

## St Joseph's Catholic Church

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### Parish Office

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### **Parish Office opening hours**

*The office will be open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, from 9am to 2pm.*

### **Church opening hours:**

*Daily from 8am to dusk'ish!*

## Coming to Mass

It is a wonderful blessing that so many people are returning to Mass on Sunday.

Please remember to allow time to park, queue and register your attendance in order for Mass to commence in a calm, timely and prayerful atmosphere.

Also you may come into Mass and exit at either end of the church, hopefully this will reduce bottle necks.

## Relaxing Restrictions

The virus has not gone away of course, and so we will continue to encourage hand sanitation and the wearing of face coverings at busier Masses, even though that may not be a legal requirement.

The 2 side aisles of the church will continue to have socially distanced seating, for the benefit of the more vulnerable or more nervous.

To meet the requirements of Track and trace you are required to check in for Sunday Masses either via the NHSApp or by informing the welcomers.

Should you arrive at Sunday Mass and there are no welcomers please scan in or add your name to the register which can be found at either end of the

**Calling all existing altar servers:** you are all welcome to return to altar serving starting this weekend.

Please remember to come to the sacristy **at least** 20 minutes before Mass wearing smart school shoes.

## 12th September 2021 Education Sunday

### 'Who do you say that I am'?

This weekend marks the 20th anniversary of 9/11.—the horror of that day seems as vivid now as those many years ago. Still we live with the far reaching consequences of those events. One of the first to lose his life in the rescue effort at the Twin Towers was Fr Michael Judge, a

Catholic priest and chaplain to the New York Fire Department. Fr Michael like so many of the emergency and rescue services was running into the danger zone not from it—something that almost runs counter to our human instinct for self-preservation. Yet we know that there are times and moments that have a deeper claim on us—more than life itself. It is not restricted to people of faith yet faith offers a particular focus and shape to what and who this claim is. In the Gospel Jesus lays it out: 'anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the Gospel will save it.'

The question Jesus poses is the most personal and profound. No question has a greater consequence for our life—'who do you say that I am?' No question is more worthy of our living and dying for. When we allow this question to shape our life, determine our priorities, we like Fr Michael and his colleagues are running into the danger zone and here we discover the truest meaning of life and love—Christ Jesus.

As we begin a new academic year at school and new chapters and horizons open up to us all let us not be afraid but trust in Him.

Please be assured of my prayers,  
God bless you, Fr Simon

Offertory collection last weekend £369 of which £164 was gift aided. We are now able to accept card donations, there is a device by the side door of the church. Offertory baskets are available at either end of the church.

Weekly Timetable		
*Event streamed via Zoom, contact us for joining details		
Sat 11th September	Mass 9.30am Exposition/ confessions 10-11am  Confessions 5-5.45pm 6pm Mass	Celebrants Ints  Hilda Peters RIP
Sun 12th Sept Education Sunday	8am Mass  10am Mass*	Tony & Mary Casey Ints For all Parishioners
Tuesday 14th Sept Exaltation of the Holy Cross	9.30am Mass	Pam Greenfield Ints
Wed 15th Sept Our Lady of Sorrows	9.30am Mass	Maria Rambona RIP
Thurs 16th Sept Ss Cornelius & Cyprian	6.30pm –7.30pm Adoration 7.30pm Mass	Cosette des Minvielle Devaux RIP
Friday 17th Sept	9.30am Mass	Fr Mike Gwinne RIP
Sat 18th Sept Our Lady on Saturday	Mass 9.30am Exposition/ confessions 10-11am  Confessions 5-5.45pm 6pm Mass	Celebrants Ints  Private Ints
Sun 19th Sept Twenty Fifth Sunday of the Year	8am Mass  10am Mass*	Jean & Tony Golden wedding Ints  For all Parishioners

**We pray for** those who have recently died.  
We also pray for the sick, especially Cliff Charlesworth, Bob & Maria Adams and Maureen & Nigel Paul. We keep in touch with and pray for the housebound and isolated and those who care for them.

**The Diocese and St John's Seminary, Wonersh retreat: October 11th –14th exploring spiritual direction and spiritual traditions.**  
This retreat, studies the nature of this vocation, explores the Benedictine, Cistercian, Franciscan, Ignatian and Carmelite traditions and offers the opportunity to be on retreat in the beautiful setting of St John's Seminary before its closure.  
For more information or to register your interest, please contact Jon Harman, formation team  
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**Churches Together in Dorking:**  
Members of CTD all pray for one church, congregation, organisation or initiative each week on a rota.  
This week we are praying for the community of the Pentecostal Church of Christ

Please come and join us for our re-opening on Monday 13th September. Little Stars is a stay and play group for 0-5 year olds.



**When – Mondays**  
**Time – 9:30am to 11am**  
**Where – Main Hall, St Joseph's Church,**  
**Cost - £1.50 per family**

Due to COVID, things will be a little different to start with. We will still be offering tea and coffee to parents/carers but ask that you please bring your own travel mugs/cups.  
We are still looking for volunteers to take over the group, so if you'd be interested please contact us via Facebook or come along on Monday to have a chat.

**Welcome to all those visiting our church**  
**There is coffee after the 10am Sunday Mass in the Parish Hall: you are welcome to join us for coffee and catch up after Mass. If you are new to the parish please ask a welcomer for a parish registration form.**  
  
Exit church via side door and the hall is opposite.  
Toilets are available in the parish hall or there is an outside toilet next to the house.

**The ecumenical celebration of the 2021 Season of Creation—themed “A home for all? Renewing the Oikos of God”—runs from 1 September, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, through 4 October, the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology.**

Pope Francis has called on Catholics to take action for our common home during the Season of Creation. In the Pope Video for the month of September, he encourages everyone to question the way we live, and to turn “towards lifestyles that are simpler and more respectful of the environment.” <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope.html>

for more information have a look at <https://laudatosimovement.org/seasonofcreation/>

# SUNDAY PLUS

Who am I?

## In season and out of season



by Fr Maurice O'Mahony C.Ss.R.

St Paul, in his second letter to Timothy, writes: "Preach the Gospel in season or not, welcome or unwelcome". It seems there is no optimum time to proclaim Jesus and the Gospel. Yes, for many people in every generation the proclamation of God's love and the promise of salvation is "Good News". Equally, there is often opposition.

Jesus experienced similar responses during his public ministry. His time was dominated by two powerful groups: the Romans who ruthlessly occupied the land, and the religious leaders who exercised great power over the people. Yet, Jesus was not discouraged; he proclaimed the coming reign of God with a clear, challenging message: repent and change your lives!

Jesus maintained a low profile during those early days, protecting the message and giving it time to root in his first followers. However,

everything about him led many to believe he might be the Messiah. That is why he asked his disciples, "Who do people say I am?" and followed it with a personal challenge, "But you... who do you say I am?" Then and now, that answer made the difference.

The people among whom he ministered made the link between Jesus and the prophecy of Isaiah. The religious authorities also heard about him, his activities and, alarmingly, what the people were saying. Jesus knew these two worlds would eventually collide

and he told his disciples that he would be handed over, suffer and be put to death.

We are Jesus' disciples in 2021. Many are indifferent, even hostile, to faith. Yet, Jesus calls us to share the message. It is our privilege to act in his name, in season or not, welcome or unwelcome. So, be courageous!

*Fr Maurice P. O'Mahony is a Redemptorist priest of the London Province. Over forty years of priesthood he has worked in a variety of apostolates and is currently developing Redemptorist Lay Ministry.*

"The love of God is not something vague or generic; the love of God has a name and a face: Jesus Christ."

Pope Francis

## Calvary is a beginning

by Phil Ferguson

Wildfires raged throughout many tree-covered areas of the world during the hot summer months and severe drought of 2020. Hosepipe bans and standpipes became a daily event for thousands of householders as fire brigades heroically tried to extinguish flames and, paradoxically, to keep their use of water to a minimum. Farmers watched helplessly as huge cracks appeared in their dry fields and thirsty crops withered and died.

Many television documentaries covered not only the drought and wildfire experiences but also flooding, hurricanes and earthquakes, all possibly effects of climate change.

Time and again, seemingly "ordinary" people showed themselves capable of extraordinary courage, generosity and self-sacrifice. Their Calvary was a beginning, not an end.

Feast of the week  
Tuesday 14 September

## Triumph of the cross

The young Emperor Constantine was heading out to fight the Battle of the Milvian Bridge (AD 312) when he looked up towards the sun and saw a cross of light above it and the words, "In this sign, you will conquer." That night, according to tradition, he had a vision in which Jesus explained the meaning of the sign, which Constantine ordered his army to make its military standard. He subsequently always claimed that his victory in battle the following day

was the result of his vision of the cross.

Soon afterwards, Constantine became the first Christian Roman Emperor. In 313, he issued the Edict of Milan which allowed Christianity to be freely practised.

With the conversion of her son, Constantine's mother, Helena, soon also became a Christian. On his instructions – and with his money – she travelled to the Holy Land in search of Calvary, the Holy Sepulchre and the remains of "the True Cross". She believed she found all three, but Helena's enormous contribution to early Christianity is another story...

All was not lost. Within days of the first rainfall following devastating wildfires, blackened woodland started to turn green. Tiny blades of grass emerged through the parched soil. Bit by bit, the world started to change. In seeing endings, we discovered new life.

*Phil Ferguson is a former teacher.*

Lord, when times are hard, it can be difficult to see that you offer a choice. If I can see who you really are and follow you in everything that I say, think and do, even my Calvary can be a new beginning and the start of a journey of discovery.  Amen.

Today:  
Isaiah 50:5-9  
James 2:14-18  
Mark 8:27-35

Monday:  
1 Timothy 2:1-8  
Luke 7:1-10

Tuesday:  
Numbers 21:4-9  
Philippians 2:6-11  
John 3:13-17

Wednesday:  
Hebrews 5:7-9  
John 19:25-27  
or Luke 2:33-35

Thursday:  
1 Timothy 4:12-16  
Luke 7:36-50

Friday:  
1 Timothy 6:2-12  
Luke 8:1-3

Saturday:  
1 Timothy 6:13-16  
Luke 8:4-15

Next Sunday:  
Wisdom 2:12, 17-20  
James 3:16 – 4:3  
Mark 9:30-37

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

*Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,  
that your prophets be found true.  
Hear the prayers of your servant,  
and of your people Israel.*

**COLLECT**

Look upon us, O God,  
Creator and ruler of all things,  
and, that we may feel the working of your mercy,  
grant that we may serve you with all our heart.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.  
*Amen.*

**FIRST READING** Isaiah 50:5-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.  
The Lord has opened my ear.  
For my part, I made no resistance,  
neither did I turn away.  
I offered my back to those who struck me,  
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;  
I did not cover my face  
against insult and spittle.  
The Lord comes to my help,  
so that I am untouched by the insults.  
So, too, I set my face like flint;  
I know I shall not be shamed.  
My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings  
against me?  
Then let us go to court together.  
Who thinks he has a case against me?  
Let him approach me.  
The Lord is coming to my help,  
who dare condemn me?  
The word of the Lord.  
*Thanks be to God.*

**PSALM** Psalm 114

**RESPONSE:** *I will walk in the presence of the Lord,  
in the land of the living.*

Or *Alleluia!*

1. I love the Lord for he has heard  
the cry of my appeal;  
for he turned his ear to me  
in the day when I called him. **R.**
2. They surrounded me, the snares of death,  
with the anguish of the tomb;  
they caught me, sorrow and distress.  
I called on the Lord's name.  
O Lord my God, deliver me! **R.**
3. How gracious is the Lord, and just;  
our God has compassion.  
The Lord protects the simple hearts;  
I was helpless so he saved me. **R.**
4. He has kept my soul from death,  
my eyes from tears  
and my feet from stumbling.  
I will walk in the presence of the Lord  
in the land of the living. **R.**

**SECOND READING** James 2:14-18

A reading from the letter of St James.  
Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a  
single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save  
him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes  
and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them,

"I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty," without giving  
them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is  
like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind: "You say you have  
faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith  
by showing you my good deeds – now you prove to me that you  
have faith without any good deeds to show."

The word of the Lord.  
*Thanks be to God.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Alleluia, alleluia!  
I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord;  
no one can come to the Father except through me.  
Alleluia!*

Or

*Alleluia, alleluia!  
The only thing I can boast about is the cross of our Lord,  
through whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the  
world.  
Alleluia!*

**GOSPEL** Mark 8:27-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.  
Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea  
Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, "Who  
do people say I am?" And they told him. "John the Baptist," they  
said, "others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets." "But you,"  
he asked, "who do you say I am?" Peter spoke up and said to  
him, "You are the Christ." And he gave them strict orders not to  
tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined  
to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief  
priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three  
days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking  
him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning  
and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, "Get  
behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way  
but man's."

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, "If  
anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself  
and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to  
save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake,  
and for the sake of the gospel, will save it."

The Gospel of the Lord.  
*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

Look with favour on our supplications, O Lord,  
and in your kindness accept these, your servants' offerings,  
that what each has offered to the honour of your name  
may serve the salvation of all.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
*Amen.*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

*How precious is your mercy, O God!  
The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your  
wings.*

Or

*The chalice of blessing that we bless  
is a communion in the Blood of Christ;  
and the bread that we break  
is a sharing in the Body of the Lord.*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

May the working of this heavenly gift, O Lord, we pray,  
take possession of our minds and bodies,  
so that its effects, and not our own desires,  
may always prevail in us.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
*Amen.*