



## CATHOLIC PARISH GUILDFORD

### CORPUS CHRISTI

....The Eucharist is the high point of our lives. It is thanksgiving - The Thanksgiving. It is the Sacrifice of Calvary, the once-and-for-all sacrifice through which our Saviour saved us from sin – made present every time the Mass is celebrated. It is the Lord's gift of Himself, first given at the Last Supper when He commanded us to 'do this in memory of me.' The Blessed Sacrament, then, is the Real Presence. Like the disciples at Emmaus, we 'recognise Him in the breaking of bread' – the bread that is become the Body of Christ, the Wine that is become the Blood of Christ. As we receive Him, we are at one with Him and because we are at one with Him, we are one with each other. This is the reality we celebrate on this great feast.

It is from this celebration that we are sent forth to bring to the world around us the message that the Lord has died and is risen, the message that is the Good News for the world. The Eucharist is, therefore, the fount of our mission as Christ's people. The Lord gives us Himself that we might bring Him to others.

May this Corpus Christi celebration – at our Cathedral and in our parishes – bring us to focus once more on all the Lord has done for us, on his giving of Himself to us in this wonderful sacrament and on the mission that flows from our union with Him.

With every blessing,

+ Richard

### PRAYER & LITURGY

#### FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS

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Please keep in your prayers the Children who will be making their First Holy Communion this Saturday at St. Joseph's Church. (Please note that the 10am Mass will be very full – and there won't be the possibility of Confessions afterwards as there is a FHC Liturgy at 12 noon and a 2nd Mass at 1pm.) Over the coming weeks the First Communion Masses will be celebrated in each of the Communities – we offer our prayerful support and encouragement to them all.

### **SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI**

During the Masses this Sunday there will be three additional elements: After the (brief!) Homily we will have the Renewal of the Extraordinary Ministers of Communion. We are grateful to them for their taking Holy Communion to the Sick and Housebound and enabling this distribution of Communion at Mass and assure them of our prayers.

Given the Bishop's recent permission to offer the Chalice at Communion this Corpus Christi is an appropriate Sunday on which to make the Precious Blood available. It will, of course, be each individual's choice whether they receive from the chalice or not. The Church teaches that the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ is present in both the Sacred Host and Precious Blood.

The third way in which we mark this Corpus Christi will be with a short procession at the end of Mass. A time of Adoration will be followed by a simple Benediction. (This will replace the Notices and the ordinary blessing.)

### **MAY THEY REST IN PEACE**

Please keep in your prayers

**Doreen Cook** ( Funeral on Wednesday 21st June at Guildford Crem 3.45pm)

**Deborah Kublik** ( Funeral at St Edwards on Wednesday 28th June 11am)

**Stephen Hooker** ( Funeral at St Joseph's on Monday 19th June at 1pm )

### **ST MARY'S PRAYER GROUP**

St Mary's Prayer Group meets every Tuesday from 2.15pm to 3.15pm We pray the Rosary and at 3 p.m. recite The Divine Mercies. There is also time for private prayer everyone is welcome.

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**CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES**



## **SPONSORSHIP FOR ROOTED 2023 - OUR NUMBERS HAVE GONE UP!**

We are really excited that we will have over 85 young people at our weekend away, Rooted, from 7-9th of July. Including all the adult team, that will be **100 people going to Rooted this year!!**

We ask for parents to make a donation of £85 for the weekend.

Although the venue, food, and transport costs have gone up, we are determined to keep the donation asked for the weekend the same this year as it has been the last few years. Some parents cannot afford to make this donation, especially if they have more than one child attending. We need to help a quarter of our participants to attend for free or a subsidized fee.

A big thank you to all those who have already donated. **Would you be willing to sponsor a child to attend this year? If so, please click [here](#).**

## **CHILDREN'S LITURGY LIVE THIS WEEKEND**

This **Corpus Christi Sunday** join us at:

**St Pius X at 9.15 am   St Mary's at 11.15 am   St Joseph's at 5 pm**

We need more volunteers at St Mary's and St Pius X. Can you help?

Please get in touch with us via [cyf@cpg.church](mailto:cyf@cpg.church).

## **FORMATION**

### **JOINING THE FAMILY?**

Looking forward now to September, when our new session for people enquiring about joining the Catholic Church commences, we have now started meeting those waiting in the queue. If you are interested in being one of them, or are just wanting to know more about it, please enrol on our Parish Website ([cpg.church](http://cpg.church)).

Alternatively just click **HERE**

This course could also be useful for adult Catholics catching up on their missed Sacrament of Confirmation.

### **REFLECTIONS ON WOMANHOOD**

Join the Catholic Women's Group for a reflection by Sister Oneng of the Franciscan Missionaries of the Divine Motherhood on what life as a

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religious sister has taught her about femininity and a short period of guided prayer, followed by afternoon tea. Donations for Sister Oneng and any baked contributions are welcome! Saturday [24th June] 2023, from 12 - 3pm in the hall at St Joseph's, 12 Eastgate Gardens, Guildford, GU1 4AZ. For any further details, please email [larissa.bgd@gmail.com](mailto:larissa.bgd@gmail.com)

### **WINTERSHALL**

Wintershall would appreciate your help in promoting the Life of Christ being performed from 27 June to 1 July at Wintershall. Young and old from all walks of life will be mesmerised as the story unfolds across three captivating acts from 10am to 3.30pm. The retelling of this evocative story against the peaceful backdrop of the Wintershall grounds has a profound effect on visitors. Perfect for schools, families, faith groups or theatre lovers, The Life of Christ is highly entertaining and unforgettable. Information & Bookings: [www.wintershall.org.uk](http://www.wintershall.org.uk)

## **MISSION**

### **BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT**

The parish bereavement support group exists to provide a listening ear for anyone who may have experienced a loss, whether it be family, friend, loss of a job, divorce, loss of a country i.e. refugees or empty nesters - in fact any loss whatsoever. You are welcome at St Joseph's Hall on Friday 9th June, and on the second Friday of every month, any time between 10.30 and 11.30am for tea, coffee and a listening ear.

### **TUESDAY CLUB NEWS**

The Tuesday Club extends a warm welcome to join us for our next meeting this Tuesday 20th June in St. Joseph's Church Hall at 2.30pm. **Do we need to talk about Dying?**

A talk and opportunity for asking questions with Dr Karen Jones (a retired GP) and Mandy East from the Brigitte Trust. This will be a chance to think about the care we might want as we approach the end of our lives and how to enable this. The talk will be followed by tea and homemade cakes.

The meeting is open to all and there will be members of the parish bereavement support group in attendance. We ask for a voluntary donation of £3 to cover costs. No need to book. Please email [Tuesdayclub@cpg.church](mailto:Tuesdayclub@cpg.church) or telephone the parish office for more details or if you require help with transport. <https://www.cpg.church/tuesdayclub.html>

## **PARISH TEAM & STAFFING**

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Many will remember Eddie Hopkins from his time in the parish some years ago. Eddie will be Ordained Deacon tomorrow (Saturday 10th June at 10.30am) in Westminster Cathedral, and we assure him of our prayers. (Livestream is available on the Westminster Cathedral Website). Bishop Richard has appointed Deacon Eddie to service in Guildford Parish from this Summer for a year. Unfortunately, the timetable at Allen Hall Seminary necessitates that Deacons study there from Monday to Friday but he will be with us every weekend.

During his time in the parish Scott has been invaluable in facilitating and coordinating a number of key parish events. His departure on July 17th will leave a big gap! Much of this work had previously been undertaken by Mercedes whose role has not been replaced since her retirement just before COVID. The Parish Coordinating Group and the Parish Finance Committee agreed that it would be appropriate to have a part time role of Pastoral Administration. Leigh-Anne Van Graan, previously employed as the PA to the CYF Team, has taken on this new role.

Sean Coyne has for many years maintained the grounds of St. Edward's Church and his work has been much appreciated by families & visitors. Sean has decided the time has come to retire and we will be arranging an opportunity to thank him for his work in the near future.

Over the summer we hope there will be an opportunity to update the Parish Website with all the parish roles – paid and voluntary and include the Guidelines / Constitutions for many of the parish committees and teams alongside their membership. The Parish is blessed to have so many people engaged in a wide variety of ministries and tasks – it will be quite a task to ensure all are included!

#### **PARSH OFFICE**

Please note: The Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday 14th June

### **DIOCESAN EVENTS**

#### **Engaged Couples Mass – Friday 16 June at 7pm at Arundel Cathedral**

Are you engaged and on the journey towards Marriage? If so, please do come and celebrate this wonderful time of preparation with a special Mass celebrated by Bishop Richard. He will be delighted to meet you and to bless you as you prepare for this wonderful moment in your lives. Join us afterwards for a small drinks reception in the Cathedral Centre. To register a place please go to the Diocesan Website.

#### **Refugee Crisis Coffee Morning – Saturday 17 June 2023 11.30am-1pm at St Gabriel's Church hall, Billingshurst**

You are invited to join Bishop Richard for an informal coffee morning to discuss our response to the refugee crisis. The morning includes a short talk on the 'Homes for Ukraine' scheme.

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Please sign up here [Refugee Crisis Coffee Morning with Bishop Richard \(17-Jun-2023\) · ChurchSuite Events](#) A poster is also attached. Any questions please contact Tessa Ricketts, Caritas Social Action Network Adviser E: [Tessa.ticketts@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:Tessa.ticketts@abdiocese.org.uk)

**Celebrating The Feast of St Joachim & St Anne Mass & Afternoon Tea - Saturday 22 July 2023 2.30pm at Arundel Cathedral**

Pope Francis calls us to this annual celebration for Grandparents and the more senior members of our community. Please sign up here: [Celebrating the Feast of St Joachim and St Anne \(22-Jul-2023\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)

Any questions please contact Katherine Bergin, Marriage & Family Life Adviser E: [Katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:Katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk) A poster is attached which can be printed off for display.

**Catechists' Day – Saturday 23 September at 11am at Worth School**

A day of formation, prayer and conversation for existing catechists, those interested in exploring being a catechist and those who might need a little encouragement to consider this vocation. If you are involved or interested in working with Children's Liturgy, Baptism, First Holy Communion and Reconciliation, Confirmation, Marriage or RCIA, you are very welcome to come along. The doors will be open from 10.30am for refreshments, with the programme beginning at 11am. We aim to finish at around 4pm. For more information, please contact Jon Harman, Formation Adviser E: [Jon.Harman@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:Jon.Harman@abdiocese.org.uk)

**Worth Abbey**

**Explore the Richness of Benedictine Spirituality - 24 June, 1-4pm**

Join Midday Prayer at 1pm in the Abbey Church, followed by a welcome talk from Abbot Mark Barrett, and sung Benediction at 3.30pm. Sessions include: accompanied walks to the Quiet Garden, Silent Prayer, Lectio Divina and talks by lay people on how the Rule of St Benedict inspires their lives. Families are very welcome (Children's activities are available) with complimentary refreshments. [Register your place here.](#)

**Surrey Churches Preservation Trust's popular Ride & Stride - Saturday 9 September**

Enjoy a great day out cycling or walking, discover Surrey's heritage, and make a real difference. All funds raised help to repair and conserve Surrey's Christian churches. Sponsored coffee mornings and tea parties are also very welcome! Routes, maps and more information can be found here W: [www.surreychurchespreservationtrust.org/ride-stride/](http://www.surreychurchespreservationtrust.org/ride-stride/)

## CPG LIVESTREAM

**SUNDAY MASS ONLINE: 10.30am and 5 pm | JOIN US FOR DAILY**

**MASS ONLINE: Monday-Saturday - 10 am**

**Evening Prayer 6pm (Mon-Fri) Requests for Prayers can be sent to [office@cpg.church](mailto: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

## SAFEGUARDING

Our Diocese is committed to safeguarding as an integral part of the life and ministry of the Church.

The Parish Safeguarding Rep, Rachel is looking for volunteers in each community to support the safeguarding work and protect all of our Parish by:

Checking safeguarding posters are displayed

Liaising with Rachel and Community reps about safeguarding issues.

If you are interested or would like to discuss this role further then please contact Rachel Brennan on 07759846240.

Mgr Tony Barry



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