



## CATHOLIC PARISH GUILDFORD

### THIS WEEKEND

#### SATURDAY 10am MASS

Please keep in your prayers the almost 150 Children preparing for their First Holy Communions over the coming weeks. They will all be attending, with their families, the 10am Saturday Mass tomorrow (13th May) which will be a 'taught' Mass with a commentary to guide their understanding of the Liturgy as their final preparation before receiving Communion for the first, of please God of many, many times.

#### MONDAY 10am MASS

The pedestrian Bridge into St. Joseph's Church is being resurfaced this Monday (May 15th). Please note that for the 10am Mass we will need to use the Hall Stairs as both the entrance and the exit for the Church.

### PRAYER & LITURGY

#### MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Please keep in your prayers

**Peter Chester** (Funeral on 22nd May at St Edward's at 12 Noon)

**Prof Patrick Dowling** (Funeral details to Follow)

#### ST PIUS X CHILDREN'S CHOIR


St Pius Choir is keen to encourage the children and young people of St Pius to join us in singing at Mass. If your child is in Year 3 or above, we will arrange a children's rehearsal once a month after Mass while parents enjoy tea and coffee in the hall. We will use this time to practise hymns and music with them so they can join the choir at Mass in subsequent weeks. If you want your child to participate, **please sign up by clicking [here](#)**.



## A MONTH OF PRAYER FOR **VOCATIONS**

Read about the spirit of sacrifice needed to follow Christ (1 Peter 4: 13-16) and pray for a greater generosity for men to follow Him and celebrate His Eucharist.

**6th Week of Easter**



**For the  
mission of the  
Church and for  
the priesthood  
in A&B**

The Diocese began a month of prayer for priestly vocations on Good Shepherd Sunday. People across the diocese are invited to read about the spirit of sacrifice needed to follow Christ this week (1 Peter 4:13-16) praying for a greater generosity for men to follow Him and celebrate His Eucharist.

The diocesan Vocations Director, (our own Fr Tristan), is recording a Weekly Reflection to help guide peoples' prayer intentions. To watch this week's recording please [click here](#) and select the latest film.

*You can access a digital copy of May's Prayer for Vocations leaflet [here](#). To find out more about vocations to the priesthood, religious life or diaconate please visit our the Diocesan [website](#).*

### **EXTRORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION**

A Reminder to all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. The annual opportunities of a Refresher Session before being re commissioned at Corpus Christi, are almost upon us. Newly invited Ministers should also come along.

Saturday 20th May 11am – 12.30pm in St Joseph's Hall or

Tuesday 23rd May 7.30pm – 9pm in St Pius' Church.

If you haven't already booked, please do so soon.

For those who attend either of the above or the session at our Liturgy Day at St Joseph's School on 28th January last, you can be Commissioned at any of the Sunday Masses on Corpus Christi (10th or 11th June).

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The Sessions will cover a reflection on the Ministers role and also practicalities. The changing Post Covid situation will also be covered. For those who really cannot attend either of the above dates, please register your need for a further Session with the Office.

### [INTERNATIONAL MASS \(PENTECOST\)](#)

There will be a international Mass at St Mary's on Sunday 28th May at 11.15am with a bring and shared Lunch in the Hall afterwards. Over the years this has been an uplifting and joyful celebration - all are welcome.

### [PIANIST SOUGHT FOR ST JOSEPH'S](#)

The Sunday morning 10:30am mass is looking for someone to play piano or keyboard once a month. Michael Davis is going to start taking one Sunday a month away, we would need someone to play for us on the days he is not there.

## FORMATION

### [PARISH RETREAT](#)



Saturday 20th May at [St Joseph's Church Hall](#), Starting with lunch at 12.30 pm and ending at 4.30 pm

A time for building community, prayer, reflection and nourishment. We are excited to say that we will be joined by Sr Oneng Mendoza, FMDM, who help us facilitate our prayer times.

We have a fantastic afternoon planned that includes quiet personal reflection, a prayer walk, creative prayer stations, and even prayerful movement! [CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP](#)

We may be able to offer provisions for children in school years 1 and above. Please let us know if you want to bring your children by emailing [formation@cpg.church](mailto:formation@cpg.church).

### [BECOMING CATHOLIC](#)

We have just welcomed some twenty new people into the Catholic family of Guildford with a celebratory Mass and Dinner. After the Summer break we look forward once again to running a new RCIA course for more people wanting to become Catholic. Click [here](#) if **YOU**: have been thinking about becoming a Catholic, would just like to find out more about it without obligation, or want to join those waiting for our next Course, starting in September

## CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

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### CHILDREN'S LITURGY /LIVE THIS WEEKEND

Sunday 14th May, join us at 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](mailto:cyf@cpg.church).

### SPONSORSHIP FOR ROOTED 2023

We are really excited that we will have **over 70 young people at our weekend away, Rooted**, from 7-9th of July. 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 ask for the weekend the same this year as it has been the last few years. As I'm sure you can appreciate, some parents cannot afford to make this donation, especially if they have more than one child attending.

**Would you be willing to sponsor a child to attend this year? If so, please click [here](#).**

## MISSION

### PENTECOST from: St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

As a multi-cultural community here in the Parish, our Spiritual Council would like to celebrate the languages spoken by the families in the community. So if you are willing to send in a short video of a prayer in another language to share with the children we would love to celebrate it. email - [anicholls@stjosephsguildford.com](mailto:anicholls@stjosephsguildford.com) by *Friday 19th May*.

### TUESDAY CLUB NEWS

The Tuesday Club extends a warm welcome to all to come and listen to the **ROCK CHOIR** at our next get-together on **Tuesday 16th May** in St. Joseph's Church Hall at 2.30pm. The 40 strong choir will be showcasing some of their latest songs and repertoire. The performance will be followed by tea and home-made cakes.

No need to book. Please email [Tuesdayclub@cpg.church](mailto:Tuesdayclub@cpg.church) or contact the office if you need transport.

<https://www.cpg.church/tuesdayclub.html>

### ST MARY'S SOCIAL CLUB

The St Mary's Social Club is now open on the First Friday of each month starting in St Mary's Hall from 8pm till 11pm.

Please come and join us and have a game of pool or just to socialise with friends. You will need to bring your own drink and snacks for the time being.

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## MENTAL HEALTH CHAMPIONS

Our Parish communities should be places of comfort and solace for the troubled and weary, and in today's society, one of the great struggles people face is mental ill health. Would you like to support mental wellbeing in your Parish, ensuring that it reaches out to those in need?

Contact [lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk) to find out more about the upcoming Mental Health Champion training days.

## DATES AHEAD

On May 20th - there will be a **Parish Retreat** at St. Joseph's.

From April 30th until Pentecost Sunday, the parish is invited to join in **Praying for Vocations**.

At the beginning of May we celebrate the **Coronation of their Majesties** with a screening of the Coronation (May 6th - St. Mary's) and a Parish Mass and Picnic (St. Edward's - May 7th).

On Sunday May 14th there will be the **Marian Procession** at St. Mary's (3pm).

On May 20th in St. Joseph's and May 23rd in St. Pius there will be the **Annual Time of Reflection** for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

On Friday 26th May we are invited to join, in person at St. Joseph's or via Livestream, in a **Vigil of Prayer for Scott** who will be received as a Candidate for Ordination the next day in Allen Hall Seminary.

On the Sunday at St. Mary's we will celebrate **Pentecost** at the 11.15am Mass on May 28th with the Belong and Believe participants coming together and an opportunity to celebrate with Scott at a shared lunch afterwards.

During June each of the communities will celebrate their own **First Communion Masses** locally - and on Sunday June 11th all are invited to take part in the **Corpus Christi Processions** in the parish.

In July our Confirmation Candidates will journey to Arundel Cathedral (which is celebrating its 150th Anniversary) to be **Confirmed by Bishop Richard**.

The Summer brings the **Lourdes Pilgrimage** and (well earned) Summer Holidays!

## DIOCESAN EVENTS





## Raising up a generation of Catholic disciples who pray and impact their localities with the Gospel



**Information Event for Clergy, Catechists and Parents—  
would your young people like to join theASCENT?**

Our Diocese is lucky enough to be a host location for this national project, which is a fantastic opportunity for **young people in years 10, 11 and 12** to grow in faith and community with other young Catholics.

Young people are gently accompanied by young adult mentors, attend life changing residential retreats, and develop a real passion for prayer and a desire to impact the world around them.

We know that deciding to take part in theASCENT is a really big commitment, so we are offering the chance for people to find out more by attending a **'Come and See' information session** where you can meet the team, talk to other participants and discuss whether this is the appropriate next step for a young person in your Parish, Confirmation/ Youth Group or family.

***"theASCENT has changed my life. I try to live everyday with God, and see how he sees, and love like he loves, and in his joy, and it's changed everything."***

**The information session will be held  
online on Tuesday 23rd May  
7.30pm—8.30pm**

To register for joining instructions  
[click here>>>](#)

Or email Lizzie Wakeling  
E: [lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk)



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## LOCAL EVENTS

# TRAIN TO TEACH WITH **XAVIER TEACH SOUTHEAST**

**Come and meet us online:  
Thursday 8 June - 11am**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82938444741>



- ✓ Teacher training in secondary and primary initial teacher training
- ✓ Regional hubs across Surrey, Sussex, Northampton and London
- ✓ Full and part-time routes available leading to QTS and PGCE



**Find out  
more on  
our website**



[www.teachsoutheast.co.uk](http://www.teachsoutheast.co.uk)



### [Volunteers needed for SAAVS!](#)

The Surrey Appropriate Adult Volunteers Service supports young people and vulnerable adults who find themselves detained in Police custody.

The Appropriate Adult offers impartial support and be a friendly face in the absence of a family member or carer to people who may be feeling frightened, bewildered, and confused in an unfamiliar situation. They do not offer legal advice.

Find out more here: [The Surrey Appropriate - Adult Volunteer Service - SAAVS](#)



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# OVERFLOW

So that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. - Rm 15:13

How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity! - Psalm 133:1

**1st July 2023**



Young People  
from  
the ASCENT



**Where? Bethel Convention Centre,**  
Kelvin Way, Birmingham, B70 7JW

Streams available for 5 to 17 year olds

**Places limited:** book early to avoid disappointment using  
the QR code or this link: <http://www.ccr.org.uk/articles/overflow2/>

## FINANCE MATTERS

### CONTACTLESS GIVING

Parishioners are making good use of the contactless machines available in each of our churches, which reduces the volume of cash that needs to be counted and banked every week - thank you. The machines are however sometimes busy, so we have introduced a further option for online giving using the link <https://donate.mydona.com/st-pius-guildford> or the QR code below. This will provide an opportunity to give to all open appeals together with a facility to register for Gift Aid on eligible donations.

if you would like any further information, please [email contactless@cpg.church](mailto:contactless@cpg.church)





## 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



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