- CATHOLIC EDUCATION SUNDAY -

Catholics across England and Wales will mark Education Sunday this weekend. Established 178 years ago in 1848, the day provides an opportunity to celebrate and give thanks to all those involved in Catholic education and to look forward in anticipation to the academic year ahead.

Catholic education is an essential part of the Church's mission to make the person of Jesus known and loved, and to place Him and the teaching of the Catholic Church at the centre of people's lives.

More than 37,000 children and young people are educated across 73 primary and secondary schools in our Diocese, supported by 4,400 teachers and support staff, 721 governors, and many more volunteers, parents, and carers. Reflecting on the significance of the day Bishop Marcus Stock, Bishop of Leeds and Chairman of the Catholic Education Service, said:

> "We give thanks to the Lord for the vocations of all who work within the Catholic sector [this Sunday]: the teaching and support staff, chaplains, school leaders and governors. It is through their commitment and hard work that pupils and students in our schools, colleges and universities can thrive and contribute to society, through their formation and education.
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> "In the academic year ahead, let us endeavour to give witness to the message of forgiveness, reconciliation and peace in the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ, and to pray that our Catholic schools, colleges and universities will be beacons of His good news in our communities."

The picture shows the annual gathering of Schools at Worth Abbey. For GDPR reasons the hundreds of Children present were not photographed (nor was Mgr. Tony who was presiding! in the absence of the Bishop) The figure in the centre (Black

& white dress) is Julie Olyrd - Diocesan Director of Schools.

ST PETER'S NEW HEADTEACHER POSTPONED

Julie Olyrd, Diocesan Director of Schools, will join us later in the term for the postponed Induction of Mrs Elizabeth Bolton, the new headteacher at St. Peter's School.

- THIS WEEKEND -

ST MARY11.15am MASS

Tea and Coffee after the 11.15 am Mass

On Sunday 13th September there will be refreshments served after the 11.15 Mass. Do come along, it's a wonderful way to build our community and get to know one another.

200 CLUB DRAW

The next **200 Club** draw will be this Sunday 13th September at St. Mary's, raising funds for the upkeep and mission of our whole parish. You can still join before the next draw, but you need to be quick! Full details on the parish website or contact the administrator on 200club@cpg.church.

NEW CHILDREN'S LITURGY SIGN-IN PROCESS

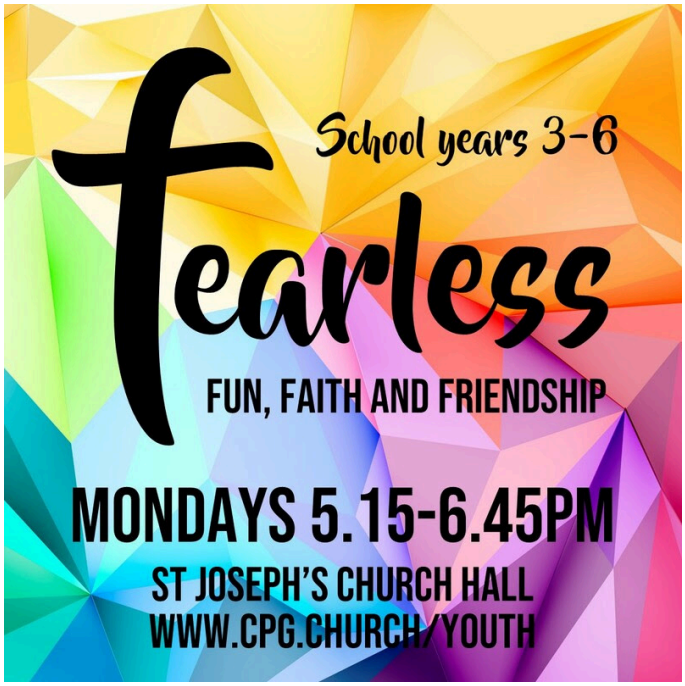
Thank you to the Children's Liturgy leaders, Parents and Church Stewards for making the renewed process of signing in to Children's Liturgy work so smoothly last weekend. The Parish was recently commended by the Diocesan Office for its' Safeguarding processes which is credit to the work done over the years, our Safeguarding Officer Rachel, and who work with her.

Just a reminder that Children attending the Liturgy of the Word in the Hall should have completed the Parental Consent Form on the web and click the register each time they arrive in church for Mass. What is 'new' is that the children then receive a sticker to confirm registration before joining the group.

- THIS WEEK -

FEARLESS AND FUSION

Our Monday evening Youth Groups are back this week!



Fearless: School Years 3-6 | 5.15-6.45pm

A fun and friendly group where the younger members of our parish can come together to make new friends and enjoy games, crafts and activities together, all while learning more about our faith. Sign up here: https://cpg.churchsuite.com/events/5lfuozr4

Fusion: School Years 7-9 | 6.45-8.15pm

A welcoming space for the young people of our parish to relax with friends, have fun and explore their faith together. Each week is a mixture of games, time for prayer, and group discussions about what it means to be a young Christian today. Sign up here: https://cpg.churchsuite.com/events/0bixphvj

HOME GROUPS ARE BACK

Join us on Thursday 24 September at 8:00pm at St Joseph's Hall for our first gathering after the Summer Break!

Along with opportunities for worship, prayer and fellowship, the evening will feature the exciting faith story of one of our Parish's young adults, sharing their journey to the Catholic Church and the Lord's subsequent blessing of their life.

Refreshments afterwards. All welcome.

Come along, bring a friend and be encouraged!

- ASSISTED DYING BILL -

Thank you to all those who prayed, those who wrote to our MPs and those who made their views known through the various campaigns. Following the vote **Archbishop John Sherrington**, Lead Bishop for Life in this country wrote:

"We are pleased that MPs have voted to oppose the passage of the *Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill*. We would like to thank those who wrote to their MPs to stop the bill's progression and who assisted the campaign against the bill in other ways.

"I would like to express my gratitude to those MPs who voted against the Bill and the many people from across society who made their voices heard – doctors, legal professionals, disability groups, other faith communities and those of no faith who stood up for the dignity and sanctity of every life. We are thankful for the many prayers which have been offered during these weeks.

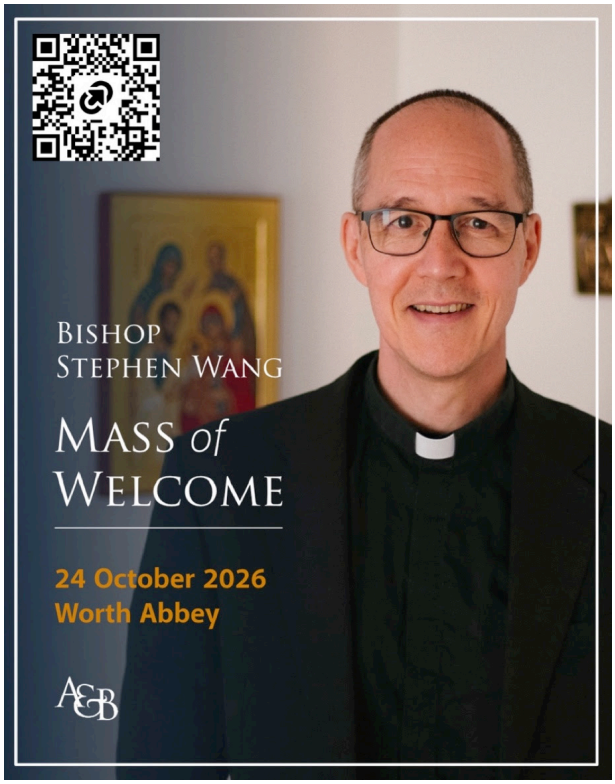
"Throughout this debate, we have argued that our response to those facing serious illness, disability or the challenges of old age should be rooted in solidarity, care and respect. The true measure of a compassionate society is its willingness to support people through difficult circumstances rather than encouraging them to end their lives.

"Every day, families, friends, carers and healthcare professionals demonstrate extraordinary generosity in accompanying and supporting those who are suffering. Their dedication reminds us of the value of human relationships and of our shared responsibility to care for one another, especially at life's most vulnerable moments.

"We remain convinced that the most effective way to address suffering at the end of life is through greater access to excellent palliative and end-of-life care. Ensuring such care is available to all who need it can help people experience comfort, dignity and support in their final days. We will continue to promote these as priorities and to stand alongside those who devote themselves to caring for the dying in hospices, hospitals, care homes and communities.

"May all the sick and frail find comfort in the support of their loved ones, and the love of God, which transcends all suffering. I ask the Catholic community to continue to pray for our legislators, that they will ensure that our laws always uphold the dignity of human life."

- OUR NEW BISHOP -



MASS OF WELCOME

The new parish of Guildford has some 50 places for the Mass of Welcome with Bishop Stephen at Worth Abbey on 24 October. To ask for a place go to: https://stedsgod.churchsuite.com/-/forms/zf7vru5c

As parking at Worth is limited the only way to get there will be by coach*, picking up in Milford and Merrow.
We are not quite sure of the likely demand so will run an initial ballot for places and if there are places remaining make these available on a first come first served basis. This initial ballot will close at midday on 17 September. If you don't have access to a computer and would like to request a place you can leave a message with your name and contact number at **godalming@abdiocese.org.uk** or by calling 01483 416880.
*If you have impaired mobility and are unable to travel by coach please state this in the notes and we will explore other possibilities.

Timings for the day.
Pick up at Milford probably ca 9.30am (tbc)
Pick up at St Pius, Merrow ca 9.50am (tbc)
Mass at 11.30

Following Mass, refreshments including hot drinks, cake and fizz will be served and the opportunity to look around the Abbey and grounds before departing around 2.40pm.

- PRAYER -

MUM'S PRAYER GROUP (MPG)

Are you a mum looking to grow in fellowship and prayer with others from the parish? If so, please join us! We meet the last Sunday of each month at St Joseph's church hall. Come for a warm drink and chat from 3:30-4:00 followed by prayer and

reflection over the Sunday Gospel from 4:00-4:45. Children welcome with your supervision. The first meeting will be Sunday 25th September. Any questions please contact Susie at stjosephsMPG@gmail.com

MASS INTENTIONS - THIS COMING WEEK

Please click here: Int 12th September 2026.pdf

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Please keep in your prayers:

Paola Griffith (Funeral on Thursday 8th October at 11am at St Pius X)

Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them,
May they rest in peace.

THE GUILDFORD CATENIAN MINI -RETREAT 19th SEPTEMBER IN ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH

Catenian mini - Retreat on Saturday 19th September from 2pm-4pm

To reflect the life of St Joseph the mini retreat will include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions and Benediction. with Tea & Coffee afterwards in the Hall.

ST EDWARD'S - A YEAR OF THANKSGING

The Community at St. Edward's invites the whole parish to join them in celebrating the beginning of a Year of Thanksgiving. There will be a Mass at 1pm on September 27th. Afternoon tea with bubbles will follow immediately afterwards.

The Mass will mark the day the church was opened in 1876. Next May will be the highlight of the Year as we celebrate its consecration by Bishop Cyril Cowdray.

FIRST COMMUNION

You are warmly invited to register your child for the First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion preparation programme for 2026/27.

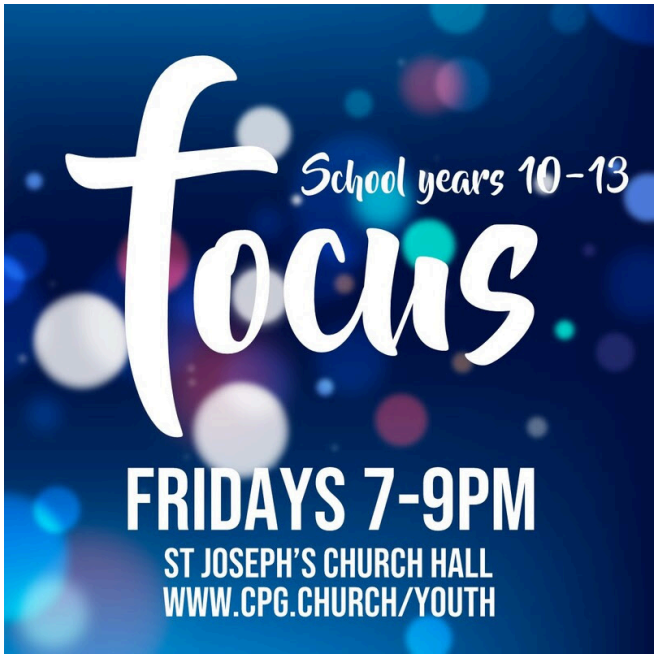
Any baptised Catholic parent with a child in year 3 or above (from September 2026) who is involved in the life of the Catholic Parish of Guildford and who attends Mass regularly at any Mass across the Parish is invited to enrol on the First Reconciliation and Holy Communion 2026/27 Programme. The deadline for signing up is strictly 8 September. **You can sign up here**

CONFIRMATION

Thinking About Confirmation?

If your child is in **Year 10 or above** and would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2027, expressions of interest are now open until **31st of October**.

Young people preparing for Confirmation are encouraged to grow in prayer, formation, and involvement in parish life. They can do this through either:



- **Focus**, our weekly youth programme (Years 10-13) that meets on Fridays 7-9pm, beginning **11th September**. **Sign up:** https://cpg.churchsuite.com/events/qjypudcr
    - **This term we are starting an exciting course called "The Search Begins" by the Augustine Institute in amongst indoor hockey, games and amazing snacks!**
      You can watch the trailer here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y2kS1cQflwk. Sessions are completely free. We already have 20 young people signed up!
- Or a **Sunday afternoon formation pathway** for those unable to attend on Fridays, meeting once a month from 3.15-4.45pm in St Joseph's Church Hall. The first afternoon is **Sunday 11th October. Sign up:** https://cpg.churchsuite.com/events/cpild8rb
    - We will be using the 'Sycamore' Confirmation pathway from Fr Stephen Wang. You can take a look here: https://www.sycamore.fm/pathways/c-sacramental-pathways/confirmation-standard/

To formally express an interest in Confirmation, please complete the online form: https://cpg.churchsuite.com/events/hyl0zt7i

Any queries, please email confirmation@cpg.church

- FORMATION -

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP - PRAYER AND PUB

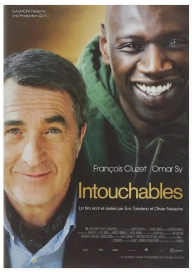
As life gets back to normal after the summer, here is what's planned for the Young Adults Group - Prayer and Pub in the coming year. Dates are on page 2.

IMPORTANTLY, the ordinary monthly meetings are going to be on a **Thursday** not a Wednesday. I know this is bound to inconvenience some people, but it should also allow other people to come who couldn't make Wednesdays.

Young Adults Activities 2026-27.pdf

- MISSION -

PARISH FILM NIGHT AT ST PIUS X



'The Intouchables' (15)

7pm for 7.30pm prompt start

Friday 25/9 at St Pius X

Based on true events, this tells of the friendship that grows between a wealthy quadriplegic and his new caregiver, from a different disadvantaged background. A global hit, for its balance of comedy and emotional depth! Please reserve places in advance: Book Seats via this link or call the Parish Office 01483 562704

THE THURSDAY CLUB AT ST. MARY'S HALL

If you are at a loose end on a Thursday afternoon and would like to make new friends, why not come along and join us? We meet from 2.00 - 4.00p.m. every week. We know that you will enjoy the tea and cake and the various talks etc. that we have. Come and give it a try. For further information please call Mary Lawrence on 01483 827538.

- OTHER EVENTS -

WORLD PORRIDGE DAY SUPPER FOR MARY'S MEALS

Join with the wider parish community on **Sat. 10 Oct. at 7.00pm** at **Our Lady of Lourdes Church Hall, Haslemere**, for a Curry Supper with **Mary's Meals**. Enjoy delicious curry, entertainment and prizes. Contact Claudia Reyes-Lloyd on 07425 888 917.

KSC PUBLIC TALK

Experience the Thrill of America's Most Extreme Weather

The talk takes place on **Saturday 10 October 2026, from 10.30am to 12 noon**, at **St Pius X RC Church, 10 Laustan Close, Guildford GU1 2TS**.

Tickets cost just **£5 per person** (plus small booking fee) with all proceeds supporting the charitable work of the **Guildford & District Knights of St Columba**.

Advance booking is essential through **www.ticketsource.com**. Search **"Storm Chasing"**.

PEOPLE'S EMERGENCY BRIEFING

The recent heat waves and drought in the UK have highlighted the impact of extreme weather.

In November 2025, leading experts briefed over 1,200 MPs, peers, and other leaders in Westminster with the latest climate evidence and its implications for the UK.

The LiveSimply team in St Dunstan's invite you to a screening of the "**People's Emergency Briefing**", a 50 minute documentary produced from the Westminster briefing.

Where: St Dunstan's Church: Tuesday 6th October; 7pm refreshments for 7.30pm start. Tickets: Free from HERE

HOSTING REQUEST FOR RISE TEAM

The Rise Theatre team will be presenting there new theatre production and interactive day to our local Catholic primary schools and accommodation is require for two of the actresses for various dates in September if you are able to help in any way please contact the office for further information as soon as possible as the first date required would be 16th September.

- CPG LIVESTREAM -

SUNDAY MASS ONLINE: 10.30am and 5pm
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 by 4.45pm

- PRAYER FOR THE BISHOP ELECT -

O God, eternal shepherd,
who lead your Church in countless ways and rule over her in love, grant we pray, that Stephen, your servant, whom you have set over your people, may preside in the place of Christ over the flock whose shepherd he is, and be faithful as a teacher of doctrine, a Priest of sacred worship and as one who serves them by governing
Through Christ our Lord.

AMEN