



# St Joseph's Catholic Church



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Sunday 10th May 2020

Fifth Sunday of Easter (A)

NB. Although there is no public Mass, Fr Uche will still say a daily 10am Mass, live streamed as below\*\*, and will offer it for the intentions already given. Where there is more than one Intention for the day, they will all be offered at the one Mass.

### (Usual) SUNDAY MASS TIMES

(Sat.)	6.00pm	Vigil Mass
	9.30am	Mass
	11.30am	Solemn Mass
	5.30pm	Mass

### WEEKDAY MASSES

**Monday 11th** 10am Mass  
Easter Feria

**Tuesday 12th** 10am Mass  
Easter Feria, or SS Nereus & Achilleus, Martyrs, or St Pancras, Martyr

**Wednesday 13th** 10am Mass  
Easter Feria, or Our Lady of Fatima

**Thursday 14th** 10am Mass  
St Matthias, Apostle (*Feast*)\*

**Friday 15th** 10am Mass  
Easter Feria

**Saturday 16th** 10am Mass  
St Simon Stock, Priest

### READINGS AT MASS

**Sundays Year A; Weekdays cycle 2**

**This Sun:** Acts 6:1-7; 1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12

**M.** Acts 14:5-8; John 14:21-26

**T.** Acts 14:19-28; John 14:27-31

**W.** Acts 15:1-6; John 15:1-8

**Th.** Acts 1:15-17,20-26; John 15:9-17 \*

**F.** Acts 15:22-31; John 15:12-17

**S.** Acts 16:1-10; John 15:18-21

**Next Sun:** Acts 8:5-8,14-17;

1 Peter 3:15-18; John 14:15-21

**Sixth Sunday of Easter** (Year A)

### SHRINE LAMPS

*Shrine Lamps are suspended until the Church re-opens. We continue to pray for each other & for those in need.*

## BAPTISM, FIRST HOLY COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION & RCIA

We are very conscious that around this time of the year, we would have had the joy of receiving 6 new adults into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil Mass; around 48 children would have made their First Holy Communion, and 33 of our young people would have been Confirmed. There were also several families planning Baptisms these past few months.

Sadly all these Sacraments have had to be deferred indefinitely of course because of the Coronavirus pandemic. Fr Uche, Deacon John-Simon, our parish catechists and all parishioners assure all of you that you are constantly remembered in prayers.

Please be certain that as soon as it's possible to do so, the preparation for these Sacraments will resume and plans will be put in place for them to happen. Naturally, we will continue to follow the government guidelines, closely monitored by the Diocese, and collaborate with them to ensure the safety of all. As of now, there are no new developments regarding the re-opening of our churches.

Please continue to pray for the complete eradication of this pandemic, to renewed faith and to our return to our beloved church.

In the meantime, we are very grateful to Fr Uche, and all who have enabled the live-streaming of our daily 10am Mass, which keeps us close, spiritually and mentally, if not physically!



**MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK:** Sun **10am** People of the Parish; Kathleen Brophy; Mary & Laurence Burbridge RIP; Patrick O'Connell RIP; Mon. 10. Savarimutthu Rayappu RIP; Tue. 10. Tara Doyle RIP; Joseph Braganza RIP; Wed. 10. Sarah Nugent RIP; Peggy Wright RIP; Thurs. 10. Magdalena Braganza RIP; Fri. 10. Jennie & Edward McCarthy RIP; Sat. 10. Elias Mansour RIP; Sun **10am** Francisco Joao RIP; Laurence Patrick Burbridge RIP; People of the Parish.

## \*\*LIVE STREAMING OF MASSES FROM ST JOSEPH'S

**We now have daily 10am Masses - Sunday to Saturday, live-streamed so you can join in at Mass virtually from our Parish. Click on the link below, which is also on our website and facebook page. Please share this link with others.**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCETxMGsRdJ1GdpsZmaxIFGQ>

## St Joseph's Presbytery & Parish Office

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Safeguarding Rep: Mr Andrew Stables: 020 8942 7942 Caretakers: Oliver Patton; John O'Hara (contact via the Parish Office)

**\*\*The PARISH OFFICE is officially closed - please see back for ways to contact Fr Uche & the Parish Secretary\*\***

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## Some of the SAINTS COMMEMORATED this week

### Our Lady of Fatima - Wednesday 13th May

This feast commemorates the visions of Our Lady seen near Fátima in Portugal in 1917 by three shepherd children, Lúcia dos Santos and her cousins Jacinta and Francisco Marto. The visions occurred on the 13th day of each month from May to October, and by October huge crowds were gathering at the site of the visions and reporting visions and miraculous occurrences themselves.

Pope John Paul II was devoted to Our Lady of Fátima and attributed his survival of an assassin's bullet on 13 May 1981 to her intervention. Jacinta and Francisco Marto, who died in the great Spanish Flu pandemic of 1919-20, were beatified on 13 May 2000.

### St Simon Stock, Priest - Saturday 16th May

He became a Carmelite, and in 1245 or 1247 was elected the sixth general of the order. The order was in a delicate position: founded on Mount Carmel in the Holy Land, it needed to adapt its Rule to European conditions and to obtain the toleration of the clergy. As a result of Simon's work, Pope Innocent IV confirmed the Rule and placed the order under the special protection of the Holy See. After this the order grew greatly, especially in England. The Catholic church in our neighbouring suburb of Putney is dedicated to this saint.

### St Matthias, Apostle - Thursday 14th May

He was not one of the Twelve; but after the treachery and death of Judas Iscariot, someone was needed to take his place. Two candidates were selected, and lots were drawn to see which of them should be made one of the Twelve: the choice fell on Matthias. Nothing is known for certain about his subsequent history.

Drawing lots to select a candidate for an office sounds strange to us, but it was a recognised Jewish custom: for example, the priest who was to enter the Temple sanctuary and burn incense there was not chosen by some rota but by lot. Random events, independent of any obvious natural or human cause, were seen as a direct expression of God's will. Drawing lots was not a substitute for human decision – human beings had chosen Matthias as a candidate, human beings decided which priests were eligible on which days – but a way of putting the final choice into the hands of God.

When we attain some high or responsible position, we may be tempted to congratulate ourselves on being the best candidate for the job. We would do well to remember that we have got there because of the people we have met and the things we have found ourselves doing, and, more fundamentally, because of the gifts and talents that God has given us. These things are essentially random: like Matthias, we have been chosen by lot.

## Supporting our fellow parishioners during the Covid-19 crisis

As the Covid-19 crisis deepens, many parishioners, including some of the most vulnerable members of our community, may need to self-isolate in the coming weeks. Now, more than ever, we need to offer practical and pastoral support to our fellow parishioners through what may be a difficult and lonely period.

Here at St Joseph's, the St Vincent de Paul Society is coordinating our efforts to support those who need it. If you require support, or know someone who might benefit from extra support, please contact the Parish Office.

To ensure we comply with the relevant data protection laws, we would need consent from anyone requiring help for our group of volunteers to contact them.

If you could help with shopping or running errands, or by calling parishioners who find themselves alone during **Contact the Parish Secretary, Mondays to Fridays, on 07488 241753 or email: newmalden@rcaos.org.uk.**

We are now in contact with those of us who we think may be more vulnerable, alone, or in need of practical, emotional, or other kind of support. If you know of anyone who falls into this category please do get in touch.

**NB. To arrange a funeral, please contact Fr Uche directly on 020 8942 2602.**

Stay safe and God Bless.

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**New 9.30am Sunday Refreshment Co-ordinator** needed. If anyone is interested in taking on this role, please either contact Maura directly on 07854 302009 or contact Agnes on 07488 241753.

## URGENTLY NEEDED IN THE PARISH

*(to think about for when things get back to normal, with God's help)*

**Caretakers:** Our two amazing caretakers, Oliver & John, who do an immeasurable amount of work to keep everything working and in place, are out of action for the foreseeable future. If there are any able-bodied people out there who feel they can offer some time to help with the general running of the Church Premises, however little or much it is, would you please contact the Parish Office.

**Cleaners:** As many of you may or may not know, our church is cleaned by a very small dedicated group of parishioners, who give up one hour a month of their time to keep it looking clean and beautiful. They are in urgent need of a boost, so please please do consider this seriously. The cleaning is normally done every Saturday from 8-9am, and will re-start once the church is open.

**Youth Club Helpers:** There are occasionally not enough male and female helpers available to viably run the club, which normally meets every fortnight at 6.30pm on Sundays. If you can spare one or two hours once a month, please consider volunteering for this very worthy service to our parish and especially the future of the Church.

# St Joseph's Virtual Choir!

Last week we launched our very own virtual choir...  
Please see the info below if you would still like to sign up for our next piece and did not get the chance to sign up before:

This will be open to anyone regardless of musical ability or experience. You can just sing the melody or, if you want a challenge, choose the voice part that suits you best.

Please register your interest by filling out the google form by scanning the QR code or copying this link into your browser:  
<https://forms.gle/dPFAXMHEz5kBrQyW6>



If you have any further questions please contact:  
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## PROCEDURES during NORMAL TIMES

**FOR APPOINTMENTS** & enquiries, please contact the Parish Office **only during office hours** - see bottom of front page - unless it's an urgent matter. Any items for the **BULLETIN** need to be received by Tuesday at the very latest. Thank you.

**WEDDINGS:** Please make sure you give us at least 6 months' notice when applying to get married in a Catholic Church.

**BAPTISMS:** Usually these take place on the 1st Saturday of the month, but other dates can be agreed should there be the need. Please ring the Parish Office for enquiries.

**REQUESTING A MASS INTENTION:** If you know the date you would like a Mass Intention for, please request it as far ahead as possible, and we will endeavour to accommodate the date asked for. If an urgent need for prayer arises, we will do our best to shift an existing Intention, with the agreement of the donor of course.

**MASS INTENTIONS & SHRINE LAMP INTENTIONS:** envelopes are available at the back of church. Please return via the Presbytery letter box or hand to one of the clergy.

**WEBSITE:** If your parish group's details need mentioning / updating on our website please email: [newmalDENparishwebeditor@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:newmalDENparishwebeditor@rcaos.org.uk).

**BILLINGS NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING:** for confidential time with our Parish's Natural Family Planning advisers, who are also involved in our Marriage Preparation Programmes, please ring Dymphna on 07775 163693 for an appointment.

**SVP (ST VINCENT DE PAUL):** Our Parish SVP can now be additionally contacted at: [SVPNewMalden@gmail.com](mailto:SVPNewMalden@gmail.com). Please get in touch if you or anyone you know needs practical or spiritual help, giving both your details and those of the person/s concerned.

**CANDLES IN CHURCH:** Please **NEVER** leave lighted candles in church - **these are a fire hazard!** You can light only Votive Candles provided at the Shrines & for Adoration.

**PLEASE MAKE SURE CHILDREN ARE SUPERVISED** when in church. Please do not let them wander about unattended as it is disrespectful and possibly dangerous as there are always lighted candles in church.

## From our Diocesan Safeguarding Office

### *Reporting abuse*

*If you are concerned about the welfare of a child or adult at risk, do not delay in contacting the police, using 999 if a child or adult is believed to be in immediate danger.*

*It is the policy of the Catholic Church in England and Wales to report all allegations of abuse to statutory authorities, regardless of whether the abuse occurred recently or in the past, or whether the accused person is living or deceased.*

*If you are in any role within the Catholic Church in England and Wales, you must refer allegations directly to the safeguarding office for your diocese or religious congregation, or directly to the Police.*

*If you are a member of the public, please refer allegations directly to the police and also to the safeguarding office in your diocese. You can contact the Archdiocese of Southwark Safeguarding Office by phoning 020 7261 1606 or email: [safeguardingoffice@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:safeguardingoffice@rcaos.org.uk).*