



CATHOLIC PARISH GUILDFORD

Sunday 2nd June 2024

We gather this Sunday for our celebration of Corpus Christi at a significant time in the life of our Diocese when the Pastoral Plan – The Word Who is Life – is being implemented. While this is a time of change, all we do grows from our encounter with the True Vine - the person of Jesus Christ – who gives Himself to us in the Eucharist. Our continuing conformity to Him, our remaining part of the Vine, is the only way for us to ensure that we are faithful to the Mission to which He has called us.

Our celebration this Sunday celebrates the gift of the Eucharist, and impresses upon us all the centrality of the Lord's Eucharistic presence in our lives.

The wonder of the Eucharist calls for our utmost thanksgiving - it is the greatest gift for our journey. We speak of Viaticum - food for the journey - as the last Communion before death, but the Eucharist is the food for our journey of life. The Lord gives us His very self as the supreme sustenance for our lives. The Lord's Passover - His life death and resurrection - is made present by none other than the Lord himself, acting through his Priest. Just as Jesus gave Himself to the Apostles in the Upper Room, under the appearance of bread and wine, so He gives Himself to us. He is the Bread of Life. Like the disciples at Emmaus, we recognise Him in the breaking of bread and our hearts burn within us as He speaks to us on the road of our own pilgrimage and feeds us with his very self.

Every aspect of our life as His people should flow from the Eucharist and we bring ourselves and all our life's experience to the foot of the cross and to the empty tomb as we gather to listen to Him, welcome Him, praise Him and receive Him. As the writer of the letter to the Hebrews explains: through His death on the cross, Jesus, Who is the new covenant, makes it possible for us to render service to the Living God.

The Eucharist is beyond our understanding. We see and receive Jesus, Who humbled Himself to share in our humanity and Who, in this action of the Mass, calls us to share in His life, in His divinity. This wonderful mystery, through which we become conformed to Christ, demands our lifelong reflection, prayer, participation and thanksgiving...

The Eucharist is at the heart of our mission as the Church, for it is here that we encounter Christ, deepen our unity with Him and with one another. It is this encounter, this closeness to the Lord, which we proclaim.

Across the Diocese, Eucharistic Adoration provides opportunities for prayer to underpin the work of the Pastoral Plan. These times are a vital element in the life of the Diocese as we look to the future and the continuing renewal of our mission.

Many will remember the *Adoremus* gathering in Liverpool a few years ago, part of the celebration of Eucharistic Congresses across the whole world. Indeed, our flower carpet team laid a carpet in Liverpool's Metropolitan Cathedral for that celebration. This year, *Adoremus* continues, as it were, with a gathering at Oscott College in Birmingham on the 14th of September. Each Diocese has been offered 44 places for this event and you can book a place and find out more details on our diocesan website.

Spend time with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, speak to others of his Real Presence, share frequently in the celebration of the Eucharist for it is participation in Him that brings about, in a way not possible in any other context, our conformity to Him, and the growth in holiness that will enable us to proclaim Him to the world.

With every blessing,

+ *Richard*

THIS WEEKEND

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Please keep in your prayers the children who will be making their First Holy Communion over the next three weekends. It is wonderful that so many families have been part of this year's preparation course. Please note that the first of these FHC Masses will be this Saturday (June 1st) at 10am in St. Joseph's and space in the Church will be very restricted: Thank you for your understanding.

CORPUS CHRISTI

This **Sunday June 2nd** we celebrate the **Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**. As last year, each of the Principal Parish Masses will be followed by a procession inside the Church and a short time of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament concluding with Benediction.

PRAYER

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Please keep in your prayers:

Evelyn Johnson (Funeral on Wednesday 5th June at 11am at St Edwards)

Maureen Monk (Guildford Crematorium on Thursday 20th June)

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

PRAYER VIGIL - ORDINATION OF DCN EDDIE

At 6pm on Friday June 21st the usual Livestream Evening Prayer will be open to parishioners to attend personally in St. Joseph's Church. We will join Dcn Eddie and pray for him and Dcn Gus as they prepare for their Ordination to the Priesthood on the Saturday. After evening Prayer there will be a time of Eucharistic Adoration, hymns and prayers. Please join us in Prayer.

FR EDDIE 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 10.30pm on Sunday June 23rd. 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)

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

PRESENTATION OF CHALICE

At the Ordination of a priest the Bishop hands him a Paten with the host and a Chalice of wine and says: *Accept from the holy people of God the gifts to be offered to him. Know what you are doing, imitate the mystery you celebrate, model your life on the mystery of the Lord's cross.*" In this presentation, the Bishop exhorts the new priest to live the mystery of the Eucharist in his own life, giving his life as Jesus did for the eternal life of the faithful."

Parishioners have been asking if there might be a gift the Parish could give to Fr. Eddie and it seems appropriate to suggest we might give him the Chalice and Paten for the Bishop to present and which he will use for the rest of his life. If you would like to be part of this gift there is an option on the contactless machines in the porches and there will be a link in next week's email.

[NEW TRANSLATION SUNDAY MISSALS](#)

From the First Sunday in Advent, this year, the English Speaking world will change the Translation used for the Readings at Mass. The new CTS Sunday Missal with readings from the New Lectionary is now available for **pre-order** for delivery in Autumn 2024. Hard Back book edition £19.95, Presentation edition £29.95. Contains the readings and Order of Mass for every Sunday and solemnity of the liturgical cycle. Please email office@cpg.church before the **15th June** to pre-order your copy. For more information about this edition of the New Lectionary and missals <https://www.newlectionary.org/>

[MASS INTENTIONS - THIS COMING WEEK](#)

Please click [Int 1st June 2024.pdf](#) for the Mass times & Intentions for the coming week.

[LITURGICAL CALENDAR - THIS COMING WEEK](#)

Mon 3 June - Saints Charles Lwanga and his Companions, Martyrs

Tue 4 June - Tuesday of week 9 in Ordinary Time

Wed 5 June - Saint Boniface, Bishop, Martyr

Thu 6 June - Thursday of week 9 in Ordinary Time or Saint Norbert, Bishop

Fri 7 June - THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS (Solemnity - No abstinence today)

MISSION

GENERAL ELECTION

Given the **UK general election will take place on Thursday 4 July - The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales** has issued information and guidance on key issues of importance to us, as Catholics; these include: criminal justice, domestic poverty, family life and taxation, education, the environment, peace building and international relations, life issues and migration. You can find out more about these vital topics on the [CBCEW website](#).

COME AND HAVE A CHAT

Everyone is invited for refreshments at St. Joseph's after the 10 a.m. Mass on **8th June**. There will be an opportunity for anyone who is experiencing difficulties or loss of any kind who might wish to have a friendly chat with one of the team on the Ministry of Consolation. This loss might be a bereavement, loss of employment, divorce. Loss can encompass so many aspects of our lives and it is good to talk. We, as a Parish, are here to support you.

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

Sign up details to follow.

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.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

We are very grateful to Aseel who has continued to work part-time enabling the dedicated and talented team of Volunteers supporting Children, Youth and Families in the Parish.

As you know the hope is to recruit a full time Youth Worker and we are re-advertising Nationally, in the Diocese and local Parishes. It has become clear that the number of people taking up this kind of work has dramatically reduced over the last decade. Please keep the CYF in your prayers and, if you know of anyone who might be interested (if only in having an initial conversation) please show them the Job Description. [Youth Worker Job Pack 2024 1 1.docx](#)

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

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 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.

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