



CATHOLIC PARISH GUILDFORD

Sunday 10th November 2024

On Friday, 29th November, Parliament will debate the question of assisted suicide – so - called assisted dying. Legalising assisted suicide would demean the human dignity of many people, especially those who are most vulnerable. Life is a gift from God, and it is important to that people can reach the natural end of their lives with dignity. Hospices and palliative care teams prove day after day that assisted suicide is unnecessary because people can in fact die well. Increase in assisted dying has been shown to lead to an increase in pain or the fear of pain.

Overtaking, the fundamental principle that it is wrong to intentionally kill someone, is morally wrong, and it has consequences. Other places that have done this have seen an increase in conventional suicide, and an increase in the scope of assisted dying laws. Canada removed the requirement that a person have a terminal illness in 2021.

Bishop Richard and all the Bishops are urgently calling us to stand against this proposed legislation. We need to pray (see below), but also to write to our MP Zöe Franklin. If possible, we would ask you to send her a personal message, but you can also send an email quickly and easily from the [Right to Life website](#). It is important she knows there is opposition to this bill.

To find out more about the dangers of assisted dying, visit the [Anscombe Centre](#) or the [Bishops' Conference website](#).

### **Holy Hour for the Dignity of Human Life, on Wednesday 13th November**

Join the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales as they pause for an hour in the middle of their autumn plenary meeting to kneel in front of the Blessed Sacrament to pray for the dignity of human life and to uphold a culture of life in our countries.

The bishops will be gathered in Leeds but have asked Catholics around the country to unite with them in prayer at this time. **On Wednesday, 13th November, we will celebrate a Holy Hour from 5:30pm at St Joseph's** which will include Evening Prayer at 6:00pm before a concluding with Benediction. Please join us in person if you can: in person or on the Livestream - but even if

you can't, please pray that this bill will not become law.



## THIS WEEKEND

### [Our war dead must not fall into the trenches of our collective failing memory.](#)

At the eleventh hour on the eleventh day of the eleventh month, we remember the fallen of our wars. The Armistice, an agreement that ended the fighting of the First World War ahead of peace negotiations, began at 11am on 11th November 1918. Armistice is Latin for to stand (still) arms. We also pay our respects to the Armed Forces family on Remembrance Sunday.

Bishop Paul Mason is the Catholic Bishop of the Forces. He offers this reflection to help us focus on the fallen who sacrificed so much for the freedoms we enjoy today.

[To Read More click here](#)

## PRAYER

### [BLESSING OF GRAVES](#)

In this Month of Remembrance we have arranged to carry out again the blessing of Catholic graves in our Parish. Please see the schedule below and do join us if you can.

Sunday 10 November Stoke New Cemetery at 3pm

Sunday 17 November St Mary's Cemetery at 10.30am

### PARISH BEREAVEMENT GROUP -REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

The Parish Bereavement Group will be holding a Liturgy on Friday 22nd November at 7.30p.m. at St. Mary's. In this month of November when we remember the Holy Souls we come together to pray for our loved ones and those who have no-one to pray for them. Please join in this Parish Remembrance Service and join us in the hall for refreshments afterwards and for further sharing;

### MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Please keep in your prayers

**Jose Margaret Voss** (Funeral on Thursday 14th November at 11am at St Pius X )

**Baby Moss** (Funeral on Wednesday 20th November at St Edward's at 11am )

**Edward Russell** (Funeral on Friday 22nd November at Guildford Crem at 3.45pm)

**Theresa Hutchings** ( Funeral on Monday 25th November at 10am at St Joseph's)

**Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord, and let Perpetual light shine upon them,**

**May they rest in Peace.**

### ST MARY'S PRAYER GROUP

St Mary's Parish Prayer Group is changing its meeting time- we will meet on TUESDAYS AT 11AM every week, starting Tuesday 12th November.

We meet to say the rosary and the Divine Mercy devotion, plus time for silent prayer and occasional religious reading.

All are welcome whether for a few minutes or longer- please do pop in and out as needed.

## MASS INTENTIONS - THIS COMING WEEK

Please click here [Int 9th November 2024.pdf](#) for the Mass intentions.

## LITURGICAL CALENDAR - THIS COMING WEEK

Sat 9th November - Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Sun 10th November - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mon 11th November - Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop

Tue 12th November - Saint Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr

Wed 13th November - Wednesday of week 32 in Ordinary Time

Thu 14th November - Thursday of week 32 in Ordinary Time

Fri 15th November - Friday of week 32 in Ordinary Time

## MISSION

### TUESDAY CLUB NEWS

**Tuesday 19th November in St. Joseph's Church Hall at 2.30pm. "A BABY SHINES IN THE DARK"** Fr Eddie will offer an Advent reflection based on the painting by Michel Sittow - 'Birth of Christ'. He will reflect on why the first coming of Jesus is important and on the part played by Mary and Joseph. Followed by tea and homemade cakes. All welcome.

No need to book. Please email [Tuesdayclub@cpg.church](mailto:Tuesdayclub@cpg.church) or ring 01483 562704 if you need transport.

### CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: CPG 10% Christmas Charity Collection

This asks us to consider donating just 10% of what we spend on the festive celebration of Christmas to donate to the 'poorest of the poor'. **Parishioners are invited to submit nominations for a local, national, or international Charity to benefit from this year's collection** to be made over Advent and Christmas.

These must meet the criteria of serving the 'poorest of the poor', be registered with the UK Charity Commission and **submitted no later than Friday 22nd November** to '10% Collection' at office@cpg.church . These will be reviewed by a selection panel appointed from each Community, with the beneficiaries being announced in early December.

### FUNDRAISING CHORAL CONCERT FOR PARISH APPEAL

**The Filipino Catholic Community of Guildford** is inviting everyone to a Fundraising Choral Concert featuring Sinag Himig Chorale, a prominent Filipino choir based in London. Songs will feature the theological virtues: Faith, Hope and Love. It will be in St. Mary's Catholic Church on **23rd November 2024**, Saturday at **3PM. Proceeds will go to the Parish Appeal**. Tickets at £10 each. Please contact Macey on 07393705282 for details."

There is time to attend the above and then go on to...

### 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 [through this link](#) or [www.cpg.church/quiz](http://www.cpg.church/quiz) or call the Parish Office on 01483 562704 (option 1)

### ST MAEY'S COFFEE MORNING

"On Sunday 1st of December I will be organising Charity Coffee Morning at St Joseph's Catholic School hall. Please join us from 12:30 for a piece of cake and coffee and support Catholic Children's Society Charity. I'm looking forward to see you all!" **Kasia**

## OUR SCHOOLS

[St Peter's School Christmas Fair, 23rd November 2024](#)

1pm to 3pm 🎄

Everyone is warmly invited to this wonderful community fundraising event. Please come along to listen to festive music, browse the Christmas Market and enjoy some tempting treats. Free entry and free parking. There are still a few spaces for stalls at the Christmas market. If you are interested, please contact [PTA@st-peters.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:PTA@st-peters.surrey.sch.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](mailto: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