

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

EPSOM NEWSLETTER

9 JUNE 2024

UPDATE FROM FR STEPHEN

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." (Matthew 14:19).

The Church should be the place where those who are most in need of Christ's love can come and feel safe. Safeguarding- literally the act of keeping people safe-should be something which everyone in the Church keeps paramount in their minds.

Indeed, there is an ancient tradition of people in danger seeking safety in the Church. It is for that reason that the area around the altar is called the sanctuary. Being safe is totally connected with holiness.

The Church, in order that everyone might feel safe in her care, takes safeguarding very seriously. All clergy, and volunteers who work with children and vulnerable adults, are regularly checked with the Disclosure and Barring Service, and undergo regular safeguarding training. All activities involving children and vulnerable adults are planned with safeguarding as a paramount consideration.

If you have a concern about the safeguarding of a vulnerable adult or child in the Church, please look at our safeguarding board in the Narthex, where you will find contact details for our safeguarding representative, Michael Brennan, the Diocesan Safeguarding Team, and other organisations which can help.

Let's work and pray together that everyone will feel and will be kept safe in the Church.

God Bless,

Fr Stephen



TENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY 9 JUNE 2024

With the Lord there is mercy

The readings this week reflect on our severing ourselves from the love of God through our sins, and on the mercy and forgiveness that is always available to us when we turn to the Lord.

In the **First Reading (Genesis 3: 9–15)**, we see Adam and Eve wilfully disobeying God and refusing to acknowledge their error. Their blaming each other separates them from God.

The verses of the **Psalm 129 (130)** tell of a contrite person longing and waiting for the Lord's mercy and forgiveness.

In the **Second Reading (2 Corinthians 4: 13–5:1)**, St Paul, in his letter to the Corinthians, tells them that the raising of the Lord Jesus will in turn also raise us believers, so that we can be united with God and live close to him.

Finally, the **Gospel (Mark 3: 20–35)** shows us a Jesus pressed by the crowds and by his relatives, who do not understand what he is about. Doing the will of God will make us part of his family.

This week, we might pray for all those who do not fully appreciate the mercy and forgiveness the Lord is offering. We may also want to pray for all those, who for whatever reason, do not seek to do the will of God.

DATE		MASS INTENTION
Sat 8 June	Memoria of the The Immaculate Heart of Mary	
	10.00am 5.30pm	Edmundo T Fajardo R.I.P. People of the Parish
Sun 9 June	Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	10.30am 5.30pm	Teresa Campbell R.I.P. Sandra McNamee R.I.P.
Mon 10 June	10.00am	Requiem Mass for Bartholomew Tru Vu
Tues 11 June	Memoria of St Barnabas, Apostle	
	10.00am	NO MASS
Wed 12 June	10.00am	Carmelo and Ann Schifano R.I.P.
Thu 13 June	Memoria of St Anthony of Padua, Priest, Doctor	
	9.00am	Kathleen Mason R.I.P.
Fri 14 June	10.00am	Bernard and Monica Brennan R.I.P.
Sat 15 June	10.00am 5.30pm	NO MASS or Confessions For the health of Diana and Baby
Sun 16 June	Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	10.30am 5.30pm	Francesco and Amalia Lepore R.I.P. 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.

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.

There will be a **Second Collection next weekend** for Day for Life. Parish Gift Aid does not apply.

Car Parking on the Access Road to the Church Sunday 10.30a.m. Mass

It has been brought to our attention that several Parishioners are parking on the access road to the Church at the 10.30a.m. Sunday Mass - this is not permitted. Please refrain from this practice so that we can maintain good relations with our neighbours. If you cannot park in the Car Parks on a Sunday morning, please park on St Margaret Drive and St Elizabeth Drive where parking restrictions do not apply on Sunday morning.

Our Prayers are asked for all those who are ill:

Frances Walsh, Merlyn Soares, Emma Lee, Ian Watts, Steve Lee, Melitona Leander, Vanessa Tuff, Anita Hully, Joseph Poku, Angela Brett, Kay Pledge, Alan Lucas, Tom Makinson, Ethan Foley, Alice Nicolle, Sue Brackenbury, Matty Horkan, Lorraine Corsini, Jimmy Ward and Family, Graham Bell, Francis Taylor, Eddie Bell, Charlie Wood and Baby Trevor Agius.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the happy repose of Margaret Chu, Mary MacKenzie and Kathleen Walsh who have recently passed away. Please also keep their families in your prayers.

THE BEREAVEMENT CAFÉ

Will be open on Monday 24th June at 10-30 a.m. We meet in the Chatterton Room. All are welcome.

The next **ST Joseph's Discussion Group** meeting will be held on Tuesday, 2 July at 7.30pm in the Chatterton Room. The topic will be "Our Lady, her Immaculate Conception and Assumption". Fr Stephen will again attend to offer guidance. All welcome. Any questions may be sent to chris@thetimminsfamily.co.uk

RCIA - Becoming a Catholic

At the Easter Vigil, we were able to celebrate and welcome the members of the 2023-24 RCIA Group into full communion with the Catholic Church. Eight of the Group, Victoria Lee, Hillson Lam, Vinnie Lam, Amy Ng, Hayes Lam, Hung Yeun Shui, Junyan Luo and Rebecca Blackman were baptised and, along with four others, Byron Fung, Gavin Bolton, Sarah Patel and Elio Bolas, also received the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Our new RCIA Group will be starting in September. If you are considering becoming a Catholic and wish to join, or simply find out more, please contact the Parish Office, speak to one of our Priests or email david34edr@virginmedia.com for more information.

We are looking for someone with a good sense of humour and a positive outlook to be a Personal Assistant for our son who is 18 years old and has a Learning Disability, for up to 14 hours a week in school holidays and 9 hours in term-time. There is lots of flexibility with this role. If you are interested and would like to find out a little more, please email victoriaqood@btinternet.com

DAY FOR LIFE 16TH JUNE

To mark the Day for Life next Sunday, Audry Arden-Jones, one of our parishioners, has written a poem which has been published and can be found along with other resources on the link: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/day-for-life>. Day for Life has also received Papal Blessing: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/pope-francis-gives-his-blessing-to-day-for-life/>

Parish Youth Group (Ages 13 to 18) Next Session - Sunday 16th June

The second session titled 'Your Dreams' is taking place on Sunday 16th June will be an engaging exploration of each child's dreams for their own life across several areas, including: Physically, Emotionally, Intellectually, Spiritually, Psychologically, Professionally, Financially, Creatively, etc.

"You see, your dreams will guide the direction of your life.

Most people, don't know what their dreams are because they do not step away from their "busy lives" to come to mass, to pray, and to enter the classroom of silence." –

Matthew Kelly

If your child would like to join the Parish Youth Group, we request that the child's Parent/Guardian fills in the sign-up form using the following

link: <https://forms.gle/Ps5F5UXg5uBZ4MQs9>

FOODBANK UPDATE

Did you know that in May, the Foodbank fed 637 people, and 282 were children? We had a total of 208 volunteers who collectively gave us 1,059 hours of their time to enable us to run 21 foodbank sessions. Thanks to them and also to you for your donations, without which, we couldn't do what we do! We currently need:

- Jars of cooking sauce (urgent)
- Instant mash (urgent)
- Long-life sponge puddings (urgent)
- Packet soup
- Chocolate spread
- Chocolate
- Crisps
- Toilet rolls (urgent)
- Female deodorant
- Shaving foam
- Washing powder/pods
- Baby toiletries (shampoo, body wash, etc.)

Many thanks for all your support - we really do appreciate it!

The Sponsored 4th Pat Hall Memorial Walk Sunday 28 July

By popular demand this walk will be repeated this year. The 1st & 2nd walks took place in 2019 & 2022 and were followed by the 3rd walk last October, when the 4 who had accompanied Pat, aged 84, on his 100 mile Camino walk to Santiago, met again to walk from Lucca to Siena in Tuscany. The 4th walk in aid of HCPT returns to Surrey. Start locations vary from Hampton Court, Roehampton Gate and Pembroke Lodge, all finishing at Roehampton Gate, the distances being 12+, 7 and 4 miles to suit most people (with a 1 mile option also available). After the walk there will be a Mass at the Kairos Centre in Roehampton celebrated by Fr Simon and this is followed by a buffet supper at the nearby King's Head. For more details and to book, please contact John Flood as soon as possible - johncafflood@gmail.com or 07775 914717. To sponsor the walkers for HCPT please visit www.justgiving.com/page/3rdpathallmemorialwalk

BAPTISMS 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 the Baptism Catechist's near the font after 10:30 Mass on Sundays. Do come and say hello.

STELLA MARIS – SAILING PILGRIMAGE

On Tuesday 11th June at 6.30pm in the Annex of St Ann's church in Banstead, Russ Fairman will give a presentation on a Sailing Pilgrimage around the UK that he did to celebrate the centenary of Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea). Come and hear a remarkable story: 70 days, 60 crew members, 2,433 miles, 65 ports / holy sites, 22 gatherings, £20,000 raised, 59 media pieces, 70,000 social media views, many miracles!

There will be **tea and coffee** after the 10 am Mass every Friday in the Chatterton Room; If you would like to help, please contact Celia Flood on 07767870035.

Young Catholics in the Workplace series

St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Epsom

Starting Thursday 20th June at 19:30 for four weeks.

This is a fantastic opportunity for teenagers and their parents to hear from young adult Catholics in their twenties how their faith has positively impacted their career. Our guests include individuals who have worked at American Express, the Air Accidents Investigation Branch, BDO LLP, Bentley Motors, Christian Dior, Facebook/Meta, the Renault Formula One Team, Vodafone, and more. Additionally, some of our guests have studied at Durham University or the University of Oxford.

For more information on our line-up, the evening format and how to register for your tickets, please visit: https://www.stjosephsepsom.org.uk/?page_id=3159

Retreat at St Beuno's

Fr Damian Jackson SJ (Colette Totman's brother), whom some of you will have seen from time to time saying Mass here and at Ashtead, is part of the Team at St Beuno's. You will find details of the Centre on their website - www.beunos.com
Several members of the parish make an annual retreat at St Beuno's, which is a wonderful place for prayer and reflection. If you would like to know more about St Beuno's or to express an interest in joining a group to visit St Beuno's Jesuit Spirituality Centre in North Wales for a guided retreat, please contact Colette Totman on 07740 902068 or <mailto:colettemtotman@gmail.com>

Divine Mercy and St Michael the Archangel Day

Retreat - Saturday 15 June 2024, 10.00am to 5.00pm

With first class relic of St Faustina and Investiture of the Scapular of St Michael the Archangel, led by Fr Peter Prusakiewicz CSMA, Poland, at St Peter's Church, West Street, Shoreham-by-Sea, West Sussex. BN43 5WG.
Bring your own lunch, refreshments available.
Email: adurvalley@abdiocese.org.uk for more information, or telephone 01273 452654.

NEW LECTIONARY

The Bishop's Conference of England and Wales, have mandated a new Lectionary to be used in every parish as from the 1st Sunday in Advent.

These lectionaries are published by The Catholic Trust Society (CTS). There will be four volumes costing in all £695. Each volume (£173.75) can be sponsored; to this effect, each volume comes with a sticker which can be inscribed with the names of those who donate to the new liturgical books on behalf of the parish. We look forward to hearing from those who are willing to sponsor this unnecessary change.

Gift Aid statements for tax year 2023/24 have been emailed to all donors for whom we have email addresses on file. All other statements will be printed and can be collected from the office by the end of next week. If you have any queries, please contact ga.epsom@abdiocese.org.uk

Two Job Opportunities

As you know, since last October Ashtead parish has been sharing Fr Bill and Fr Stephen with Epsom and it therefore makes sense that we now start sharing our resources. Fr Bill would like to employ a Manager and a Deputy Manager to take over the administration of both Epsom and Ashtead Parish offices. The new Manager and Deputy Manager would alternate their time between the two parish offices ie spending half the week in Epsom and then half the week in Ashtead. The Manager would be paid in the region of £19 per hour and the Deputy £17 per hour. We think this would work well on many levels so if there is anyone that would like to know more about this role or would like to apply for such a position, please contact Fr Bill william.davern@abdiocese.org.uk or Alison Morgan amemorgan@hotmail.com

Sadly, Karen D'Souza will be leaving the Parish office this month, so we will also be looking for someone on a temporary basis (approximately 3 months) to cover the Parish office duties. This could suit a student very well or someone who is between jobs! Again, do let Fr Bill or Alison Morgan know if you are interested. We would like to wish Karen well in her new job and thank her for all her hard work these past two challenging years!!

Chilworth Abbey 22 June 2024

Begins a new series of 10 monthly Morning Study Sessions with Bishop Robert Barron's documentaries on 'Pivotal Players'; they begin with St Francis of Assisi. The film will be shown in sections from 10.30am, combined with teaching and discussion led by Fr John Seddon OSB, until 12.20pm. To book please use this link. [St Augustine's Abbey, Chilworth event tickets from TicketSource.](#)

HELP needed to bring two ladies to Saturday evening Mass. We have two volunteers but another two would mean that each would be on duty only once each month. Please call Mary Liszka (07774 249410) or Chris Timmins (07795 621436) for details.

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 (this is a business account) - account name **RCD A&B St Joseph 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 both located in the narthex. Simply choose "Church offertory" from the list on the screen, and please select the option to add gift aid if you are a taxpayer. (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.

Contact Us: Email: epsom@abdiocese.org.uk
Telephone: 01372 723573

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