

St Joseph's Catholic Church



1 Montem Road, New Malden, Surrey KT3 3QW Sunday 7th February 2021

catholicnewmalden.org Fifth Ordinary Sunday (B)

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

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

WEEKDAY MASSES ***

Monday 8th Feb *** 10am Mass Feria, or St Jerome Emiliani, or St Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

Tuesday 9th 10am Mass Feria

Wednesday 10th 10am Mass St Scholastica, Virgin (Memorial)

Thursday 11th 10am Mass Feria, or Our Lady of Lourdes

Friday 12th *** 10am Mass Feria

Saturday 13th 10am Mass Feria, orThe Blessed Virgin Mary

*** see top of page 2 for more.

READINGS AT MASS

Sundays Year B; Weekdays cycle 1 This Sun: Job 7:1-7; 1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23; Mark 1:29-39

M. Genesis 1:1-19; Mark 6:53-56

T. Genesis 1:20 - 2:4; Mark 7:1-13 W. Genesis 2:4-9,15-17; Mark 7:14-23

T. Genesis 2:18-25; Mark 7:24-30

F. Genesis 3:1-8; Mark 7:31-37

S. Genesis 3:9-24; Mark 8:1-10 **Next Sun**: Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46;

1 Cor 10:31 - 11:1; Mark 1:40-45 Sixth Ordinary Sunday (B)

Shrine Lamp Intentions

Our Lady: Roberts' Family Intentions; Wellbeing of Joan Hale Sacred Heart: In Thanksgiving St Joseph: The Connolly Family St Pius X: Rita O'Connell's Wellbeing St Therese/St John Fisher: Brenda Corrie's Wellbeing St Thomas More/St Anthony: Anthony Bellino RIP

POPE'S FEBRUARY PRAYER INTENTION

We pray with Pope Francis for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

MONDAY 9th is a DAY of PRAYER for VICTIMS of TRAFFICKING

On February 8th each year, Pope Francis calls an International Day of Prayer for Awareness Against Human Trafficking on the Feast Day of St Josephine Bakhita, who was kidnapped and sold into slavery at the age of 7. After she was freed in Italy years later, she became a Nun and has since emerged as a patron for all victims of trafficking. St Bakhita's legacy remains in the work undertaken by the local anti-trafficking groups around the world.

O God, who led Saint Josephine Bakhita from abject slavery to the dignity of being your daughter and a bride of Christ,

Grant, we pray, that by her example, we may show constant love for the Lord Jesus crucified, remaining steadfast in charity and prompt to show compassion. Through Christ our Lord.



THURSDAY 11th FEBRUARY - The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes & WORLD DAY of the SICK. This year's theme: 'You have but one teacher and you are all brothers'. (Mt 23:8), calls for a trust-based relationship of personal encounter to guide care for the sick. The Holy Father not only calls for closeness between those suffering from illness and those that care for them, but also highlights the fact that humanity cannot expect to be well in a world that is sick. For example, the pandemic has shown that inequalities exist across the world: those in poor countries are unlikely to have swift access to COVID-19 vaccines or relief of poverty. However, the outbreak of the Coronavirus has also highlighted the generosity and kindness of healthcare professionals, priests, religious and volunteers. To read the Pope's message for this day, please click here.

MASS INTENTIONS: Sun (Sat) 6pm John Richard Wright RIP; 9.30 Fr Frank RIP & Fr Michael RIP; 11.30 Lisa Ashdown RIP, 5.30 People of the Parish; Mon. 10. James & Betty Booth RIP; Tue. 10. Frederick Dance RIP; Recovery of Michael Connolly; Wed. 10. In Thanksgiving; 10. Luigi Cangi RIP; Fri. 10. Bridget Barnes RIP; Sat. 10. Jackie Cook RIP; Next Sun (Sat) 6pm Peggy Wright RIP; 9.30 Peter & Bridget McElhinney RIP, **11.30** People of the Parish, **5.30** Mr D Maharaj RIP.

> Request a Mass Intention by emailing: newmaldenparishmassintentions@rcaos.org.uk.

**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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> The PARISH OFFICE is officially closed but you can still contact us via the email address above or by calling 07488 241753 between 10am ~ 1pm

PARISH NEWS

WELCOME BACK FR UCHE! We thank God that Fr Uche has managed to have his well-earned break and is now back at the presbytery. Of course the government and diocesan guidelines state that he has to have a period of isolation. During that time, we also give a **great welcome to Fr Ignatius and Fr Joseph** from Our Lady Immaculate Church, Tolworth, who have agreed to cover our Masses, for which we are immensely grateful. We assure them both of our support and prayers for the service they are providing for us.

SACRAMENTAL UPDATE

BAPTISMS - We hope to start accepting Baptism enquiries as soon as circumstances permit, so please email the parish office in a few weeks' time, when things will hopefully have improved.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021 - This year's programme is set to start in March

- of course most, if not all the sessions will take place via Zoom. The Application forms are
- now available on our website by clicking <u>here</u>. Children applying have to be currently in
- School Year 3 or above. More info on the form itself.



CONFIRMATION 2021 - The programme started last <u>Thursday 4th February</u> with the Parents' Information Evening. The first Confirmation Session for the candidates is on Friday 26th February at 7pm.

*** **CHURCH OPENING** - We continue to review our counter measures against the Covid19 Pandemic and the availability of stewards weekly, and we are pleased to report that St Joseph's is still open to the public for **all weekend Masses** and **all 10am weekday Masses**, **apart from Mondays & Fridays, when Mass will be**<u>live-streamed only.</u> We thank our committed stewards and parishioners for their co-operation, enabling the celebration of Mass to continue taking place safely.

ST JOSEPH'S ONLINE PRAYER GROUPS

With no immediate end in sight to the current pandemic we find ourselves in, our online groups are still going on, offering support to many parishioners who would otherwise feel more detached and lonely. All groups meet using Zoom (video calling). New ID and passwords are given prior to each group's meeting. For further information and details on how to use the Zoom code, please contact **Anne D'Silva** at **annedsilva@rcaos.org.uk**. Please click <a href="https://example.com/here-to-passwords-new-to-password

THE SVP IS HERE FOR YOU

The St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) at St. Joseph's is part of an international Catholic organisation working through small groups in parishes across the world. We aim to provide practical help and friendship wherever it is needed for people of all faiths and none. The COVID virus has made life harder for everyone, especially for those living alone. When you don't know who to turn to, SVP members can provide help in various ways, such as:

Shopping for the housebound or those who need to isolate

Telephone befriending – regular calls to have a chat

Telephone reading service – your favourite books or poetry read to you over the phone

Transport for hospital appointments

Delivering the church newsletter to your home

If you or someone you know in New Malden would welcome some assistance from the SVP, please let us know by telephoning **07507 241518** or via St Joseph's Parish office: 1 Montem Road New Malden KT3 3QW Tel. **07488 241753** or **020 8942 2602.** (We can also be reached by email to svpnewmalden@gmail.com)

All our members have been police checked and help is provided to people of all faiths and none.

If you do not wish to receive information to your home from St. Joseph's Church please advise the parish office.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE BULLETIN

Can You Help Please? Would you be able to print up to 5 copies of the Parish Newsletter and deliver them to our housebound and non-internet parishioners in your area? This would be a wonderful way to keep in touch with all of our parish family. If you can help please email Agnes on agnesvella@rcaos.org.uk in the Parish Office with your name and contact details. Thank you all very much.

POPE FRANCIS DECLARES YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

In a new Apostolic Letter entitled Patris Corde ('With a Father's Heart'), Pope Francis has proclaimed a special 'Year of St Joseph' which began on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception 2020 and extends to the feast in 2021. The Letter marks the 150th anniversary of Blessed Pope Pius IX's declaration of St Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. The Holy Father wrote 'Patris Corde' against the backdrop of the Covid-19 pandemic, which, he says, has helped us see more clearly the importance of



"ordinary" people who, though far from the limelight, exercise patience and offer hope every day. In this, they resemble Saint Joseph, "the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence," who nonetheless played "an incomparable role in the history of salvation." Please click on these links for more: and http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/papa-francesco-lettera-ap_20201208_patriscorde.html. St Joseph, Pray for us.

DIOCESAN MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE NEWS

BUILDING A BETTER MARRIAGE - Dear Husband & Wife, You are invited to give each other a gift by spending March 13 online between 10am and 1pm exploring and improving your relationship. The event is entitled 'Building A Better Marriage'. It will provide you with valuable insights into your communication skills and the call of the Church to the married. Please note that there is no group sharing. This is not marriage counselling but a chance to make average-to-good marriages a bit better. That applies whether you have been married five years or 50. Booking is essential: telephone 07983 524 727 or email mflkent@rcaos.org.uk. Recent 'Building a Better Marriage' courses attracted the following comments from married couples who logged on: 'The topics were chosen well and we could really relate to them: The personal stories you shared were very insightful and helped us to reflect on our own relationships more deeply... It was relaxed and you put us at ease, being friendly and personable... We thoroughly enjoyed attending the course.'

ANNUAL MARRIAGE MASS

We hope the annual diocesan Mass for couples celebrating special wedding anniversaries will take place as usual at St George's Cathedral on July 10 but it is of course Covid dependent.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES

For 2021 dates please contact Agnes in the parish office on 07488 241753 or email newmalden@rcaos.org.uk.

FROM OUR DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING OFFICE - The government have launched the "Ask for ANI" codeword scheme in partnership with Boots and independent pharmacies across the country. Those who are victim to or at risk of domestic abuse can ask for ANI and a safe space will be provided, by a trained pharmacist, to allow the individual to access support services and helplines. Where the victim is at risk of harm, the police and other relevant authorities may be contacted.

This scheme is especially useful in helping those who are isolated at home with their abuser and unable to access help. Please share this with anyone you know who may need help.

Please click here for more information on the government website: https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ pharmacies-launch-codeword-scheme-to-offer-lifeline-to-domestic-abuse-victims

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL CHOIR SCHOOL 2X CHORISTER SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SEPTEMBER 2021

Two scholarships now available, with up to 100% off fees, for boys showing musical promise, who will be starting in Year 4 in September 2021 (i.e. currently in Year 3). The application is really easy – a brief video call on Zoom! This is a fantastic local opportunity for Catholic families with a boy who loves to sing. Please contact Lucy Auger lauger@choirschool.com or call 0207 798908 for further information.

New Diocesan Paypal Account

Please access <u>our new donation page here</u>, from our website or this QR Code When you donate you will be given an option to add a note, so please state there what the donation is for, eg. church donation, Mass Intention, Christmas Offering etc. Please email <u>agnesvella@rcaos.org.uk</u> or call 07488 241753 if you have any queries. Many thanks.



Think you need to go to A&E? Think NHS 111 First

If you need urgent, but not life-threatening care, call NHS 111 before turning up to an emergency department. If, following a conversation with



NHS 111, it is appropriate for you to attend the emergency department you may be scheduled a time to attend. Thinking NHS 111 First will also help you get to the most appropriate service when you may not have to attend the emergency department. This could include self-care or a slot at your GP practice, a GP hub or a nearby Urgent Treatment Centre. You can still go to ED and UTC without calling ahead but thinking "NHS 111 First" will mean:

- · shorter waiting times via a booked slot at the emergency department or another appropriate service;
- · safe social distancing away from busy emergency department waiting rooms to protect you and others from COVID-19.

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.

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: <u>SVPNewMalden@gmail.com</u>. 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.

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.

MESSAGE FROM SPUC

Respond to Department of Health consultation to stop home abortions!

The Department of Health is holding a public consultation on whether to continue the practice of allowing abortion providers to send abortion pills to women so that they can perform their own abortion at home. We need as many pro-life people as possible to complete the Department of Health's questionnaire in order to help stop dangerous DIY abortions becoming permanent. SPUC has prepared a briefing which gives a step by step guide to completing the consultation questionnaire.

To register your response please visit https://www.spuc.org.uk/Get-Involved/Campaigns/England-DIY-Abortion-Consultation The consultation ends on 26 February 2021.

URGENTLY NEEDED IN THE PARISH

<u>Caretakers</u>: If there are any ablebodied 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 Agnes in the Parish Office by email or on 07488 241753.

Cleaners: As many of you may 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.

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.