

St Joseph's Catholic Church



1 Montem Road, New Malden, Surrey KT3 3QW Sunday 25th July 2021 catholicnewmalden.org 020 8942 2602 Seventeenth Ordinary Sunday (B)

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 26th 10am Mass SS Joachim & Anna, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Memorial) *

Tuesday 27th 10am Mass Feria

Wednesday 28th 10am Mass

Thursday 29th St Martha (Memorial) * 10am Mass

Friday 30th 10am Mass Feria, or St Peter Chrysologus, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Saturday 31st 10am Mass St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest (*Memorial*) *

READINGS AT MASS

Sundays Year B; Weekdays cycle 1

This Sun: 2 Kings 4:42-44; Ephesians 4:1-6; John 6:1-15 **M**. Ecclesiasticus 44:1,10-15; Matthew 13:16-17 *

T. Ex 33:7-11; 34:5-9,28; Matt 13:36-43

W. Exodus 34:29-35; Matt 13:44-46

T. Ex 40:16-21,34-38; John 11:19-27 *

F. Leviticus 23:1,4-11,15-16,27,34-37; Matthew 13:54-58

S. 1 Corinthians 10:31 - 11:1; Luke 14:25-33 *

Next Sun: Exodus 16:2-4,12-15; Ephesians 4:17,20-24; John 6:24-35 Eighteenth Ordinary Sunday (B)

COLLECTIONS last weekend: Gift Aid Standing Orders £ 1,189 +Gift Aid weekly envelopes £ 342 +Cash £ 241 + Card £ 205

Parish total £ 1,977

IN TODAY'S GOSPEL FROM JOHN, we

hear the very familiar story of when Jesus fed so many with just 5 loaves and 2 fish - The Feeding of the Five Thousand. He was still being followed everywhere he went by great numbers of people, impressed by the signs he gave and his curing of the sick. Jesus, again touched by compassion for them, used the humble offerings of the young boy to turn them into enough food to feed the multitude of



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people sitting on the hill, having listened attentively to what he had to say. We are told that not only was there enough to feed everyone, but that there were 12 baskets of scraps left over. During the offertory at Mass, the bread and wine we present are gifts, given to us first by God as grain and fruit, and then returned to God in our offering of thanksgiving. God in turn transforms our gifts, making this bread and wine the very Body and Blood of Jesus. We also offer ourselves in this exchange, and we, too, are transformed by the Eucharist.

THIS WEEKEND sees the return of the printed bulletin for all who would like to take a copy home! They are also available for those who are still delivering some copies, to save printing them at home. Please take a copy for yourself on your way out of church, and for anybody who may need one.

NB. Next weekend's bulletin will be the Summer Bumper - any items to be included need to be sent to Agnes by Tuesday 27th at the very latest. Thank you.

MASS INTENTIONS: Sun (Sat) 6pm In Thanksgiving for all the Parish Stewards, 9.30 Tony Sheehan RIP, 11.30 Maria Luzia de Castro Alecrim RIP, 5.30 People of the Parish; Mon. 10. Braz Joseph Desa RIP; Tue. 10. Teresa Wright RIP; Wed. 10. Paul Fagan - Special Intention; Thurs. 10. Les Schever RIP; Fri. 10. Simon Prinsloo RIP; Sat. 10. Janja Lovric RIP & W'being of Mirko & Cela Covickovic; Next Sun (Sat) 6pm Wellbeing of Matthew Cruickshank, 9.30 Brian Rispoli RIP, 11.30 People of the Parish, 5.30 Martin Fitzpatrick RIP.

SHRINE LAMPS this week: **St Joseph:** Wellbeing of Joan Hale & Rita O'Connell **St Therese / St John Fisher:** Wellbeing of Ann Lambe, Michael Brown & Eileen Kaye **Sacred Heart:** Wellbeing of Maria White

St Pius X: W'being of Matthew Cruickshank

St Thomas More / St Anthony: Tong Yim Yong RIP

FLOWER ARRANGERS - our current small but amazing team could do with more volunteers, especially with the resumption of weddings etc. **PLEASE** have a think about it and if you can help drop us a line at the parish email address, or give us a call. You would be on a rota so you would only be on duty once a month. You would be exercising a very rewarding and enjoyable activity, appreciated by all at St Joseph's. Many thanks.

**LIVE STREAMING OF MASSES FROM ST JOSEPH'S

Although we now have Masses back physically in church, we will still be live-streaming a daily Mass, for those who cannot be in church.

Streamed Masses will be the 10am Mass from Mon - Sat, and the Sun 11.30am Mass. https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCETxMGsRdJ1GdpsZmaxlFGQ

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SAINTS COMMEMORATED THIS WEEK

ST ANNA & ST JOACHIM - Monday 26th July - An ancient tradition going back at least to the 2nd century, gives these names to the parents of the Virgin Mary. The cult of St Anna became popular in the 6th century in the East, and in the 10th century in the West, where she is the patron saint of Brittany; Joachim was added a long time later – too often the fate of fathers!

Joachim and Anna are known to us from the extra-biblical Protoevangelium of St. James. **They are not mentioned in the Bible at all**. Given the preeminent holiness of the Virgin Mother of God, however, it follows that her parents are apportioned a special role in salvation history.

What, after all, could be more important than the parents who brought up the Virgin Mary to be the woman she was? At the moment of consenting to the Incarnation she took the most important decision ever taken by any human being, and the fact that she took it is, to a great extent, the work of her parents. The Holy Spirit gave her the strength to take the decision; but her parents' training gave her the wisdom to choose.

Those of us who have children must seek to bring them up to the best of our ability, to meet challenges that, like Anna and Joachim, we have no way of even imagining. (Excerpt from Universalis)

ST IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA (1491 - 1556) - Saturday 31st July - Ignatius (or Iñigo) was born in Loyola in the Spanish Basque country. He was a soldier, but was wounded in the battle of Pamplona (against the French) at the age of 30. During a long convalescence he read a life of Christ and a collection of lives of the saints, and discovered that his true vocation was to devote his life wholly to God. He was as systematic about this as he had been about his military career: he spent a year's retreat in a Dominican friary, made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem, and then set about learning Latin.

Such enthusiasm in a layman caused grave suspicion in the Spanish authorities, and he was questioned and imprisoned more than once. He moved to Paris in 1528 and continued his studies; and then in 1534 Ignatius and six companions bound themselves to become missionaries to the Muslims in Palestine. By the time they were ready to set out, war made the journey impossible and so the group (now numbering ten) offered their services to the Pope in any capacity he might choose. A number of them were duly ordained and they were all assigned to various tasks.

Soon it was proposed that they should organise themselves into a regular religious order, and in 1540 the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits) was formed. Ignatius was the first Superior General until his death. Soon after their foundation the Jesuits began to meet the challenge of the Reformation: a tough task, given the debilitated state into which the Church had fallen, but one which, as Ignatius said, had to be undertaken "without hard words or contempt for people's errors".

Ignatius had a gift for inspiring friendship, and was the recipient of deep spiritual insight. Soon after his conversion Ignatius wrote the Spiritual Exercises, a systematic step-by-step retreat that can be followed by anyone – and has been followed by many, not all of them Catholics, ever since. (*Universalis*)

ANNUAL CATHEDRAL MARRIAGE MASS - Are you celebrating your 1st, 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or any later wedding anniversary this year? Or did you last year? If so, Archbishop John invites you to join him in celebrating a Mass for married couples at 3pm on Saturday October 9 at St George's Cathedral. You need to book in advance and by doing so you will then receive a personal written invitation from Archbishop John. To book or for more details email mflsw@rcaos.org.uk.

VOLUNTEER CHAPLAINS AT KINGSTON HOSPITAL - Are you able to give some time on a Sunday or mid-week to help spread the love of Jesus? There are patients in hospital who are often lonely and to whom receiving Holy Communion would make a huge impact to their life. As a volunteer chaplain at Kingston Hospital you can really make a difference and each exchange with each patient is rewarding and special. If you are interested please email the Parish Office or call 07488 241753.

KINGSTON STREET PASTORS are a group of Christians, Caring for, Listening to and Helping the night time users of Kingston Town Centre on Friday and Saturday nights. Please visit <u>streetpastors.org</u> for more info, and read their newsletters on our parish website and display screens.

ST MARY'S UNIVERSITY, TWICKENHAM - Would you like to consider joining the 5,500 students studying undergraduate and postgraduate courses at St Mary's University, Twickenham, your local Catholic university? It is very highly ranked for employability and student satisfaction. Find out more at our website - stmarys.ac.uk. Alternatively, you can ask us a question at student.recruitment@stmarys.ac.uk.

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