the time and a narration of Mary's story will be given in Portuguese and English.

The celebration is going to be held after the Gospel during the Mass which commences at 7.30p.m. on Sunday 28 May 2023.

DRIVERS NEEDED

Drivers needed to get a parishioner to the Saturday 5.30pm Mass. Currently we have 2 drivers, but one is unable to assist for the time being. Please consider carefully whether you might be able to help, even on an occasional basis. Many thanks. Please contact: Mary Liszka on 07774 249410.

USE OF A WHEELCHAIR

A Parishioner has very kindly donated a wheelchair to St Joseph's which is kept in the Office. If you are bringing a relative or friend with mobility issues to Church, and would welcome the use of the wheelchair, please apply to the Office to borrow it to get from the car and back again.

PARISH OPENING HOURS
MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY
8.30A.M. – 2.30P.M. and
THURSDAY 8.30A.M. – 12.30P.M.

Our Parish email address has changed: Contact Us:
Email: epsom@abdiocese.org.uk
Telephone: 01372 723573

Ministry of Welcome workshop – Saturday 17 June 9-12.30pm St Philip Howard School, Barnham

All welcomers, stewards, clergy and those interested in the ministry of welcome are invited to join a day of reflection and conversation about this important ministry. We will be considering the stewardship of our communities in the light of the Pastoral Plan and how our ministry is a sign of welcome to all. Booking and further information to follow, but please mark this date in your diary. Led by Margaret Fraher, Diocesan Inclusion Adviser E:formation@abdio-

Diocesan Run Events

Mass for Engaged Couples – Friday 16 June 2023 7pm at Arundel Cathedral

As part of your journey to marriage we invite you to join Bishop Richard for a special Mass. This will be followed by refreshments in the Cathedral Centre. To register your interest please sign up here:
Mass for Engaged Couples (16-Jun-2023) · ChurchSuite Events

FOODBANK UPDATE

Thank you to all our wonderful, faithful supporters. Your kindness and generosity is always so appreciated by us and our clients. In the first quarter of 2023, we distributed food to nearly 3,000 people; this is 65% higher than over the same period in 2022. The Foodbank is also seeing around 50 brand new clients each month in 2023 - up from between 30-40 first-time clients in previous non-covid years. Your support really does make the difference. Thank you!

We urgently need:
Cereal (not weetabix or porridge, we have lots),
Cooking sauces, Tinned meat (meatballs, hot dogs, etc.)
UHT milk, Tinned Vegetables, Tinned Sweetcorn,
Tinned Fruit, Custard, Rice pudding, Coffee, Pulses (tinned and dried)
Longlife sponge puddings, Jam/Honey, Sugar
Washing up liquid, Deodorant
Shampoo/Conditioner, Washing powder
Nappies Size 5+, 6 and 6+.