



CATHOLIC PARISH GUILDFORD

Sunday 13th October 2024

"This week, I must offer also a call to action. As you will know, the Government is to allow a free vote in the House of Commons on what is termed "assisted dying". Such a path is a denial of the gift of life - life given to us by God - that begins at the moment of conception and ends with natural death. You will find information on this below and on our diocesan website, This will enable you to write to your MP, calling for a vote that would prevent this proposed legislation.

The Church's continual and clear teaching does not lead - as some might have it - to unnecessary suffering, and we must pray for all those who are engaged in healthcare, for those approaching the end of life, and for their families. Let us call too for increased resources for our hospitals and better funding for our hospices, that all may experience the best possible care when it is needed. Let us proclaim the truth of life as a gift from God."

With every blessing,

+ Richard, Bishop of Arundel & Brighton

LEGISLATION ON ASSISTED DYING

From the Bishops of England and Wales:

Catholics are urged to contact their MPs today to stop the legalisation of Assisted Suicide. On Wednesday 16 October, the House of Commons will hear the first reading of a new bill on assisted suicide tabled by Labour MP Kim Leadbeater; the timing of the bill makes it very likely that MPs will have a vote on assisted suicide before Christmas this year. The bill is supported by a number of well-known figures but is not supported by the Church's teaching, which has always been consistent with regard to the dignity of human life.

The experience of other countries illustrates the "slippery slope" of assisted suicide legislation, with nations and states progressing towards a more wide-ranging provision over time; Oregon in the United States now offers assisted suicide for non-terminal conditions including: anorexia, arthritis, and kidney failure, with Belgium expanding its provision to include children.

The Catholic Church teaches that life is a gift to be cherished and cared for at all stages until natural death and believes it is morally wrong to intentionally end one's own life or that of another person.

More broadly, the UK charity [Right to Life](#) reports that no doctors' groups in the UK support

changing the law to introduce assisted suicide or euthanasia, including the British Medical Association, the Royal College of General Practitioners, the Royal College of Physicians, the British Geriatric Society, and the Association for Palliative Medicine. They also highlight that "no major disability advocate group in the UK" including Disability Rights UK, Scope and Not Dead Yet – supports a law change.

To find out more about the Bill and contact your MP please visit: www.abdiocese.org.uk/news/act-now

THIS WEEKEND



SOLEMNITY OF ST EDWARD - PATRONAL FEAST

St Edward's day is this Sunday 13th October - please note that the Mass Readings and Prayers at St. Edward's will be those from his Solemnity: other Parish Masses will have the Readings of the 28th Sunday.

After Mass the Community Support Team will host a breakfast bap after coffee.

Please send a message to Toni@Hourahane.com or 07798 692022 to confirm numbers and dietary needs.

PRISONS WEEK

Bishop Richard is the Liaison Bishop for Prisons for the Catholic Bishops' Conference (CBCEW) and works closely with Catholic charity Pact, the Prison

Advice and Care Trust. Highlighting the impact of Pact's mission and vision he said:

"Pact's work is deeply rooted in Catholic Social Teaching, restoring hope and dignity to thousands of people affected by imprisonment. Staff and volunteers work in 68 prisons across England and Wales. We know that retaining strong family bonds is a significant factor in preventing reoffending; Pact's care and practical support help people in prison stay connected with their families."

Parish Second Collections this weekend will support the work of Pact and enable the charity to do more for prisoners and their families.

THANK YOU

CAFOD

Many thanks to everyone who participated in the CAFOD Harvest Fast Day Appeal, whether back-office, appeal reader, GA envelope distributor or collector. Special thanks to the recently enrolled CAFOD volunteers Daniel Macri and Esmeralda Bozzari. Also to St Thomas of Canterbury Primary School pupils who, under the excellent organisation of their Head Teacher Kate Carter, gave so much pleasure to everyone at a Harvest mass at St Pius.

Steve Rowden - CAFOD Office Volunteer

PRAYER

THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY

October, the month of the Rosary. The Rosary is a beautiful devotion to Our Lady and a wonderful meditation upon the life of Jesus.

Bishop Richard has asked that whenever, during October, the Rosary is prayed publicly, please offer one decade for Peace and one decade for the work of the Synod and encourage the same in private recitation of the Rosary.

If you've never got into praying the Rosary, you might like to listen to the Rosary Album from St Paul Street Evangelisation.

<https://streetevangelization.com/rosary/download-the-album/>

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Please keep in your prayers

Francis Kearns (Funeral on Wednesday 16th October at 11am at St Edward's)

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 see the website for the Mass intentions.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR - THIS COMING WEEK

Sat 12th October - Saturday of week 27 in Ordinary Time

Sun 13th October - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mon 14th October - Monday of week 28 in Ordinary Time

Tue 15th October - Saint Teresa of Ávila, Virgin, Doctor

Wed 16th October - Wednesday of week 28 in Ordinary Time

Thu 17th October - Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr

Fri 18th October - Saint Luke, Evangelist

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.

MISSION

ANTI-SLAVERY DAY

Update your awareness of Modern Slavery (MS) on Anti-Slavery Day, 18th October:

5.30pm: Evensong in Chichester Cathedral with a focus on MS and commissioning of further MS 'Ambassadors' for Surrey & Sussex

6.30-8.30pm: Presentations in the Assembly Rooms, 6 St. Martin's St., Chichester PO19 1AF (close to the Cathedral)

10am-5pm: Chapel of St. Clement, Chichester Cathedral, open for private prayer.

Or pray at Mass at St. Mary's, 11am on Friday 18th; the Mass Intention is "for the victims and perpetrators of modern-day slavery".

Info: Nick Fox - nickfox145@hotmail.com

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)

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

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.

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

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will be closed from Monday 14th October and will reopen on Monday 21st October.

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