



CATHOLIC PARISH GUILDFORD

Sunday 4th August 2024

The Lourdes pilgrimage returns

On Friday, 850 pilgrims travelled back home at the end of the diocese's fiftieth pilgrimage to Lourdes. It was a time of prayer, but also a time of love in action. Many pilgrims who needed assistance due to illness or advancing years were able to make the journey, because of the numerous people who came as helpers. We often talk of the Church as a "family", and one of the most powerful things about the pilgrimage is how clearly this becomes a reality each year.

We'd also like to thank everyone who was involved with fundraising for the Redshirts. We had a good group from St Peter's School who were able to come and experience Lourdes, deepen their faith, and build friendships with other Catholic youngsters. We had a total of 94 in the programme this year, and their faith and enthusiasm left many people encouraged about the future of the Church.

If you'd like to see more about our pilgrimage, you can read the daily updates here:

<https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/news>

Fr Eddie

TEAM CHANGE

On August 1st **Fr. Eddie Hopkins** formally took up his appointment as part of the Guildford Team (he was in Lourdes at the time so he may not have noticed any immediate change!) We pray that he will be blessed by his time with us - and we already know that he brings great blessings to the parish.

As Fr. Eddie joined the Team so **Fr. Tristan** took up his new appointment in Horsham Parish. On Saturday September 21st there will be an opportunity to thank him for his wonderful work sharing his faith and friendship over the last couple of years. Please put the date and time (7pm Mass at St. Mary's) into your diary. At the Beginning of September there will be a collection for those who would like to contribute to a Farewell

Gift.

To both Fr. Eddie & Fr. Tristan - **Ad Multos Annos.**

THIS WEEKEND

BAPTISMS

We welcome **Sofia Enjalbert, Enea Enjalbert, Ethan Mendoza, Skyla Ricoux** and **Lewis Foster** who will be Baptised this weekend and assure their parents and Godparents of our prayers and our support.

PRAYER

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Please keep in your prayers:

Joan Kennedy (Funeral at St Mary's on Friday 9th August at 11am)

Beatrice Crosby (Funeral at St Mary's Friday 30th August at 11am)

Terry White (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 [Int 3rd Aug 2024 .pdf](#) for the Mass times & Intentions for the coming week.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR - THIS COMING WEEK

Sat 3rd August - Saturday of week 17 in Ordinary Time

Sun 4th August - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mon 5th August - Monday of week 18 in Ordinary Time

Tue 6th August - The Transfiguration of the Lord

Wed 7th August - Wednesday of week 18 in Ordinary Time

Thu 8th August - Saint Dominic, Priest

Fri 9th August - Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein), Virgin, Martyr

ADORATION AT ST MARY'S

There will be no adoration on Friday 9th August and Friday 16th August, as our usual extraordinary minister of Holy Communion is on holiday.

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH 40th ANNIVERSARY

Please put the date of **September 8th** in your diary - Bishop Richard will preside with the Parish Clergy at the 10.30am Mass in St. Joseph's - followed by a reception in the Hall downstairs. It promises to be a great celebration of forty years of Prayer, Formation & Mission focused around the Altar in the Church.

To allow for the sanding and sealing of the Church floor, a new Carpet on the Sanctuary and the installation of the Wonersh Seminary Stained Glass (funded by the Diocese) St. Joseph's Church will be closed for two weeks from Monday August 12th. Mass will be celebrated in the Hall Downstairs and Evening Prayer will continue to be prayed - both available on the Livestream.

FORMATION

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

Before you can marry in the Catholic Church you have to attend a Marriage Preparation Course. Guildford run these twice a year for the whole Guildford Deanery.

If you live in the Guildford Deanery and have a wedding date booked either in the UK or abroad over the next year you will need to complete a course.

The next course starts on Wednesday 25th September.

In order to register for the course you must first see your own Parish Priest to discuss your plans. He will then give you the special link you need to sign up on the Guildford Parish website or for another suitable Course. Guildford Registration will be closed once the numbers have reached capacity.

Taking part in the course will give you both the opportunity to focus on your relationship, consider important topics for a successful marriage and help you to understand how ready you are to make this huge commitment in your lives.

For more information on the Sacrament of Marriage see the parish website:

<https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/news>

VOLUNTEERS & VACANCIES

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH - VOLUNTEER CLEANERS

Over the last few years a small dedicated band have been cleaning the Church and the community is very grateful to these hidden heroes. You will notice on Sunday that the impossible to reach places have also now been cleaned - particularly the high windows (though some have remained inaccessible from outside).

Please consider volunteering to take a part in keeping the church clean - even an hour every few weeks would make big difference. Please contact the Parish Office for more details (office@cpg.church - 01483 562704) Thank you.

JOB VACANCY – St Joseph's Hall Cleaner

We are currently seeking to employ a cleaner for St Joseph's Church Hall. This is a part time role requiring 5 hours per week with flexible working over 2 - 3 mornings.

If you would like more details please email accounts @cpg.chuch.

FABRIC & FINANCE

CPG PROJECT FUND

As part of the recent fundraising appeal, the Finance Committee has been busy drawing up a list of projects which need to be carried out in the four churches within the Parish and obtained estimated costs for some of these projects. Currently there are 13 projects on the list which are expected to cost more than £100,000 in total. The full list can be viewed on the Parish website at <https://www.cpg.church/financial-projects.html> Please do donate to these projects by using the Appeal envelopes available at the back of all four of our churches, by donating via the contactless machines (please choose "Appeal 2024") or online at <https://www.cpg.church/giving.html> using the option "CPG Project Fund".

More information about how to give can also be found on the flyer available in all four churches. If you want to make a direct bank transfer, then please do contact the Parish office for the Parish's bank details by email to accounts@cpg.church Thank you to all those who have donated so far to our appeal.

NATIONAL NOTICES

COME ON A CATHOLIC HISTORY WALK

Wednesday August 7th, meet 3pm Church of the Most Precious Blood, O'Meara Street, London SE1 1TE. Nearest tube: London Bridge. Same walk as Aug 2nd.

Friday August 9th, meet 6.30pm, steps of Westminster Cathedral London SW1P 1QW. Same walk as July 27th.

MARCH FOR LIFE

March for Life UK: London, Saturday 7th September. Join thousands in this fun, family-friendly event, and save lives! After an indoor festival with talks, stalls, children's activities and food, we progress to Parliament Square for keynote

speeches, music and prayer. Details at marchforlife.co.uk, or Lizzie Parkes
07962 204098

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