

Sunday 7th July
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Please see 'farewell' note below.

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 6th July Feria	9.30am Mass Adoration/ confessions until 11am. 5.15pm Confessions 6pm Mass	Ian Hunt R.I.P Celebrant's Int
Sunday 7th July Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time.	8am Mass 10am Mass	Andrzej Matla RIP People of the Parish
Monday 8th July Feria	9.30am Mass	Eugene's well-being
Tuesday 9th July Feria	9.30am Mass	Charles's Ints
Wednesday 10th July Feria	<i>No liturgy</i>	
Thursday 11th July St Benedict; Patron of Europe	9.30am Mass	Celebrant's Int
Friday 12th July Feria	9.30am Mass	Holy Souls
Saturday 13th July Saturday Memoria of Our Lady	9.30am Mass Adoration/ confessions until 11am. 5.15pm Confessions 6pm Mass	Celebrant's Int Mary Phillips R.I.P
Sunday 7th July Fourteenth Sunday of the Year.	8am Mass 10am Mass	For all Parishioners Celebrants Ints

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

Message from Fr. Eddie: *"It was a real joy to come back to St Joseph's and celebrate Mass last Sunday in the place where I finished discerning my call to the priesthood and with people who welcomed me back so warmly during my seminary holidays. Thank you to everyone who helped with the reception afterwards – it was great to catch up with so many of you. Finally, thank you very much for all your kind gifts, especially for the beautiful stole which I will be using for both confessions and Benediction, since it is reversible purple and white. With my prayers and best wishes,*

Fr Eddie"

CONGRATULATIONS to the children who made their First Holy Communion on Sunday 23rd June: Heidi, Ella, Amelia, Anna, Grace, Avlin, Rosie, Leo, Brylyn, Zachy, Freya, Bradley, Henaseigh, Jack, Kevin and Luke. We ask you to keep these children and their families in your prayers, that they may deepen in their love of our Lord, truly present in the Blessed Sacrament.

Baptism:- We look forward to having a Baptism during the 8 am Mass next Sunday, which will make Mass a little longer 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.

ROSARY CIRCLE FOR PRIESTLY VOCATIONS:- This weekend being the first in the month of July, we have 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, 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.

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.

Redecorating the presbytery dining room:- It is nearly 20 years since Fr. Dominic had the presbytery redecorated, and to quote Bishop Richard, 'The house needs redecorating.'

Professionals have redecorated the hall & landing and two rooms on the first floor have also had attention, but having had a new heating system in the church, leaving us in debt, can we save some money with D.I.Y? First stop—the dining room!

The proposal would be to prepare the room this Thursday 11th & Fri 12th July, sanding and washing and then re-paint on 15th, 16th and 18th, mindful of the need for 'quick drying' paint for the woodwork. The financial cost would be around £100 instead of £1,000 if we go down the avenue of D.I.Y. with only the cost of the paint and a few minor 'consumables'. If you would be willing to help, but especially if you have a decorating specialism,

First Holy Communion and Confirmation programmes 2025, application forms will shortly be available to join these programmes. 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.

FAREWELL: Having been the Parish Secretary for the last fourteen years, we say farewell to Penny Dubios at the end of this week as she moves on to full time employment with the RSPCA.

Penny will have seen a lot of changes in her role as secretary, as technology and administrative demands have developed and increased, but such things must have been easier than the changes of personnel, with the death of Fr. Dominic Rolls, Fr. Tony stepping into his shoes and then the arrival of Fr. Simon, prior to the newest incumbent,

Our thanks then, to Penny for all the work she has done over those years, for her adaptability and her help in keeping the parish together through COVID and any number of other things. Fare ye well and may the Lord be with you in your new work and role.

Fundraising Officer for the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton

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Parish Finance Committee will be meeting this week and one item on the agenda will be 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.