ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH EPSOM NEWSLETTER

9 OCTOBER 2022

CANON BILL'S UPDATE

Marking Time

During a recent conversation a friend of mine suggested on hearing about my 70th birthday we are all just marking time, which is true but we also know that time and tide waits for no one! I am supposed to be consoled by the news that seventy is now the new fifty, for in reality it doesn't feel like it.

Whatever about marking time, I have certainly enjoyed some wonderful celebrations for my seventieth birthday, first with my family in Ireland, where some sixty members of the immediate family and a few friends came together at the Woodland Hotel in Adare, County Limerick for a dinner, music and song, a most wonderful evening had by all.

The celebrations did not end there, but carried on here in the Parish. Last Sunday after 10.30am Holy Mass, it was fantastic to see so many of you in the hall for refreshments with the most amazing birthday cake decorated with my favourite colours and appropriately the beautiful image of a horse!

I would like to thank David Walsh for proposing the toast, and for his very kind words covering some of the adventures of my time here in the Parish these past thirty years. And to the many people who worked hard behind the scenes to make our social gathering together a most enjoyable time.
Birthday cards abound in the house along with so many gifts from Parishioners. A huge thank you to all of you for your great kindness, thoughts and prayers, and be assured of my prayers for each and everyone of you.

This time in my life has truly been marked, and now it is time to get on with what needs to be done until the next Mark of Time ten years from now!

May God Bless you all

TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 9 OCTOBER 2022

The scripture readings this week highlight the importance of gratitude. It is shown to be that perfect response to the Lord's constant goodness to us. Whatever cleansing we are seeking or hardships we are bearing ***(First Reading - 2 Kings 5: 14–17)***, the Lord has been, is, and will work for our good.

He will do this on our behalf through his right hand and holy arm ***(Psalm 97).***

And however wavering our own stance to God might be, God is always faithful to us ***(Second Reading – 2 Timothy 2: 8-13)***.

For St Ignatius, ingratitude was 'the most abominable of all sins' and in the ***(Gospel – Luke 17: 11-19)*** we see it is the 'foreigner' – a Samaritan – who turns back to give thanks for his healing. Jesus appreciates this and encourages him in his faith, something the other nine miss.

This coming week, I might quietly reflect upon the ways my gratitude can be seen to be simply an echo of grace – my response to what God has already given.

We continue to pray for the peace of the world, and for all who suffer.

DATE		MASS INTENTION
Sat 8 Oct	5.30pm	Anthony O'Shea RIP
Sun 9 Oct	***Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time***	
	10.30am 5.30pm	In Thanksgiving – Grace and Noli Nicholas People of the Parish
Mon 10 Oct	10.00am	Requiem Mass for Brendan Clarke
Tue 11 Oct	10.00am	Thomas McGrath RIP
Wed 12 Oct	***Memoria of St Wilfrid, Bishop***	
	10.00am	Joyce Carter RIP Erica Beary RIP
Thur 13 Oct	10.00am	Joe and Bridie Kelly RIP
Fri 14 Oct	10.00am	Marcelle Copus RIP
Sat 15 Oct	5.30pm	Deceased members and friends of the Kelly and O'Shea Families
Sun 16 Oct	***Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time***	
	10.30am 5.30pm	Frederick 'Eric' Packham RIP People of the Parish

SAVE THE DATE: 12 NOON 26TH OCTOBER
-All WELCOME-

26th October 2022 marks the 1st Anniversary of Sister Margarite's passing. To remember Sr Margarite, we will be celebrating a Mass for her and Sr Fionnuala on that day at 12 noon, followed by a light lunch in the hall.

Everyone is welcome; however, if you are planning to attend the lunch in the hall, please sign up on one of the sheets (which will be in the Narthex from next week) by the 23rd October.

Some of you will have seen the beautiful mural that now hangs to the side of the altar. This has been commissioned to mark the huge dedication and work of Sr Margarite, Sr Fionnuala, Sr Brendan and Sr Roseanne (Sisters of Charity of Jesus and Mary) during their time at St Joseph's over the past 30 years.

During the Mass and as part of the ceremony, this mural will be blessed along with a plaque for the bench now by the church entrance, which used to be in the Sisters' garden.

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, Debbie Swain, Alan Lucas, Tom and Mary Makinson, Rita Finnigan and Kate O'Hare.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of Doreen (Toddy) Bennett and Sheila Diaz who have recently passed away. Please also keep their families in your prayers.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT TEAM

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.

ADoRE Online spiritual mini-retreat morning 22 October 10.00a.m.-1.00p.m.
"Do whatever He tells you" - we pray and act as Jesus did. Our special guest speaker is Allegra Mutanda, Director of Evangelisation and Leadership at St Peter's Winchester. Starts with Mass at 10.00a.m. and also includes Adoration, Prophetic sharing, Praise, Testimony and discussion. Please register for the Zoom meeting in advance at bit.ly/ADOREOCT2022 [2].

ADoRE is offering confidential prayer ministry by telephone – please phone (NOT text) 07579 824523 Monday to Friday 10am to 4pm and leave ONLY name and number. Experienced prayer ministers will pray with you confidentially for healing of physical, emotional and spiritual problems; and for Baptism in the Spirit and renewal of faith.

OUR LADY CHAPEL

Just a reminder to parents who join us in Our Lady Chapel for Mass, that it would be much appreciated if you could please bring only soft toys for your children to play with.

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.

CHILWORTH ABBEY

Fr John Seddon OSB of Chilworth Abbey will lead a Pilgrimage to the Shine of the Divine Mercy/St Mary's Basillica and Christmas shopping in Krakow. From 30th Nov - 4th Dec 2022, 5 days / 4 nights. The deadline for booking at this price is 30th Sept 2022. To pay the deposit, please contact All Saints Travel 01793881166 or Caroline 07494339442 or book online, which is very easy: www.allsaintstravel.co.uk

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School – Admission in September 2023

'Signing in' for St Joseph's Catholic Primary School will take place after all weekend Masses, in the Church Hall after Sunday 10.30a.m. Mass, and in Our Lady's Chapel after the Saturday and Sunday 5.30p.m. Masses.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2022-2023

Advance notice that Registration for the next First Holy Communion Programme with be at 7.30p.m. on Wednesday 2 November in St Joseph's Church.

The registration fee is £30 which you can pay in cash on the night or by using our contactless devices.

Please along bring along a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate to the meeting.

SPUC One day Conference

A recent BBC poll revealed that 15% of British women have experienced pressure or coercion to have an abortion that they did not want.

This is a shocking reality that the pro-abortion narrative seeks to suppress - but we can no longer allow this to happen. It is vital to understand the reasons why women have abortions - including the horrific phenomenon of abortion coercion that SPUC is now highlighting - so that we can campaign for protections for vulnerable women and their children.

This year, SPUC is hosting **national conferences in cities across the United Kingdom,** highlighting the pressing issue of abortion coercion.

The details are:

London

- Saturday 22 October 2022
- Location: Broadway House, Tothill Street, London, SW1H 9NQ
- Cost £35/£25 concessions

Glasgow

- Date: Saturday 29 October 2022
- Location: On request
- Cost £30/£20 concessions

All conferences can be booked online here: https://www.spuc.org.uk/national-conferences-2022. You can also contact Katherine Hampton on katherinehampton@spuc.org.uk, or call: 01892 542 616.

MASS WITH TEA TO FOLLOW – WEDNESDAY 19TH OCTOBER AT 2.00P.M.

Please join us for Mass at 2.00p.m. on Wednesday 19 October, followed by tea, sandwiches and cake in the Church Hall – all are welcome!

If you are able to attend, please contact Celia Flood on 01372 725951.

Also, please let Celia know:

- if you would like a lift to the Mass or know of someone who would appreciate one; or
- if you would like to volunteer to make a cake, sandwiches etc or be a chauffeur.

Many thanks.

A word on energy:

Our electricity cost has gone up 3fold, which in July and August meant an increase of £688 a month. Similarly, from 1st September, our gas is 3.35 times more expensive.
So, we are on a drive to save energy – not just to protect our finances, but also because it's now a scarce resource for the UK. We won't be putting the heat on in the church for now, so please wrap up warmly to come to Mass – dress in layers! We're looking at converting the big dome lights to LED, but meanwhile will use the spot lights (already LED). And, please help by turning off lights in the Ladies and Gents, corridors and hall when you leave.

FOODBANK UPDATE

It was so wonderful to see the Foodbank boxes overflowing with donations this week. Thank you so very much for your generosity and thoughtfulness. Each donation makes such a difference to those in need.

Items that we have completely run out of include:
Jam, Powdered milk, Tea bags, Nappies - size 5, 5+, 6 and 6+
Adult toothbrushes (single brushes ideally).

We also urgently need:
Tinned meat (not corned beef), Long life fruit juice, Tinned soup, Sponge puddings, Brown sauce, Custard Chocolate treats, Hair conditioner, Baby wipes, Household cleaning products.
To maximise our storage space, we would be grateful if you could only donate items listed above. Many thanks once again.

New Exciting Opportunity – Senior Playworker at D2D

D2D provides breakfast and Afterschool Care to the children attending St Joseph's school.
We are looking for someone with some experience working with primary school aged children in providing them with challenging activities and willing to take on a lead role.
Please call Louise on 01372 720218 or email: welcome@kindiejoes.co.uk for all the details.

GIFT AID STATEMENTS 2021-2022

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

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

KNOCK PILGRIMAGE

Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, 17 October 2022. £699.00 per person sharing. Price includes 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre and National Museum. Single supplement of £100.00. **Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com**

Churches Together in Epsom: Monthly Prayer Meeting

We look forward to meeting all who can join us, at the next **CTiE** meeting: 10-11am on Friday 14 October for **Coffee, Fellowship and Prayer,** indoors at **Old Moat Garden Centre Cafe**, Horton Lane, Epsom KT19 8PQ.

DIOCESAN EVENTS

Anti-Slavery week runs from the 17-23 October this year with specific focus on Anti-Slavery day on Tuesday 18 October 2022.

The Catholic and Anglican churches in Sussex and Surrey have formed an Ecumenical coalition to help to raise awareness of this prevalent but almost hidden criminal activity and are holding Slavery on our Doorsteps awareness evenings in Sussex at St Peters Church, West Street, Shoreham at 7.30pm on Tuesday 18 October and in Surrey at St Dunstan's Church, Shaftsbury Rd, Woking at 7.45pm on Monday 17 October. No need to book. If you have any questions or are interested in becoming an Anti-Slavery Ambassador please contact Tessa Ricketts, Social Action Adviser at E: Tessa.Ricketts@abdiocese.org.uk

Requesting a companion for my mum!
(Preferably a lady)
Need this two or three times a week for a couple of hours each day, just to stimulate her and give her company, talk to her and maybe take her for a round locally in her wheelchair.
Contact Hyacinth on 01372 202968 if you are interested. Hourly rate @£10.
Need to have current DBS and experience with mature people.

Contact Us:
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