



1. **Sacrament of Confirmation.** This coming Saturday we will be celebrating two more Confirmation Masses for another group of our young people. The Masses take place at 11.00 am and 3.00 pm. Please keep our Confirmation candidates in your prayers, on this important day and in the future. We will have confirmed almost 80 people over the past two weeks!

Please note – due to these extra Masses there will **not** be Confessions this Saturday – however, the 10.00 am parish Mass will be offered as usual. Confessions will be available on Sunday, 5.00 – 5.45 pm (during Adoration).

2. **New Parish Secretary.** We are pleased to announce that we have appointed a new Parish Secretary, Paget Jhugroo. **Paget will be in the Parish Office on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9.30 am until 12.30 pm.** Obviously, Paget will need a short time to get used to her new routines, but she will now become the first point of call for all routine matters such as booking Masses, requesting copies of certificates and so on. We are sure you will make her very welcome!

3. **Children's Liturgy.** We hope to be able to reconvene our Children's Liturgy (traditionally offered during Term time at the Sunday 9.30am Family Mass) starting in September, so long as COVID regulations permit. We would like to first gauge interest and are requesting parents of eligible children to complete and submit a brief registration form. Forms will be made available in the church foyer this Sunday and for the next few weeks. Please contact HGChildrensliturgy@gmail.com with any questions. This will be very much a 'new start' which will need lots of help and support to get it going. We will be sending more information very soon, so please keep an eye out for further updates!

4. **Stewards needed.** We are now appealing for stewards to help during the month of June. The 'Doodle' to sign up is below.

<https://doodle.com/poll/z87xyxmdkddadfk7>

Please note that, in the light of the updated Bishops' guidance (see below) we no longer require stewards at the 8.00 am Mass on Sundays, since numbers are low and can be self-regulating. We remain very grateful to all those who generously give of their time and effort to ensure we can keep the church open for Mass, and to make it a safe place for all.

May we also take this opportunity to encourage everyone to be sensitive in their use of the church when attending Mass. **Please make full use of the available space and ensure you sit at least one metre from any other household.** There is plenty of capacity in the church for everyone who wants to attend to do so safely – but please do be sensitive to others, and consider the feelings of those who may be more vulnerable. Thank you!

5. **Mass for the Feast of St. Josemaria Escriva.** A celebratory mass will be held in honour of St Josemaria Escriva's feast day on Saturday 26th of June 2021 at 12:30 at Holy Ghost Church. There will be a family picnic (with a priest available for confessions) on Wandsworth Common after the Mass. Current COVID-restrictions will apply. St Josemaria founded Opus Dei, an institution of the Catholic Church which teaches that everyone is called to holiness and that ordinary life is a path to sanctify. Pope John Paul II, who canonised him in 2002, declared Josemaria should be "counted among the great witnesses of Christianity".
6. **Gift Aid.** For those of you who use the Gift Aid envelopes for your weekly donations, **the new boxes of envelopes have arrived.** They run from June when the old boxes run out (apart from some spares). During the restrictions many parishioners have made out generous standing orders and these now make the larger part of the regular donations to the parish. However, for those who want to continue with

envelopes and would like to get their new set, please contact the Gift Aid organiser, Denis Cross, balhamgac@rcaos.org.uk, tel. 020 8682 0988, to arrange delivery. Please also tell him if you have been an envelope member and now have decided to change to standing order/bankers' payments.

With prayers and best wishes,

Fr Richard and Fr Giovanni