



CATHOLIC PARISH GUILDFORD

Sunday 20th October 2024

The First Reading this Sunday, taken from the Song of the Suffering Servant of the Prophet Isaiah, looks to the moment when Christ takes on Himself the faults, the sins, of the world. Jesus, as the writer of the Letter to the Hebrews reminds us, took on our nature in every way, but sin. He urges us never to lose faith in the One who suffered, died and rose from the dead for us.

Our openness to the gift of faith is our way to conformity to Christ – to becoming one with Him. This is the path of sanctity, to which we are all called. This, as we know all too well, is no easy path. Jesus reminds us that "to those who are given much, much is expected." In this Sunday's Gospel, we see what happens when the relationship with Him becomes centred on ourselves. James and John fall to the temptation to pride. Their closeness to Jesus brings them to think they deserve special treatment in the Kingdom.

Jesus tells them very clearly that His way is one of humility and service. This is true greatness in our following of Him. The life of faith, lived in trust, and the living out of the two-fold command to love God and love neighbour, brings us to be the disciples we are called to be.

The world around is in the greatest need of this witness. We live in a world that is not at peace, a world in which the dignity of life is not respected. We, as Jesus' followers – His disciples, must step into this space with the witness of our lives of faith, humility and service, that all might find life in the One who died and rose from the dead for us.

With every blessing,

Bishop Richard

THIS WEEKEND

World Mission Sunday, Missio asks the global Catholic family to stand with the thousands of missionaries who bring Christ's message of healing and new life to struggling communities throughout the world. Through your prayers, donations, and fundraising, they can help the people they serve understand deeply that they are cherished by God and by us.

Pope Francis invites all Catholics to support Missio on this special day. Every Catholic parish worldwide is called to participate through prayers and offerings,

embodying the truth that we are one family in God who loves us all uniquely.

The **Retiring Collection is for MISSIO** whose work has had a significant impact for missionaries and local faith communities who requested help to share the Gospel in areas of great poverty, conflict, and turmoil.

This year's theme, chosen by the Holy Father, is "Go and invite everyone to the banquet!"

WELCOME DEACON FRANCIS

World Mission Week is an appropriate time to welcome Deacon Francis Ogbanna to the parish.

Deacon Francis is part of a missionary order based in Uganda: The Missionary Congregation of St. Martin. The Apostolate of the Congregation is "to take care of the mentally Challenged everywhere irrespective of their origin and background. The Congregation offer them serious rehabilitation geared towards reintegration into their families and society."

Deacon Francis has been completing his medical studies in Brighton and his congregation have asked Bishop Richard that he might have a placement in a parish as part of his preparation for the priesthood. In response the Bishop has appointed him to Guildford for the next few months.

Deacon Francis will arrive later this week and the Newsletter next week will be an opportunity for him to introduce himself. In the meantime, **Welcome!**

THANK YOU

CAFOD

Thank you to all those who attended the Q&A evening on the 11th October with Guildford MP, Zöe Franklin. Zoe responded to questions on topics such as the UK aid budget, Women's rights in Afghanistan, sustainable farming, refugee resettlement, abortion, assisted dying, gender and Christians in Parliament.

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PRAYER

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Please keep in your prayers

Izabela Baczynska (Funeral on Monday 21st October at 11.30am at St Joseph's)

John Savin (Funeral service on Wednesday 23rd October at 11am at St Edward's)

Jose Margaret Voss (Funeral details to follow)

**Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord, and let Perpetual light shine upon them,
May they rest in Peace.**

MASS INTENTIONS - THIS COMING WEEK

Please click here [Int 19 Oct 2024.pdf](#) for the Mass intentions.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR - THIS COMING WEEK

Sat 19th October - SAINT PHILIP HOWARD, EARL OF ARUNDEL, MARTYR, CO-PRINCIPAL PATRON OF THE DIOCESE

Sun 20th October - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mon 21st October - Monday of week 29 in Ordinary Time

Tue 22nd October - Tuesday of week 29 in Ordinary Time

Wed 23rd October - Wednesday of week 29 in Ordinary Time

Thu 24th October - Thursday of week 29 in Ordinary Time

Fr 25th October - Friday of week 29 in Ordinary Time

ADORATION AT ST MARY'S

Apologies, but there will be no adoration after St Mary's 11am Mass on Friday 25th Oct, as our EMHC is away.

FORMATION

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Confirmation deepens a young person's relationship with the Holy Spirit, building on the grace received at Baptism. To be eligible, your child must be a baptised Catholic in School Year 10 or above, registered with the parish for at least a year, and regularly attending Mass. Our approach no longer involves a formal programme; instead, we expect candidates to already be practising their faith. When they are ready, they will be invited to receive the sacrament, with readiness determined by their participation in parish life and faith journey.

We focus on three key areas: **Prayer**, with weekly Mass attendance being essential; **Formation**, which needs to be ongoing outside of school and can be either through our youth group Focus that meets every Friday, or an equivalent; and **Mission**, encouraging involvement in parish activities like altar serving, reading or choir. Candidates will also be invited to meet with a priest on a couple of occasions to discuss their readiness for Confirmation. If you are interested, please email confirmation@cpg.church for more information.

Deadline to express an interest is Friday 25th October.

NEW LECTIONARY 1st DECEMBER 2024 – NEW AND EXISTING READERS LAST CHANCE!

For the Introduction of the New Lectionary, Sessions **for both Weekday and Sunday Readers at Mass** has gone well with the majority of Readers attending the three sessions in September.

Thank you to those who unfortunately couldn't attend those sessions but have indicated their availability to attend the "Sweep Up" in November to qualify as a Reader before 1 December

The following three Sessions have now been arranged for you in November.

Wednesday morning 6th at St Joseph's at 10.45am following Mass.

Tuesday evening 19th at St Pius X at 7.30pm

Tuesday afternoon 26th at St Pius at 2.30pm

For the odd one or two who indicated an availability not covered above, please see Fr Roy. Details of these preparations, and the need for ALL READERS to attend, were fully explained in the Newsletter of 10th August and in reminders in Newsletters since. This exercise is also being used to update our Database on all current Sunday and Weekday Readers. Those who have not responded to reminders over these past months or will not have attended any of these six sessions laid on for you, are now understood to have wished to step down from the ministry of Reader. Please ring the Parish Office if you have any queries.

MISSION

PARISH FILM NIGHT

Friday 25th October 7pm at St Pius: BANK OF DAVE (12)

An uplifting, heartfelt British comedy, telling the true story of a van salesman from Burnley, keen to set up a Community Bank to support struggling local enterprises or 'the little guys' survive after the financial crash in 2008; an uphill struggle against those in the banking elite! Sign up for seats at www.cpg.church/film

REFUGEE FUNDRAISING QUIZ & PLOUGHMAN'S SUPPER

7pm, Saturday 23rd November, St Pius X GU1 2TS

A fun quiz hosted by popular quiz masters Phil & Chris, plus tasty supper. No charge, but donations invited for the ARUNDEL & BRIGHTON DIOCESAN REFUGEE FUND, desperately in need of financial support. Please book seats in advance at www.cpg.church/quiz or call the Parish Office on 01483 562704 (option 1)

ST EDWARDS CPG MONTHLY LUNCH

This takes place on the Last Tuesday of each month 12:30 for 13:00 all are welcome. To book and to let me know dietary needs. please contact Toni@Hourahane.com or 07798 692022

The next lunch will be on 29th October, the following two dates will be **26th November** and 17th December.

UPDATE: LEGISLATION ON ASSISTED DYING

Cardinal calls on Catholics to take action to oppose assisted suicide

Cardinal Vincent Nichols, President of the Bishops' Conference, has written a pastoral letter calling on Catholics to play an active role in opposing assisted suicide. Cardinal Nichols offers three key points for Catholics to be aware of, and calls on the faithful to be fully engaged in the debate and to write to their MP to oppose assisted suicide being rushed into law. [Read more.](#)

Further Resources

The Bishops' Conference has also compiled a list of resources to help you stay informed about the issue and inform others about the dangers of assisted suicide - to read the articles please click on the title.:

REASONS

[Ten reasons to oppose assisted suicide](#)

QUESTIONS

[FAQs on assisted suicide](#)

DAY FOR LIFE

[Day for Life resources on end-of-life care](#)

HOSPICE CARE

The content in our [Hospice section](#) explains how hospices work and demonstrates why they are the jewel in the crown when it comes to palliative and end of life care.

KNOWLEDGE

Right to Life UK [Knowledge base on assisted suicide and euthanasia](#)

LAW

Legislation on Assisted Dying: A Slippery Slope?

This document offers [a useful summary of the law in the UK](#), proposals to change the legislation, and compares UK law to that of other countries.

2024 POLL

Results of a July 2024 poll revealing the majority of the [British public opposes the implementation of assisted dying](#)

ARTICLE

An article revealing the [Health Secretary does not believe the State of end-of-life care in the UK allows for assisted dying to be implemented safely](#).

COMMUNICATIONS

NOTICES FOR THE NEWSLETTER

Just a gentle reminder if you are sending in any items to be added to the newsletter please can it reach the office by no later than Thursday morning and that the word limit is 50 this is due to limited space. Thank you

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

THE PARISH ACCOUNTS

The Parish accounts for the six-month period to 30th June 2024 have been reviewed and agreed by the CPG Finance Committee and are available on the CPG website <https://www.cpg.church/finance.html>

The accounts to 30th September will be ready soon, at which stage we will update you with news of our project appeal then."

DIOCESAN EVENTS

Arundel & Brighton Diocese Altar Servers Mass at Arundel Cathedral celebrated by Bishop Richard on **Saturday 26th October 2024 at 12 Noon**. All members of the Guild are welcome from the diocese and beyond. Servers are asked to bring a cassock and cotta or an alb. There will be light refreshments afterwards, please bring a packed lunch. Servers are asked to inform Fr Aaron Spinelli if they wish to attend: aaron.spinelli@abdiocese.org.uk

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 or 01483 562704

DIOCESAN PRAYER

LORD,

The Word who is Life.

May all the people of our Diocese grow in openness
to the power of the Holy Spirit,
so that through a growth in understanding and courage,
and truly open to your call,
we may bear powerful witness
to all around us,
for you are Lord for ever and ever,

AMEN