



CATHOLIC PARISH GUILDFORD



THIS WEEKEND we have **The Scrutinies**

From The Bishop:

"Dear brothers and sisters,

This Sunday marks a further important step for those who will be baptised at Easter. Having gathered at the Cathedral on the Saturday after Ash Wednesday for the Rite of Election, our catechumens will this week, celebrate the first of the scrutinies that take place during Lent, preparing them for the celebration of baptism.

The readings this Sunday speak of the 'water of life'. Having appealed to God, Moses strikes the rock and water flows that sustains the Chosen

People on their journey. In the Gospel, the woman at the well in the town of Sychar – modern day Jenin – encounters Jesus. Her coming to the well for water becomes something so much greater, for she learns of the water of new life.

In baptism we receive that water of life – that water that wells up in us and leads us to eternal life. This is the 'state of grace' to which St Paul refers in the Letter to the Romans, and it is nothing less than life lived in the love of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It is this life that our catechumens will receive at Easter.

They are a sign to us all of the new life of Christ and we give thanks for the journey they are taking – a journey that leads to Easter and then beyond, as members of Christ's Church, to a life of service to the Gospel, a life of continuing prayer and of an ever-deepening call from Christ Himself.

Let us pray for all those, throughout the Church, who will be baptised this Easter and give thanks for their journey and their witness to us all.

With every blessing, + Richard

THIS WEEKEND

ST EDWARD'S SUNDAY MASS

To enable a Road Cycle Race next Sunday March 12th the Highways Authority are closing the road outside St. Edward's Church preventing access to the Church throughout the morning. Mass at St. Edward's next Sunday will be at 5pm.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

SOUP LUNCH IN AID OF CAFOD

St Mary's hall 12.30 pm after Mass Sunday 12th March- **Please bring cash for your donation to CAFOD.** It is very helpful to caterers if you would be kind enough to add your name to the sign-up list in the porch!

LENTEN VISITING

The Clergy Team would like to thank you to all those who made us welcome this week. We hope to continue to visit as many parishioners as possible in your homes, to pray, chat, and offer a brief house blessing. This week we will visit homes with postcodes beginning GU1 2... and GU2 8... We'll be out and about in the afternoon on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. If you live in that area, we'll just drop in (no problem if you're out). If you'd prefer not to receive a visit, please let the parish office know and we won't disturb you. To make sure we come to the right address, please login to My Church Suite and update your details [here](#).

NEXT WEEKEND

FIRST CONFESSIONS

Please keep in your prayers the almost 150 Children who will be making their First Confessions next week, alongside their parents and families. It is a wonderful reminder to each of us of the joy and grace of the Sacrament. **Please note there will not be a 10am Mass or parish confessions next Sat (18th March)** to allow space for the children. **Thank you**

CAFOD BIG LENT WALK Saturday 18th March

Monica Rowden has joined the **CAFOD Big Lent Walk** with 200km to be completed during Lent and is well on the way to that target. Monica writes: "*Also please join me for a group **CPG and friends Big Lent Walk, starting at 9:30 am on Saturday 18th March from St Pius Church to Newlands Corner.***" Details of the local walk, and the Charity, are on the Parish website [HERE](#).

THE ST EDWARD'S QUIZ

Saturday 18th March in St Edwards Church Hall. Hosted by legendary quiz master Mike Chambers (His decisions are final!). **Curry supper and bar.** Tickets **£15**. Children **£10** from Toni Hourahane *07798 692022*

BROTHER MICHAEL STRODE

This week saw a rare and uplifting moment in the life of a parish. Peter Strode (St. Pius Community) meet with Mgr. Tony. Peter needed to have his signature witnessed and the parish stamp applied to his account of the life of his brother, Dr. Michael Strode, founder of The HCPT Lourdes Charity.



The friends of Brother Michael (as he became in later life) and many who worked with him think he was a saint. While a formal process of investigation, which may lead to canonisation, cannot begin until five years after his death, testimonies about his spirituality are actively being gathered.

For more information, see www.brothermichaelstrode.org

PRAYER

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

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Please Remember in your prayer..

Alison Rayer (Funeral on Monday 13th March at 11am at St Mary's)

Agnes Cupit (Funeral on Tuesday 14th March at 12 noon at St Joseph's)

Matt Clark (Funeral on Friday 24th March at 12 Noon at St Pius X)

Maureen Rivett (Funeral on 20th March at Woking crematorium at 12 Noon)
Doris Ferrar (Funeral on 30th March at St Pius X at 1pm)
Eugenia Skobelska (Funeral on 30th March at 11am at St Edwards)
Lennie Hornsby- Smilth (Funeral on Thursday 13th April at 11am at St Pius X)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN LENT

St. Mary's - Sundays at 3pm
St Pius X – Monday at 7pm
St. Edward's - Wednesday at 7.30pm
St Pius X – Friday at 2.30pm
St. Joseph's - Friday at 7.30pm

EVENING PRAYER (LIVESTREAM)

Monday to Friday at 6pm a growing community join together via the Livestream to pray for each other and all those who have requested prayers. If you would like a prayer added please email: office@cpg.church. You would be very welcome to join us each evening - [Evening Prayer](#)

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES



Lent is a wonderful season of preparation for Jesus' dying and rising again at Easter. Some suggestions on what your family can do for Lent can be found [here](#).

CHILDREN'S LITURGY *LIVE* THIS WEEKEND

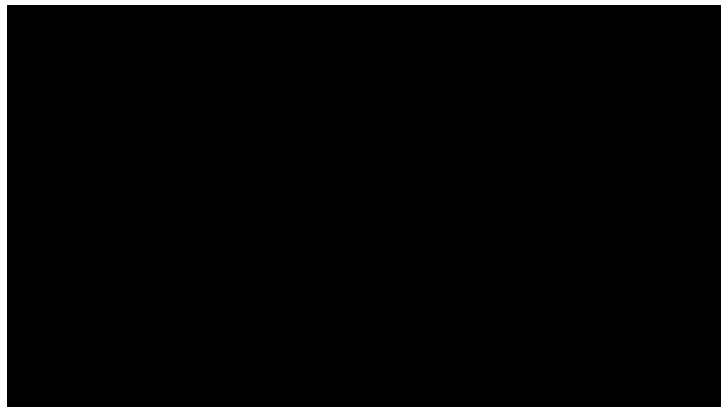


This Sunday (12th March), join us at the following Masses:
St Pius X, 9.15 am | St Mary's, 11.15 am | St Joseph's, 5 pm

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

THIS WEEK'S FAMILY LITURGY - ONLINE

*Join Grace as she explores this week's Gospel about an interesting
encounter a woman at a well has with Jesus.*



Visit www.cpg.church/familyliturgy for more resources to get your children
ready for Mass.

FORMATION

THE CHOSEN

We continue watching *The Chosen*, journeying with Jesus' disciples, praying
and reflecting about our own journeys of faith. The Tuesday group are up
to episode 5: [the Wedding at Cana](#) while on Wednesday and Friday we're on
to an episode called *Indescribable Compassion*. Hope to see you there!

Tuesdays, 11am, St Joseph's Hall
Wednesdays, 7.30pm, St Pius X Hall
Fridays, 7.30pm, St Mary's Hall

MISSION (OUTREACH)

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

St Joseph's is formally consulting all stakeholders in the school about
conversation to academy status within the Xavier Catholic Education

Trust. Further details, including how to respond, can be found here: <https://www.stjosephsguildford.com/academy-conversion/>

DIOCESAN & OTHER EVENTS

The Diocese is recruiting for three exciting new roles based at the Diocesan Central Office, The St Philip Howard Centre (SPHC) in Crawley

SPHC sits geographically at the heart of our faith community and is an important place of mission within the Diocese providing a vibrant, faith-centred workspace for all our diocesan teams. To find out more about joining the Diocese as:

- [Reception Administrator](#) (30 hours per week, term time only)
- [IT Administrative Apprentice](#) (full time)
- [Choral Director](#) working with our Education Service and diocesan schools.

Please visit the Careers section of the diocesan [website](#).

Talk for Young Adults. Dominican Brother Thomas Mannion will be joining our Young Adults group online on Monday 20 March at 7.30pm to talk to the community about Ecclesiology: Why is Christian Fellowship so important? Please contact E: lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk to find out how to join this engaging and interactive session.

To find out about and book events hosted by the Diocese please visit our website events calendar W: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events>

We have also created a news page for Formation Team Events

W: www.abdiocese.org.uk/news/formation-team-courses-events which we will aim to keep live and updated.

[ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE DAY TO WEST GRINSTEAD](#) for Grandparents and all those who fulfil this role in so many different ways. Wednesday 14 June 2023 11- 3pm. This is always a joyous day of celebration with Bishop Richard and friends from across the Diocese. Booking is now available through the diocesan website.

[MASS FOR ENGAGED COUPLES](#)

Friday 16 June 2023 7pm at Arundel Cathedral

Join Bishop Richard for a special Mass celebrating the momentous journey of discernment that is engagement towards the lifelong commitment made by couples preparing for marriage. Mass will be followed by refreshments in the Cathedral Centre.

[EXTERNALLY RUN EVENTS](#)

Gidea Park Talk on the Holy Eucharist - Wednesday 22 March at 7pm. Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest and member of the Pope's Biblical Commission, will speak about the Eucharist. The talk, entitled 'Do this in memory of me', will examine the New Testament material, and trace the understanding of the Eucharist through the centuries, including the latest teaching of Pope Francis. This talk can be followed live stream by going to

W: www.whatgoodnews.org

THE FRANCISCAN CENTRE LADYWELL

Set in the heart of beautiful Surrey, we offer retreats, quiet days, spiritual direction and programmes. 'Come away and rest for a while' (Mark 6.31)

Wednesday 26 to Sunday 30 April 2023

Re-imagining the World: The Vision of Saint Francis and Pope Francis

A programme with Br William Short OFM

Thursday 9th to Sunday 11th June

New Light from Old Stories

A weekend workshop with Brain Purfield

Join us for the day, or for the weekend. We have day places or residential opportunities available. Contact us for further information or to book.

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