



CATHOLIC PARISH GUILDFORD

Sunday 23rd June 2024

Fr Tristan writes: After his 'First Mass', it is a Catholic custom that a new priest offers individual 'First Blessings' to the people: and Fr Eddie will be no exception! This is a beautiful tradition will allow us all a brief, but personal moment, to greet Fr Eddie personally and wish him well in his new vocation, as well as to receive a powerful grace from the Lord.

The blessing focuses on the hands of the new priest, made holy during the Ordination with the Oil of Chrism, as hands made ready to do Christ's work; hands to bless; hands to make the Eucharist. The recipient of the blessing kneels or stands, while the new priest lays his hands on his or her head and prays. If the recipient wishes, it is customary to then kiss the priest's hands, and also to receive a little prayer card to keep in a prayer book or special place, as a promise to pray for that priest. You can also receive an indulgence through the blessing (for more info, see this old page from the Year of Mercy: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/faith/indulgences-what-are-they-and-how-do-they-work/>)

Having been through it many times, I can say that this little ritual is at once a very moving experience, and one that shows the real love that God has for His people, and the mutual affection that binds priest and people too. We look forward to receiving these blessings from a new priest for our diocese!

THE ORDINATION AT ARUNDEL CATHEDRAL

The Ordination will be Livestreamed at 2.30pm - **[Please click here for the Link.](#)**

FR EDDIE'S FIRST MASS - A CELEBRATION FOR THE WHOLE PARISH

We are all invited to join Fr. Eddie for the celebration of his First Mass at St. Joseph's Church at 10.30am this Sunday - June 23rd (there will be an overflow arrangement to made sure as many as wish can come). One of the deacons will be the newly ordained Dcn Scott Colman - whom we welcome back

following his placement in the parish last year. As all the Parish Priests will be concelebrating we are grateful to a visiting priest for celebrating the 9.15am and 11.15am Masses.

[Bring Your Own Picnic \(BYOP\)" Garden Event Sunday 23rd JUNE](#)

EVERYONE is then invited to join us at our BYOP garden event to celebrate Fr. Eddie's First Mass after his ordination to the priesthood. Pack your favourite picnic treats and join us for a delightful afternoon in the Allen House Garden. Tea and Coffee will be available from the Hideaway Cafe. This event is a beautiful opportunity to enjoy a relaxing meal with fellow parishioners and celebrate our vibrant community spirit.

Time: Immediately following the end of 10:30 am Mass at St. Joseph's Church

Location: Allen House Grounds, Guildford (a short walk from St. Joseph's Church) . The Picnic area is also level with floor 11 in the Stoke Multi-storey Car Park.

If you'd like to attend, please sign up **here**. <https://cpg.churchsuite.com/events/zysjfunp>

THIS WEEKEND

[NO CONFESSIONS - SATURDAY](#)

Please note - there will be a 10am next Saturday (June 22nd) but the priests will then leave for the Cathedral so there will not be Exposition or Confessions.

PRAYER

[MAY THEY REST IN PEACE](#)

Please keep in your prayers:

Pat Woodbridge (Funeral On Wednesday 17th July at 10am at St Joseph's)

Maragaret & John Hall (Funeral Mass on Monday 24th June at 11am at Ladywell Convent Chapel)

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 22nd June 2024 .pdf](#) for the Mass times & Intentions for the coming week.

[LITURGICAL CALENDAR - THIS COMING WEEK](#)

Sat 22nd June - Saints John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs

Sun 23rd June - 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mon 24th June - THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

Tue 25th June - Tuesday of week 12 in Ordinary Time

Wed 26th June - Wednesday of week 12 in Ordinary Time

Thu 27th June - Thursday of week 12 in Ordinary Time

or Saint Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop, Doctor

Fri 28th June - Saint Irenaeus, Bishop, Doctor, Martyr

[ADORATION @ ST MARYS](#)

Please note there won't be any Adoration at St. Mary's this coming Friday after Mass.

FORMATION

[Registration to express an interest for the FHC programme 2025 is now open.](#)

We have sent an email to 149 children already registered on our parish database asking them to express an interest in 1st Reconciliation and Holy Communion preparation. If you have been registered on our database for at

least the past three months and have a child who is Baptised Catholic and have not received this email, please let us know through the contact form on the website. If you have very recently registered or not yet registered on the database, you may be added to our waiting list to express an interest. Before expressing an interest, please read through the information on the webpage very carefully - <https://www.cpg.church/fhc.html>

Please note that once capacity is reached registration will be closed and you will be placed on our waitlist for 2026 - please prioritise sending in your expression of interest if you have not done so already.

MISSION

[Fun-Filled Family Bingo Night Saturday 29th June](#)

Come with our parish community for an exciting evening of bingo games and fellowship. Win fantastic prizes and make wonderful memories together while supporting the 40th Anniversary of St. Joseph's Church (8th September). All proceeds from the event will support the main celebration in September. **Time:** 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm

If you'd like to attend, please sign up via [the link](#) or contact the office

[ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL SUMMER FETE](#)

Come and support the **Parents, Friends and Staff Association** of St Joseph's School (155 Aldershot Road, Guildford GU2 8YH) at their **Summer Fete** on Saturday **6th July** from 12.30 to 15.30. Great food and family activities such as face painting, inflatables, music and tombolas as well as shopping stalls including fairtrade goods and produce

[SHOP](#)

Do come and browse in our shop at St Joseph's – find cards and gifts for those special religious occasions including First Communion, Confirmation and Ordination. Put your faith into action by buying Fairtrade items. Find the Church Shop just off the porch at St Joseph's Church, open on Sundays after morning and evening Masses.

[GUILDFORD AND GODALMING INTERFAITH FORUM](#)

Guildford and Godalming Interfaith Forum is looking for new members. An opportunity to get to know people of other faiths, support each other's activities

and plan multi-faith events. Contact Carolyn Neogi, gginterfaithforum@aol.com".

FINANCE

PARISH APPEAL

Last week an appeal was made to all Parishioners. As a reminder, the key messages were:

- This year (2024) the Parish is expecting that its costs will be £73,000 more than its income (The Parish Summary Accounts can be found on the [Parish Website](#)).
- Our Parish is a vibrant Community with lots of activity, but income has not kept pace with rising costs in recent years
- It would be awful to have to contemplate cutting back on all these activities
- Our most important source of income is by bank standing order, although there are other ways to give, such as the contactless machines, via the Parish website or via the collection plate
- Please do increase the amount you give each week
- We do have a number of projects needing to be done in the Parish in the next few months
- If you can, as well as increasing your regular giving, please also give a one-off donation to our Project fund – envelopes are available or you can make a donation by choosing the Appeal option on the contactless machines or through the Parish website.
- Please also think about joining the 200 Club (there are spaces)
- or consider leaving a legacy

Please do respond generously. **Thank you.**

DIOCESAN NOTICES

Mass for the Feast of St Joachim & St Anne, 20 July, 3pm, Arundel Cathedral. A celebration for grandparents and senior members of our community: a time to savour the fruits of family life and the wisdom of experience. Mass, celebrated by Bishop Richard, will be followed by refreshments in the Cathedral Centre. Please [register here](#).

VACANCIES

200 CLUB

We are looking for a volunteer to take over the running of the Parish 200 Club, which involves promoting the 200 Club and arranging a quarterly draw. If you would like to find out what is involved then please contact the Parish Office on 01483 562704.

JOB VACANCY – St THOMAS SCHOOL

Music Teacher/Lead St Thomas of Canterbury School, Merrow, are looking for a part time music teacher from September 2024. To provide high quality teaching and imaginative lesson planning, motivating children, leading to a high standard of music experiences, learning and achievement for all. For more information please call Sarah Simpson on 01483 888388.

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