

Sunday 14th July
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Welcome to Saint Joseph's Church, Dorking
Our church is open all day, everyday, until sunset.
If you have a gluten intolerance and you wish to receive Holy Communion, please speak to Fr Ian before Mass.
Toilets are available in the parish hall or there is an outside toilet next to the house. Books to help children follow Mass plus other books for children are in the entrance porch of the church.

We remember in our prayers all those who have recently died and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. We also ask you to remember in your prayers the sick and housebound and those who care for them.

Saturday 13th July Saturday Memoria of Our Lady	9.30am Mass Adoration/ confessions until 11am. 5.15pm Confessions 6pm Mass	Celebrants Ints Mary Philips RIP
Sunday 14th July Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time.	8am Mass 10am Mass	Tom Bletso RIP People of the Parish
Monday 15th July Mem. St. Bonaven- ture	9.30am Mass	Clare Upton Ints
Tuesday 16th July Our lady of Mt. Car-	9.30am Mass	Sheila Kellaway RIP
Wednesday 17th July Feria	<i>No liturgy</i>	
Thursday 18th July Feria	9.30am Mass	Lorenzo Iannucci RIP
Friday 19th July Feria	10.30am Mass (St Joseph's School leavers Mass)	
Saturday 20th July Saturday Memoria of Our Lady	9.30am Mass Adoration/ confessions until 11am. 5.15pm Confessions 6pm Mass	Holy Souls
Sunday 21st July Fourteenth Sunday of the Year.	8am Mass 10am Mass	For all Parishioners

Michael Pinches: has moved to Rose Hill nursing home, we pray that he will well enough go join the Diocese Jumbulance trip to Lourdes at the end of the month.

CONFIRMATION: Please pray for Isabella, Cass and Joe, who will be Confirmed by Bishop Richard at Arundel Cathedral this Sunday, 14th July.

Baptism:- There is a Baptism during the 8 am Mass this Sunday, 14th July, which will make Mass a little longer than usual.

SEA SUNDAY:- Is designated for this weekend, when we give thought and prayer to all those who work at sea, bringing so much of our supermarket goodies and DIY products from across the globe.

We also pray for the work of 'Stella Maris' formerly 'The Apostleship of the Sea' which gives material, emotional and spiritual support to all those who work in the merchant navy. Next weekend there will be a second / retiring collection to support the work of 'Stella Maris', we ask you to be as generous as you can. Please use the Stella Maris envelopes if you wish to Gift Aid your donation.

Lift required: Would anyone be able to give Francis McDonnell a lift to 10am Mass on Sundays. Francis lives just south of Capel off the Rusper Road, he can be contacted on 07721 411240

Parish Finance Committee met this week and one item on the agenda was a job description for a new parish secretary. We would hope to advertise the position very soon, but we will have to seek the advice and support of the Diocese before doing so. We can say the position will be part time and may be of interest to someone seeking hours around the school day.

Welcomers needed. Welcomers needed: We are very short of welcomers at weekend Masses. Essentially you need to be at Mass about 15minutes before and be pro active in welcoming people and handing out newsletters/ hymn books etc. ideally 2 people (one each end) are needed per Mass. Please get in touch with the office.

ROSARY CIRCLE FOR PRIESTLY VOCATIONS:- There is a new 'Rosary Circle Chart' on the noticeboard, to encourage us all to pray for vocations to the Priesthood.

The 'Chart' lists the 20 decades of the Rosary and a number of columns for people to put their initial or a tick in a box to indicate they will commit to praying the particular decade each day for the month of July, and hopefully, this will create a number of 'circles' praying for this intention. This is a very simple spiritual exercise many of us could join in with; at least 20 people praying one decade of the Rosary each day, so the whole of the Rosary is prayed for this particular intention, thus creating a 'Rosary Circle'. Let it be said, however, that anyone can join the Rosary Circles at any time.

SUMMER HOLIDAY:- A time for holiness and being re-created to the image and likeness of God, resting in the love of God (recreation). If we are to be recreated to our true image and likeness as children of God, we need to make time for prayer, for raising our minds and hearts to God with joy, and every family member, or whoever it is that we are having our holiday with, should be afforded the opportunity to pray.

To help us to be re-molded in the image of God, a reminder about the **different elements of prayer**, that raising of the mind and heart to God, with joy:

Of course, there are the basic daily prayers, the 'Our Father' 'Hail Mary' 'Glory be to the Father' etc. all to be found in all kinds of prayer books, but there are the five different elements of prayer as well!

The different elements are: PRAISE, THANKSGIVING, LISTENING, CONTRITION and PETITION, and if we were going to 'weight' these elements in terms of time, let's keep the maths simple and take a ten minute prayer time. Three minutes should be given to praise, three minutes to thanksgiving, two minutes to listening (Scripture reading, or spiritual reading, e.g lives and writings of the saints), one minute to contrition (saying sorry) and one minute to petition (asking God for our needs). On this last point, a basic rule of thumb should be 'if it is not going to help me or anyone else to grow in holiness of life, and get to Heaven, then we probably should not ask for it. Hopefully, this is a little recipe for holiness in our holiday!

So, young people, if you are on holiday, please do your bit to allow your parents /guardians the opportunity to have a holiday; help with the domestic chores, be on time for things, volunteer rather than waiting to be asked or presuming that someone else will do 'it'! That way, others too can have a holiday because the workload is shared!

Parents/guardians, allow your children to help with the various tasks around the home, they may not do things in the same way as you do, or to your exacting standards, but at least things will be done, and it doesn't really matter if the tea towels are not folded in exactly the way you want them done, or that the forks are in the knife section of the draw!

We should all decide on when is a good time for us to pray, whether together or perhaps individually, perhaps earlier in the day rather than later, which could mean going to bed a bit earlier the night before if a day trip is planned, in this way time can be given to prayer before going off on the day trip because everyone is up that little bit earlier for prayer.

Friday 19th July:- Marks the end of the school year, with the 'Leavers Mass' for the children of St. Joseph's School. We ask you to note therefore, that Mass will be at 10.30 and a little 'fuller' than usual.

Children's liturgy, as people's circumstances have changed the Children's Liturgy has fallen into abeyance; so our thanks to all those who have led and been involved in the children's liturgy.

If this primary work of the church is to continue and young families are to be encouraged in the practise of their faith, WE, as a parish, need to be supportive of them. Can we ask then, that others will take on the responsibility for children's liturgy, this will require DBS checks and some training to assist and in due time to lead the occasional children's liturgy.

Again, our thanks to all those who have assisted in this work as we look forward to others helping from September.

Youth Provision:- Following on from the supper a couple of weeks ago, if parents could give some thought to assisting with future provision for the youth, then we can have a discussion about availability to help in the future, with an eye to date, time and frequency. Again, many thanks.

Going into hospital? Please remember if you or a member of your family is taken into hospital you need to inform the ward staff that you are a Catholic and would like to see the Catholic chaplain. Under data protection law chaplains do not have automatic access to patients so please inform us at the earliest opportunity or any such situation. This also applies if you have a relative or friend in a nursing home or going into a residential home, let us know!

First Holy Communion and Confirmation programmes 2025, application forms to join these programmes are now available at the entrances to the church. The deadline for returning applications to Fr. Ian, in person, is **Sunday 6th October**, no further applications for the year 2024/ 2025 will be accepted after this date.

If your child is in year 3 or above they are eligible to join the **First Holy Communion** programme. For the **Confirmation** programme candidates must be 14 years of age or over by the end of June 2025.

To join the programmes weekly attendance at Sunday Mass is a requirement.

A NOTE ABOUT WEDDINGS:- Couples wishing to marry, now need to give at least one year's notice so that the necessary instruction and preparation be undertaken. As we are in July, anyone resident in the parish, even if they intend to marry in the Church elsewhere, whether in the UK or abroad, are required to adhere to giving such notice. The 'years notice' is now 'normative' across the English and Welsh Bishop's Conference, so if you have adult children intending to marry in the Church, then do let them know about this.

If you are intending to marry in a year or so, please speak to Fr. Ian so that preparations can be undertaken.