



CATHOLIC PARISH GUILDFORD

7th Sunday Ordinary Time

BISHOP RICHARD RENEWS THE CALL TO PRAYER, FASTING & ALMSGIVING

"Ash Wednesday brings the beginning of the season of Lent. Lent – an old English word for Spring – points us in the direction of the new life of Easter, for it is a reminder that the natural world is waking up again after Winter. Days lengthen, the first flowers of the new season appear and the trees will soon display their green canopy of leaves.

In other parts of the world, this season is more directly referred to in terms of its 40 days – Quadragesima. Lent is the season in which we spend time with the Lord in the desert, a time which reflects the 40 years spent in the desert by the Chosen People of Israel. This is the journey to salvation, the journey that leads to Calvary and then to the empty tomb.

The Gospel reading of Ash Wednesday provides us with the 'three pillars' of Lent: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. These should feature always in the life of the Christian – but the accent on these three practices during Lent enables us to draw ever closer to Christ and heightens our awareness of our reliance on God. Prayer is that conversation with God that is a living relationship. Fasting reminds us that - as Jesus expresses it in the Gospel – we do not live on bread alone. Our almsgiving provides a practical way to share what we have with those who are in need. The self-denial involved in all of these things, in terms of time, food and drink, money, draw us out of ourselves. We become less inward looking and more aware of the Lord's presence and the presence of our brothers and sisters, whom we are called to serve.

Let us enter this season with renewed vigour, that we may draw ever closer to the One who has saved us from sin and death and who calls us to share the new life of Easter.

With every blessing, + Richard

THIS WEEKEND

The **Collection for the Lourdes Fund**, delayed from last weekend due to the Emergency Collection, will take place this weekend. The Pilgrimage is a wonderful opportunity for young and old, sick and able to be on Pilgrimage with Our Lady under the Leadership of our Bishop. The organisers try to ensure that all can attend - but are very reliant on our help. **Thank you.**

Posters and Leaflets can be found in the Porches.

THIS WEEK

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES – 22nd FEBRUARY

8am St Pius X

10am St Joseph's

11am St Edwards

7pm St Mary's

In addition Mass will be celebrated using the 1962 Missal (Latin) at 12.30pm in St. Edward's.

LENTEN VISITING

During Lent, the clergy would like to visit as many parishioners as possible in your homes, to pray, chat, and offer a brief house blessing. We're starting this week with addresses whose postcode begins GU1 1... We'll be out and about on Friday 24th and Saturday 25th (both 2-5pm). If you live in that area, we'll just drop in (no problem if you're out). If you'd prefer not to receive a visit, please let the parish office know and we won't disturb you.

PRAYER

EVENING PRAYER (LIVESTREAM)

Monday to Friday at 6pm a growing community join together via the Livestream to pray for each other and all those who have requested prayers. If you would like a prayer added please email: office@cpg.church. You would be very welcome to join us each evening - [Evening Prayer](#)

BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND

We welcome Gabriel Leary, Eliza Walker, Brooklyn Depulla and Ezichim Ebo who will be Baptised this weekend and assure their parents and Godparents of our prayers and our support.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN LENT

St. Mary's - Sundays in lent at 3pm

St. Joseph's - Friday at 7.30pm

St. Pius – details in next week's Newsletter

St. Edward's - Wednesday at 7.30pm

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Please Remember in your prayer..

Jose Filiberto (Funeral on Monday 20th February at St Joseph's at 10am)

Peter Bird (Funeral on Thursday 23rd February at St Joseph's at 12 Noon)

Patrick Nolan (Funeral on Friday 24th February at St Joseph's at 10am)

Benedict Wilson, (Funeral on Monday 27th February at St Joseph's at 12 Noon)

Richard Aluko-Olokun (Funeral on 1st March at Guildford Crem)

Elieen Johnson (Funeral on Thursday 2nd March at St Joseph's)

Alison Rayer , (Funeral on Monday 13th March at 11am at St Mary's)

Agnes Cupit , (Funeral on Tuesday 14th March at 12 noon at St Joseph's)

Matt Clark (details to follow)

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

CHILDREN'S LITURGY *LIVE* THIS WEEKEND



This Sunday (19th February), join us at the following Masses:

St Mary's, 11.15 am | St Joseph's, 5 pm

There will be no Children's Liturgy at **St Pius X** due to lack of volunteers.

We need more volunteers at St Mary's and St Pius X. Can you help?

Please get in touch with us via cyf@cpg.church

THIS WEEK'S FAMILY LITURGY - ONLINE

Forgiveness has a ripple effect. I wonder what that means and what it has to do with today's Gospel. Fudge the bunny is very attentive today throughout the entire video. Can you spot him?



Visit www.cpg.church/familyliturgy for more resources to get your children ready for Mass.



FEARLESS and **FUSION** sessions resume on Monday, 20th Feb
We looking forward to seeing your child back!



Likewise, the **Baby & Toddler Groups** are back next week
at St Joseph's on Monday, 10 - 11.30 am and
at St Mary's on Tuesday, 9 - 10.30 am

FORMATION

THE CHOSEN

During the last week we have been continuing our journey with Mary Magdalene, Matthew, Simon & Andrew, and Nicodemus in episode 2, which you can catch up on [here](#). The parish website has prayer resources and a brief introduction [here](#).

Next week we'll have a break for Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday, and then continue watching the first season throughout Lent.

MISSION (OUTREACH)

TUESDAY CLUB NEWS

The Tuesday Club extends a warm welcome to all to join our next get-together on Tuesday 21st February in St. Joseph's Church Hall at 2.30pm. **Michele** from Move It or Lose It will lead a gentle exercise routine. Homemade cakes and Tea/coffee will be served. No need to book. Please email Tuesdayclub@cpg.church or contact the office if you need transport.

<https://www.cpg.church/tuesdayclub.html>

HOMEGROUPS

The Homegroups community warmly invite you to a Pancake party on Shrove Tuesday 21st February in St Joseph's hall. We will start to serve pancakes from 6.30pm onwards - sweet and savoury fillings will be provided. Please bring your whole family, everyone is welcome."

THURSDAY SOUP LUNCH

Thursday 23rd February from 12 - 2pm in the Hall at St Pius X

Enjoy lunch and chat in the company with others, please feel free to bring a friend(s)! No charge, no ticket required. Free book exchange and Parish Pantry open. To help us understand numbers for catering, sign up at www.cpg.Church/soup or call the Parish Office 01483 562704

CAFOD LENT APPEAL

The Lent Family Fast Day is on 3rd March. The Lent Appeal (illustrated by experience in Bangladesh) will be made on 25th and 26th February. Donation envelopes will be available - please return them by 5th March. For the CAFOD Lent Prayer, donating details for the CAFOD Lent Appeal and signing up to the CAFOD Big Lent Walk, please click [HERE](#). A video from the Programme Officer on the work of CAFOD in Bangladesh can be viewed [HERE](#).

CAFOD

A Gap Year opportunity: Are you 18-30, or do you know someone who is? Do you want to develop a wide range of skills including leadership while learning about global justice and inspiring others to use their faith in action? CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, believes in equipping and inspiring young adults to contribute to a more just and peaceful world. Step into the Gap is a fully funded year of volunteering, with food, accommodation, stipend and training within a

UK placement plus a Rome and Assisi pilgrimage. Visit the CAFOD website for more information: cafod.org.uk/gapyear

DIOCESAN & OTHER EVENTS

MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING

The Diocese is pleased to be able to offer a range of courses to empower anyone involved in ministry to walk alongside those who struggle with mental health issues. We will be delivering MHFA England Accredited Awareness, Champion and First Aid Courses in a variety of locations as well as online to make them accessible for everyone. Suitable for Catechists, Welcomers, Ministers of Consolation, in fact anyone who speaks to anyone else in the community! The first course takes place on Saturday 25 February in Guildford. Email E: formationevents@abdiocese.org.uk for more information. To find out about and book events hosted by the Diocese please visit our website events calendar W: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events>

ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE DAY TO WEST GRINSTEAD

For Grandparents and all those who fulfil this role in so many different ways. Wednesday 14 June 2023 11- 3pm. This is always a joyous day of celebration with Bishop Richard and friends from across the Diocese. Booking is now available through the diocesan website.

MASS FOR ENGAGED COUPLES

Friday 16 June 2023 7pm at Arundel Cathedral

Join Bishop Richard for a special Mass celebrating the momentous journey of discernment that is engagement towards the lifelong commitment made by couples preparing for marriage. Mass will be followed by refreshments in the Cathedral Centre.

CPG LIVESTREAM

SUNDAY MASS ONLINE: 10.30am and 5 pm | JOIN US FOR DAILY MASS

ONLINE: Monday-Saturday - 10 am

Evening Prayer 6pm (Mon-Fri) Requests for Prayers can be sent to office@cpg.church

