ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH EPSOM NEWSLETTER

5 JUNE 2022

Fr Bill's Update

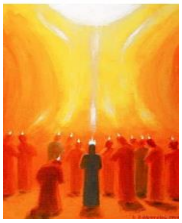
On Friday 27 May, Sr Fionnuala's Requiem Mass took place in the place of her Baptism, Saints Peter and Paul, Monasterevin, Co. Kildare. Our Parish was represented by Gloria Saliba and myself. I had the honour of concelebrating the Mass with the Parish Priest, Fr Liam Merrigan, and preaching the Homily. In addition to being a Religious Sister, Fionnuala was an aunt, a great aunt and a great-great aunt to some 61 nieces and nephews. There were a huge number of families, personal and religious, neighbours and friends present and the Mass was streamed so that those who could not attend were able to follow it in the Chatterton Room, and around the world and especially in Australia where Fionnuala had worked prior to coming to Epsom.

As many of you will know, Sr Fionnuala belonged to the Congregation Sisters of Charity of Jesus and Mary, serving as a Religious Sister for over 60 years. We at St Joseph's in Epsom were blessed to have her ministry with us for almost 30 of those years.

Fionnuala had an amazing capacity to make friends wherever she went, particularly with those who were suffering or in need. Her work as a Chaplain to Epsom was appreciated by all, as indeed were her visits to those in residential or nursing homes, together with the housebound. She had excellent organising skills and in our Parish she co-ordinated the volunteers who worked with her as part of the care in the community.

She was as very good communicator, a skill she put to very good use in our Parish, with a wonderful capacity to include others, looking for the lost one, those with mental health issues, the elderly and the bereaved, which is why she was not just liked, but loved. A truly remarkable woman, she knew her own mind and could engage and hold her ground with the best and especially in our Monday team meetings.

In the autumn of 1992, Sisters Fionnuala, Margarite, Brendan and later, Roseanne, formed a very special part of our Parish here in Epsom. They were a real spiritual and pastoral influence, not only in the Parish but in the wider community. They witnessed to the Gospel through prayer and service. Their time with us was a golden age in the Church and how fortunate were we to have known such wonderful women. We will miss them greatly, none more than myself. Let us thank Almighty God for all the blessings we have received through their ministry.



PENTECOST
SUNDAY 5 JUNE 2022

On the 'fiftieth day' ('Pentecost' in Greek) after Passover, the disciples are back in Jerusalem to celebrate Shavuot, the Jewish harvest festival commemorating God's provision and sustenance.

But rather than them offering the first fruits of the wheat harvest to the Lord, we see the Lord coming to provide for them in the form of the Holy Spirit ***(First Reading – Acts 2: 1-11)***, the gift of the Lord's own self.

This gift of the promised Advocate of peace, given in the form of breath ***(Gospel John 20: 19-23)***, will keep us faithful to the Gospel with sustaining life, joy and renewal ***(Psalm 103).***

It is also given for a good purpose, that we might go out to witness to the power of the Spirit by lives of faith, service and unity ***(Second Reading 1Cor. 12: 3–7.12–13)***.

This week, let's pray for an outpouring of God's love into our hearts, so that feeling renewed and full of the Lord's riches, we might willingly go out to share that richness. We also pray for the peace of the world, and especially for the people of Ukraine.

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 4 June	5.30pm	Clare Graci's Intention
Sun 5 June	***Pentecost***	
	10.30am 5.30pm	Private Intention People of the Parish
Mon 6 June	***Memoria of Mary, Mother of The Church***	
	10.00am	Bill and Joyce Carter RIP
Tue 7 June	10.00am	Requiem Mass for Thomas Harrigan
Wed 8 June	10.00am	Edmundo P Fajardo RIP
Thur 9 June	***Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest***	
	10.00am	Mary Tomnie RIP
Fri 10 June	10.00am	Rosamma Joseph RIP Bob Hunter RIP and the Hunter Family
Sat 11 June	5.30pm	McDonnell Family's Intention
Sun 12 June	***The Most Holy Trinity***	
	10.30am 5.30pm	Paddy and John Coffey RIP People of the Parish

GIFT AID STATEMENTS 2021-2022

Gift Aid Statements for the previous tax year 2021/22 are now ready for collection from the Parish Office.

A Prayer for Ukraine

Loving God,
We pray for the people of Ukraine,
for all those suffering or afraid,
that you will be close to them and protect them.
We pray for world leaders,
for compassion, strength, and wisdom to guide their choices.
We pray for the world
that in this moment of crisis,
we may reach out in solidarity
to our brothers and sisters in need.
May we walk in your ways
so that peace and justice
become a reality for the people of Ukraine
and for all the world. Amen.

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, Francis McCrory, Anita Hully, Joseph Poku, Angela Brett, Bob and Maria Adams, Kay Pledge, Jean Child and Debbie Swain.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Patrick Healey who has recently passed away. Please also keep his family in your prayers.

SUZIE BECKLES

The funeral Mass for Suzie Beckles is on Friday 15 June at 11.00a.m. at The Holy Family Church in Sutton, 9 The Green, Sutton, SM1 1QT

Part-time Premises Manager, St Joseph's Church Epsom

We are looking for a part-time Premises Manager to be responsible for the general maintenance of our beautiful Church and grounds. Salary £10,000 per annum for a 15 hour week, flexible hours as required. Needs maintenance experience and "handyman" skills. This role gives the opportunity to support the life of our Parish in a meaningful and hands-on way. Email office@st-josephs-ep-som.org.uk for further details.

LONDON: Catholic History Walks June 2022

Monday June 13th, 6pm meet at St George's Cathedral, Southwark, London SE1 (nearest tube: Waterloo or Lambeth North). The route will take us to the Thames, with stories of Augustus Welby Pugin, St John Henry Newman, the old Bethlehem Asylum, and more!

Wednesday June 22nd meet 6pm outside St Margaret's Church, Twickenham TWI 1RL (nearest railway station: St Margarets). We'll walk along the Twickenham bank of the Thames and discover stories of exiled French royalty, poet Alexander Pope, and St Mary's University.

Sunday June 26th The annual Martyrs Walk. Meet 2.30pm churchyard of St Giles-in-the-Fields London WC2 8LG (nearest tube: Tottenham Court Road). We will walk to Tyburn Convent for Tea and Benediction, arriving approx 4pm. THERE IS NO NEED TO BOOK, JUST TURN UP!!

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 buckets
- **loose cash**: please place in the collection buckets

Thank you for your support.

SAVE THE DATE - Sunday 31 July 2022

The 2nd Pat Hall Sponsored Memorial Walks

A walk primarily to honour the achievement of Fr Simon's father in walking 100 miles of the Camino, aged 84, and 3 other substantial walks prior to that in and after his 80th year, will take place on Sunday 31 July, the longest of 4 options being 12+ miles from Hampton Court to Roehampton Gate of Richmond Park. The shortest walk will be 1+ mile. Afterwards there will be Mass and a buffet supper. The walks will raise money linked to the HCPT Cycle 2023 from Versailles to Lourdes and donations will be greatly appreciated through **www.justgiving.com/fundraising/justgiving-compathallmemorialwalks** , ideally with Gift Aid added.

Those interested in walking on 31 July or cycling in Holy Week 2023, please contact John Flood: email johncaflood@gmail.com Mobile 07775 914717. Flyers with application forms are available in the Narthex.

Externally run Diocesan events at Worth Abbey

Finding Stillness: 6-9 June. Led by Fr Peter Williams OSB. Cost: £330 per person

Come away to a quiet place to find stillness and God's presence. Discover in the Benedictine tradition; how stillness and stability can be ways of opening up to God and living life at a deeper level. The retreat will include: teachings in lectio divina, stilling the mind and also an opportunity to have a 1:1 meeting with a monk.

Time Out: Individual self-led retreat.

COST: £90 per person, per night. Tuesday 14 - Sunday 19 June (dates flexible - minimum 2 nights)

A chance for some time away to process, to reflect and to pray. There is no set programme other than daily group Lectio Divina at 9:30am, the usual monastic timetable of divine office and liturgy and the opportunity to meet with a member of the monastic community for reconciliation or a chat. Places are limited so book your place early to avoid disappointment. Concession rate for shared occupancy and bursary assistance available.

Book your place online at: worth.co.uk/retreats/booking-form-for-residential-retreats/

For further information please contact E: retreats@worth.org.uk or T: 01342 710318.

Tributes Website for St Fionnuala

As we did after Sr Margarite's death [www.forever-missed.com/srmargaritewindle], we have created a web-site to enable all those who wish to do so, to add a tribute that others can review. The website for Sr Fionnuala is **www.forevermissed.com/srfionnuala-ellen-byrne** and can be visited both to add a tribute and to read those posted by others. For those who don't have the facility to do so, arrangements can be made to add your tribute on your behalf, if you send your tribute to the Parish Office.

UKRAINE UPDATE

As many of you might already know, Epsom Refugee Network, is a local charity that supports refugees in our area. They are currently supporting Syrian and Afghan families that arrived here through government schemes. Recently, Ukrainians have begun to arrive and we are now trying to provide them with the simple practical support they need to settle here.

During a recent 'drop-in' session, approximately 60 Ukraines attended.

We desperately need friendly landlords who might consider renting to a Ukrainian family. Please could you get in touch if you know any landlords/landladies or perhaps you are a landlord? Do you know of empty properties which could house refugees? They can pay rent and we will be supporting them.

TEACHERS: We are struggling to get children into school and this has a knock on effect for parents who want to access English lessons and work. We are thinking of running a summer school to help parents and children progress with their English, if you know any retired teachers or teachers who might want to help, do get in touch.

ENGLISH CLASSES FOR ADULTS: We are putting on more English classes for adults but need more teachers. If you are a teacher or know teachers who have ESOL or TEFL qualifications please direct them to us.

If you can help in any way, please get in touch by email at- epsomrefugeenetwork@gmail.com

FOODBANK UPDATE

In April we saw a continual rise in people using our food-bank services. Since Christmas, there has been a 74% rise in usage compared to our pre-Covid numbers. In April we fed more than 550 people. We have several urgently needed items as well as items we have completely run out of. Donations of these items would be greatly appreciated.

We have run out of:
Washing up liquid; Washing powder, pods and tablets; Instant mash; Ketchup; Non-diary long-life milk; Shaving foam; Savoury biscuits

We urgently need:
Tinned fruit; Coffee; Powdered milk; Long-life sponge puddings; Tinned vegetables; Squash; Long-life UHT milk (semi and full fat only); Long-life fruit juice; Deodorant - all kinds; Soap

We are excited to announce that our Epsom Pantry project is due to open later this month. The Pantry will give people choice and dignity when sourcing food for themselves and their families. We will evaluate it to understand the impact it is making as we work towards our key vision: creating a poverty-free future in our community. This vision underpins our new trust - Good Company (Surrey) which went live on the 1st April.
Thanks, as always, for your amazing support.

WANT TO GIVE YOUR MARRIAGE A BOOST?

Treat yourself to a life changing Marriage Encounter experience.
Our next experience is:
11 – 12 June.
Visit WWME.org.uk for more details and booking.
A great marriage lifts your family, Parish and personal happiness.

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL SUMMER FAIR SATURDAY 11 JUNE

St Joseph's School summer fair is back! Please join us for a fun filled afternoon of games, stalls, refreshments and entertainment on Saturday 11th June 12pm-3pm. £2 entry on the gate.

PARISH OPENING HOURS

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY
8.30A.M. – 2.30P.M. and

THURSDAY 8.30A.M. – 12.30P.M.

Contact Us:
Email: office@st-josephs-epsom.org.uk
Telephone: 01372 723573

"IF YOU ARE THINKING OF BECOMING A CATHOLIC ....."

Our new programme of RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is scheduled to begin this September. If you are not a Catholic, but have thought of becoming one, you might wish to consider joining, or finding out more about it.
The initial part of the programme (seven sessions) asks the question "Is the Catholic Faith for me?" The second part (again seven sessions), which takes place after Christmas, is focused on preparation for full membership of the Catholic Church, and is aimed at those members of the group who wish to continue their journey to becoming Catholics, receiving the sacraments of Baptism (not necessary if already a baptised Christian), Communion and Confirmation at Easter.
The sessions follow a set programme, but are informal and relaxed. If you wish to join, or simply find out more, please contact the Parish Office, one of the priests or simply email david34edr@virginmedia.com for more information. You are not committing yourself to the course by making an enquiry!

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

Grandparents Day Wednesday 8 June at West Grinstead

A pilgrimage to the shrine at West Grinstead. If you would like to find out more please contact E: katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk
To find out about events hosted by the Diocese please visit our website events calendar W: https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events

Refugee Crisis Coffee Morning with Bishop Richard, Saturday 25 June at 11.30am.
Bishop Richard will be hosting an informal coffee morning to discuss our response to the refugee crisis, at St Gabriel's Hall, Billingshurst, RH14 9QH. Everyone is very welcome, to reserve your free place please sign up here: https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/an04uoxn

GIFT AID BOXES FOR 2022-2023

For those of you who use Gift Aid envelopes, your envelopes for 2022 2023 are now available for you to collect in the Narthex. Thank you for your continued support.