

COVID 19

The Bishops of England and Wales have recently issued revised guidelines as we come out of Lockdown. Holy Communion continues to be recommended on the hand. However, outside of localities suffering high spikes of infections (which Greater Manchester is) those wishing to receive on the tongue are now recommended to wait until the end of the distribution of Holy Communion and receive on the tongue with the priest or deacon sanitising their hand after each communicant.

At St. Joseph's and Holy Family, Father Stephen is assessing the infection rate daily. At present, if you wish to receive Communion on the tongue you **MUST** inform whichever priest is celebrating the Mass *before* Mass begins. At the end of Communion those wishing to receive on the tongue will be invited to come forward. The priest, deacon or minister will sanitise their hands before and after giving Holy Communion for each person.

COMMENDED TO GOD

We hold in loving memory and prayers **Noelle Evans & Stella McGrath** who have died recently. May they rest in peace.

We extend to their families and friends our deepest sympathy at this sad and extremely difficult time.

Death is not extinguishing the light.

It is putting out the lamp because the dawn has come.

PAX CHRISTI JUNE ACTIONS FOR PEACE

- World Refugee Day is on 20th June. A day for us to consider how we welcome refugees in our communities.
- Remember in your prayers all those who suffer in prison for their beliefs and support what your local Amnesty International group is doing for such prisoners of conscience.
(22 June is the feast of St Thomas More)
- Pray for the Pope and all those who work in the Vatican. (29 June, feast of Saints Peter and Paul)

SPUC

Please meet your MP to lobby against
DIY abortion and assisted suicide

SPUC is holding a **Mass lobby of MPs on Friday 16 July or Saturday 17 July 2021.** We are asking pro-life supporters up and down the country to organise a meeting with their MP, at the MP's constituency office, on one of these dates. The DIY abortion policy is still in place, and there is a renewed threat of assisted suicide being legalised.

Please ask your MP to lobby the Health Secretary to **end DIY abortion.** Please ask your MP to **vote against assisted suicide.**

SPUC has produced dedicated briefings to help you lobby your MP. Please go to www.spuc.org.uk/MassLobby2021

MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART

Since the 16th century Catholic piety has assigned entire months to special devotions. The month of June is set apart for devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Devotion to the Sacred Heart is the celebration of God's love for us. The Sacred Heart is the symbol of the eternal love by which "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son". (Jn 3:16)

Sweet Heart of Jesus, Fount of Love and Mercy
Today we come, Thy blessing to implore
O touch our hearts, so cold and so ungrateful,
And make them, Lord, thine own for ever more.
Sweet Heart of Jesus we implore,
O make us love thee more and more.

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

Holy St. Joseph, You were a man of great hope and faith. You faced many difficult times in your life, fleeing into Egypt, caring and fearing for Mary and Jesus, you lived like us today in uncertain times. Your strength came from knowing that the power and faithfulness of God would always be constant.

Fill us with the confidence that you had in the Lord, Our God. Help us to know that God is close to us that He will deliver us from the trials and troubles we are now encountering.

May the light of the Lord give us hope. May it guide us every day of our lives and uniting our prayers with yours, may we be assured by the peace and joy of the

Lord, that will strengthen us in all our difficulties.

Holy St. Joseph, pray for us.

CAFOD

The G7 Summit is taking place in Cornwall now and the international climate talks will be in Scotland in November. As part of CAFOD's "Parliament in Your Parish", a group of St Joseph's parishioners, together with Father Woolley, recently met online with their MP, Mike Kane. They discussed the role our country might play in shaping a fairer, safer world. Mike is very committed to CAFOD'S views and actions and afterwards, his office issued this statement: "I am delighted to support CAFOD's 'Parliament in your Parish' initiative and this morning I met with parishioners from St Joseph's in Sale. We discussed a variety of vital issues; Climate Crisis, the amount and quality of UK's foreign aid, the availability of vaccines globally, debt, the role of children and young people in promoting true progress for our planet and what we must do to help all the world's people as we recover from the pandemic"

HOME SUPPORT - SVP

Reminder that the SVP have a dedicated phone number for anyone needing support – be it a regular phone call, help with shopping, lifts for hospital appointments, etc.

Please don't hesitate to call 07942 670277.

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Consider the postage stamp: its usefulness consists in the ability to stick to one thing till it gets there.

Josh Billings