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July / August 2024

Saturday 27th Saturday Memoria of our Lady

9.00 Holy Souls

Saturday Evening SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

6.00 Celebrant's Int

Sunday 28th

8.00 People of the Parish

10.00 Dec'd Members of the Keen Family

Monday 29th Mem. Sts. Martha, Mary & Lazaurus

9.30 David and Harriet's Int

Tuesday 30th Weekday of Ordinary Time

9.30 Lucy Wickens Int

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Wednesday 31st Mem. St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

No Liturgy today

Thursday 1st Mem. St. Alphonsus Ligouri, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

9.30 Celebrant's Int

Friday 2nd Weekday of Ordinary Time

9.30 Holy Souls

Saturday 3rd Saturday Memoria of our Lady

9.30 Celebrant's Int

Saturday Evening EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

6.00 Celebrant's Int

Sunday 4th

8.00 Celebrant's Int

10.00 People of the Parish

The Sacrament of Reconciliation / Confession

is available after the Saturday morning Mass and from 5.15 to 5.45 Saturday afternoon

Welcome to Saint Joseph's Church, Dorking

The church is open every day 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.

Missing:- Do you know anyone who no longer appears at the Mass you attend? Do you know how they are? Might they need our support or encouragement? We cannot let anyone think they do not matter to our fellowship. If you can think of anyone, please let the Parish Outreach team know: Ricki Hughes 07769 824833 or Julie Briscoe 07821 705209 or speak to Hazel Fitz-Gibbon at Mass.

PARISH SOCIAL:- On Sunday 29th September, it is proposed that we have a lunchtime international food festival! Given the not insignificant number of nationalities in the parish, the proposal is that people bring along a local dish from their home country, sufficient for 6 or 7 people to have a 'taste', not the feeling of the millions. Further details to follow.

Grateful thanks to David and Michael who came along and helped to redecorate the front room of the priest's house, which will return to being the parish office. The telecoms will be moved on 6th August then help moving the furniture would be appreciated to relocate the office.

Having saved nearly £900 with the DIY, with willing hands, we'll move on to decorate the existing office.

First Holy Communion and Confirmation programmes 2024 /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.

Youth Provision:- 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:- As we enter into the month of August 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 August, 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.

PLEASE BE PART OF A ROSARY CIRCLE PRAYING FOR PRIESTLY VOCATIONS FROM THE PARISH!
Thank you.

MASS INTENTIONS:- In the absence of a secretary at the moment, concern has been expressed about requesting Mass intentions! If you would like Mass offered for an intention, please put details on the 'Mass Intention' envelope at the church entrance and either give the envelope to Fr. Ian directly or drop it through the presbytery letter box (if there are a number of intentions, they can be listed on the same envelope). If a particular date is desired, please indicate the date, but also put your phone number on the envelope, in case the date is not available, then a telephone discussion can enable a date to be scheduled.

WANTED

As we come to the close of the pastoral year and the summer break, there are a number of parish ministries and roles which need to be taken on, particularly given, for the present, we do not have as parish secretary / administrator.

Liturgical Rotas:- our thanks to Bernie who has offered to take on this role to co-ordinate the rotas for readers at Mass, Special Ministers of Holy Communion and Welcomers. We will begin to liaise and co-ordinate in September.

Sacristy work:- A couple of people are needed to get things ready for Mass on two separate mornings each week, ideally, one on **Tuesday** and another on **Thursday**, as the existing team have other responsibilities to take on.

Readers for weekend Masses:- If you would like to assist with the Ministry of the Word and would be willing to be a reader at Mass, please contact Fr. Ian directly; perhaps some of the younger parishioners could be especially encouraged in such regard.

Altar Servers:- If any of the children who recently made their First Holy Communion would like to become servers, if they come to the sacristy 15 minutes before Mass begins, then we can begin to organise them for this ministry.

Music:- It would be good to get some of the younger parishioners involved in the liturgical music, to this end, a discussion and meeting with interested parties would be advantageous.

Ministry of Welcome: We are very short of welcomers at weekend Masses. A smile and a warm word of welcome as you hand out a newsletter / hymn book is essentially the requirement for this ministry. Welcomers need to arrive about 15 minutes before Mass begins, ideally a person at each entrance would be best. Please get in touch if you would be willing to help.

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.

Post of Parish Secretary: The position of secretary will require 12 hours per week at an initial £13.00 per hour rising to £14 after a probationary period of 3 months. Anyone interested in taking on this role should apply to Fr. Ian for a 'job description' and application form, via the parish e-mail address. At the moment a deadline for application has not been set, but suffice it to say, there will be an interview process for the position.

Going into hospital? Please remember that 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 which is why you need to request to see the chaplain.

A reminder also that if you are having surgery with a general anesthetic, you should have the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick before going into hospital, please contact Fr. Ian in such regard.

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 at the end of 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.