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Dear brothers and sisters,

As you will have learned, Fr. Peter Pajac SDB has been given a new appointment by his own Regional Superior. I am very conscious of the wonderful welcome that he has received at Holy Family and of all that he achieved in a very short time. His departure will be a source of sadness for everyone, but I know that you will keep in in your prayers as he takes on new responsibilities in Battersea.

The Salesian Community in Chertsey has been most generous in confirming that they are ready and willing to continue serving Holy Family. I know you will understand that, with one priest less in the community, this will be on a somewhat reduced basis.

The community will be able to provide for a Saturday Evening Mass at 6.00pm and a Sunday Morning Mass at 10.00, beginning next week (7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> August). Any requests for marriages and funerals will be overseen from St. Anne's, Chertsey. It will not be possible for the community to provide for a weekday Mass.

In order to facilitate this, the Chertsey parish will be making changes to their own Mass schedule, with the Saturday Evening Mass at Addlestone accommodating both communities and an adjustment to the Chertsey Mass times to facilitate the Sunday Morning Mass at Holy Family.

These arrangements will be reviewed in twelve months' time.

May I thank you for your understanding at this time. I know you will appreciate that, as with the Diocese, so the Salesian Province must also ensure the best possible provision for its parishes and communities. I know you will continue to work with Fr. John Dickson and the other members of the community in Chertsey. The collaboration across the two communities will, I am sure, bear much fruit.

With every Blessing,

*+Richard*