



CATHOLIC PARISH GUILDFORD

As the evenings are drawing in (much too quickly!) the Church invites us to begin a new Season of Prayer. (The year is divided into six periods of prayer: Autumn, Winter, Advent/Christmas; Lent, Easter and Summer).

During this **Autumn Season** we particularly invited to pray for:

Students and Teachers especially on the Education Day (2nd Sunday in September)

The Harvest, the Fruits of Human of Work, and the Reverent Use of Creation.

The Spread of the Gospel especially on Evangelii Gaudium Day (3rd Sunday in September) & on World Mission Day (penultimate Sunday in October)

Justice and Peace in the world especially on Harvest Fast Day (1st Friday in October)

Prisoners and their Families especially on the Day of Prayer for Prisoners and their Dependants (2nd Sunday in October) and during Prisons Week (2nd week in October)

All Victims of War especially on Remembrance Sunday (2nd Sunday in November)

Young People especially on Youth Day (Christ the King).

We will make sure to include these intentions in the Livestream Evening

Prayer each weekday at 6pm [Please join us by clicking here.](#)

PRAYER & LITURGY

MONDAY EVENING EXPOSITION & CONFESSIONS

Please note the Monday evening Liturgies at St. Pius resume this coming Monday - September 4th at 7.30pm.

PRAYER & PUB

The next meeting for "Prayer and Pub" is coming up this Wednesday 6th September - meeting as usual from 7pm for Holy Hour, 8pm for talk, and then off for refreshments. This session we will turn to discuss that essential gift in our Christian life: the theological virtue of Hope - the hope that Christ gives us against all despair.... something of which our world today is definitely in need!

CONSECRATION OF ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

This coming Friday - The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (September 8th) - is the Anniversary of the Consecration of St. Joseph's Church. This is a significant day in the life of the Church & St. Joseph's Community - Please do join us for the 10am Mass..

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Please keep in your prayers

Frank Roche (Funeral Mass on Tuesday 5th September at 10am at St Joseph's)

Rosaleen Wildey (Funeral Mass on Thursday 7th September at St Joseph's at 10am)

Dolores Regan (Funeral Mass on Tuesday 12th September at St Pius X at 10.30am)

SAVE THE DATE

A Parish Pilgrimage to the Shrine of our Lady of Consolation of West Grinstead will take place on Saturday, 7 October 2023. Please save the date and look out for further details coming soon

St MARY'S FLOWER TEAM

The Flower Teams do an amazing job enriching the celebration of Mass in the Churches - Thank you. Two of our lovely Flower team at St Mary's are stepping down, after many years' service, at the end of August. If you would like to join the Team - taking an occasional turn - please contact the office on 01483 562704. No previous experience is needed - as others will be willing to support and encourage you.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - STRICT DEADLINE OF 11TH SEPTEMBER

The next First Holy Communion preparation programme will begin in September 2023. The expectation is that children coming forward for First Holy Communion belong to families who actively share in the prayer and life of the parish. If your child is in Years 3 to 6 in September 2023 and is a baptised Catholic, please email fhc@cpg.church for a sign-up form.

FORMATION

ADVENTUROUS ACCOMPANIMENT - ONE MORE WEEK TO SIGN UP!

"We need a Church capable of walking at people's side... a church which accompanies them on their journey". Pope Francis calls for us to be initiated into the "art of accompaniment". As a community and individually, we can extend God's love to others and walk shoulder-to-shoulder with them in life and faith.

The Adventurous Accompaniment programme explores how to walk alongside people we encounter in life and faith - living out LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR AS YOURSELF. Join us over 6 weeks in September and October. This programme is aimed at anyone who wants to develop their skills as an accompanier (including all those involved in a ministry).

We are providing two offerings a week, both in-person, in St Joseph's Church Hall:

- Tuesday evenings, 7.30 pm (for a 7.45 pm start) - **Starting 12th September**, for six weeks
- Wednesday mornings, 10.45 am (for an 11 am start) - **Starting 13th September**, for six weeks

The sign-up form and more information can be found [here](#).

MORE JOINING THE RCIA COURSE

There has been even more interest in joining the Catholic Church - a

further five people this last week.

Our Guildford RCIA course, which commences this month, is the largest so far and we are close to having to call a limit on numbers. If you are still mulling it over whether to join, there are only a few days left to sign up. Each Autumn we run this course which explains Catholicism from the ground up and it leads many people into joining our Catholic family at Easter. It is a good place to ask questions and discuss important matters of life (and death!). There is no early commitment to becoming Catholic until later in the course.

Miss this one – there's always next year's!

MISSION

COMBONI FATHERS

Following last week's appeal the Comboni Fathers Frs Ruben and Mario have written "Please extend our sincerest gratitude to all your Parishioners for their prayers and generosity.... May the Lord reward you all with a hundredfold of blessings and graces."

STUDENT ACCOMODATION

Several Catholic Parents have been in touch from various parts of the country regarding students joining the University of Surrey. They are asking if their might be any accommodation available with Catholic Families, at least for a few week while their children find more permanent accommodation. If you would like to be put in touch please contact the Office - _office@cpg.church.

PACT JUST PEOPLE WORKSHOP

15 September or 25 October, 9am-1pm, online.

Discern the Lord's call to social justice as we join together to promote the Common Good in our communities, reflecting upon Scripture and Catholic Social Teaching through the lens of people affected by imprisonment. All are welcome, please [register here](#).

SAFEGUARDING

The [Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency \(CSSA\)](#) has commissioned the services of the [Social Care Institute for Excellence \(SCIE\)](#) to review the safeguarding policies and procedures of the Catholic Church. This work has now commenced.

To ensure that the review team take into consideration as many views as possible, people from across our Church community are encouraged to

complete the survey. The CSSA want to hear from individuals across all areas and levels within dioceses, parishes, religious life groups (RLGs), the Religious Life Safeguarding Service (RLSS), and victims and survivors, about their experiences of using existing safeguarding policies and practice guidance.

This is an opportunity to help shape the future of safeguarding within the Catholic Church and make representations where it is evident - or perceived - that current policies and procedures:

- are outdated
- contain gaps i.e. there isn't policy for a given situation
- are difficult to work with or interpret for other reasons.

Click here to contribute your views - the closing date for completed surveys is Thursday 31 August 2023.

FABRIC & FINANCE

PARISH KEYS

A last reminder for those who have not yet contacted the Parish office regarding signing for any Parish keys, you may hold or have access too. Please note that current Keyholders have given a commitment not to copy or share keys - if you need a key please contact the Parish Office - office@cpg.church. Thank you.

CPG LIVESTREAM

SUNDAY MASS ONLINE: 10.30am and 5pm

JOIN US FOR DAILY MASS ONLINE: Monday-Saturday - 10 am

EVENING PRAYER 6pm (Mon-Fri)

Please join us by [clicking here](#).

If you have any intentions that you would like the community to pray for: an anniversary, sick family member or friend, someone or something that can be included in the 6pm Evening Prayer Intercessions please email: office@cpg.church.

PARISH PRAYER

Looking into the signs of the times by the light of faith, almighty God, may we constantly devote ourselves to the service of the Gospel.

Keep us attentive to the needs of all, that, sharing their grief and pain, their joy and hope, we may faithfully bring them the good news of salvation and

go forward with them along the way of your Kingdom.
Through Christ our Lord
AMEN

NATIONAL EVENTS

SEASON OF CREATION 2023

Kevin Burr recommends a Series of reflections on-line from the Scottish Laity Association on Thursday evenings in September.

Details: <https://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/47832>

Booking: <https://forms.gle/7PtdpProL8MFDPa9>

Further details on the programme and presenters: https://drive.google.com/file/d/11pmYCyh2VTNkRIXfNOIQYTNF5A_1mKlK/view?usp=sharing