



CATHOLIC PARISH GUILDFORD



LENT

Week Four
LAETARE
SUNDAY

PRAYER - FASTING - ALMSGIVING

"Laetare Ierusalem" - Rejoice Jerusalem (cf. *Is 66: 10*).

This is *the invitation* that rings out at the beginning of Mass this Sunday, traditionally known as "*Laetare Sunday*" for this reason. We are now halfway through Lent and the invitation to rejoice encourages us to continue our penitential journey to Easter without halting. Lent is like a pilgrimage, where the effort of the journey does not lessen, but rather increases the happiness of approaching our destination.

"Rejoice Jerusalem...".

MOTHERING SUNDAY

This Sunday is also Mothering Sunday and the children at each Mass will be invited to take, for their Mothers, a prayer Card. Children (of all ages!) are invited to offer this prayer in thanksgiving for the blessings they receive from their mothers.

THIS WEEKEND

FIRST CONFESSIONS

Please keep in your prayers the almost 150 Children who will be making their First Confessions this Saturday, alongside their parents and families. It is a wonderful reminder to each of us of the joy and grace of the Sacrament. **Please note there will not be a 10am Mass or parish confessions tomorrow (18th March) to allow space for the children. Thank you**

CAFOD BIG LENT WALK Saturday 18th March

Monica Rowden has joined the **CAFOD Big Lent Walk** with 200km to be completed during Lent and is well on the way to that target. Monica writes: "*Also please join me for a group **CPG and friends Big Lent Walk**, starting at **9:30 am on Saturday 18th March** from **St Pius Church to Newlands Corner**." Details of the local walk, and the Charity, are on the Parish website [HERE](#).*

THE ST EDWARD'S QUIZ

Saturday 18th March in St Edwards Church Hall. Hosted by legendary quiz master Mike Chambers (His decisions are final!). **Curry supper and bar.** Tickets **£15**. Children **£10** from Toni Hourahane *07798 692022*

ST JOSEPH'S PATRONAL FEAST



The Parish is celebrating the Solemnity of St. Joseph, one of our Patrons, this Monday 20th March - as March 19th is Laetare Sunday. The 10am Mass will be in honour of this great Saint.

St. Joseph's School (who created the picture above) celebrated on Friday. Congratulations to them on some great Singing, Reading and Praying. The pupils were all excited at the idea that Lent was suspended for the day!

LENTEN VISITING

The Clergy Team would like to thank you to all those who made us welcome this week. We hope to continue to visit as many parishioners as possible in

your homes, to pray, chat, and offer a brief house blessing. This week we will visit homes with postcodes beginning GU1 2... and GU2 8... We'll be out and about in the afternoon on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. 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. To make sure we come to the right address, please login to My Church Suite and update your details [here](#).

PRAYER

PRAYER GROUPS & INITIATIVES

The parish Prayer & Liturgy Group is keen to support all prayer & spiritual initiatives going on in the parish. If there's anything happening that we don't know about, please let us know - we would love to help get the word out, advertise, support, provide resources - or simply keep you in our prayers. Let us know: scott@cpg.church.

PARISH PRAYER

Looking into the signs of the times by the light of faith, almighty God, may we constantly devote ourselves to the service of the Gospel.

Keep us attentive to the needs of all, that, sharing their grief and pain, their joy and hope, we may faithfully bring them the good news of salvation and go forward with them along the way of your Kingdom.

Through Christ our Lord

AMEN

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Please Remember in your prayer..

Matt Clark (Funeral on Friday 24th March at 12 Noon at St Pius X)

Maureen Rivett (Funeral on 20th March at Woking crematorium at 12 Noon)

Doris Ferrar (Funeral on 30th March at St Pius X at 1pm)

Eugenia Skobelska (Funeral on 30th March at 11am at St Edwards)

Lennie Hornsby- Smith (Funeral on Thursday 13th April at 11am at St Pius X) -

There is a tribute page for Lennie. <https://12d.live/omf>. To help with the catering the family would be grateful if parishioners who may be interested in attending the funeral email (gillmbarnes@aol.com) so that they can ensure they are catering appropriately.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN LENT

St. Mary's - Sundays at 3pm
St Pius X – Monday at 7pm
St. Edward's - Wednesday at 7.30pm
St Pius X – Friday at 2.30pm
St. Joseph's - Friday at 7.30pm

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](#)

PREPARING FOR THE TRIDUUM & EASTER

Can you help to make the St. Joseph's candlesticks and brasses sparkle for Easter ?

There will be a brass cleaning session on Saturday 1st April (no really!) at 10:30am in St. Joseph's hall. Coffee, tea and biscuits available.

If you can help please contact yvonne.newman@outlook.com

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CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES



Lent is a wonderful season of preparation for Jesus' dying and rising again at Easter. Some suggestions on what your family can do for Lent can be found [here](#).

CHILDREN'S LITURGY *LIVE* THIS WEEKEND



This Sunday (19th March), join us at the following Masses:
St Pius X, 9.15 am | St Mary's, 11.15 am | St Joseph's, 5 pm

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

This week's video explores the Gospel for the 4th Sunday of Lent - Laetare Sunday. You will need a piece of paper and a pen this week!



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

Join us for Families Way of the Cross this Good Friday.



An interactive liturgy through Jesus' Passion, especially for families with children in primary school.

Good Friday, 7th April, 10 am

Taking place across the parish:

- > St Joseph's Church with live actors
 - > St Mary's Church
 - > St Pius X Church
 - > St Edward's Church

All with refreshments in the hall after.

Please let us know by clicking [here](#) if you are joining us so we can prepare the right number of resources. And bake enough hot cross buns for everyone!

FORMATION

THE CHOSEN

We continue watching *The Chosen*, journeying with Jesus' disciples, praying and reflecting about our own journeys of faith. The Tuesday group are up to episode 5: [the Wedding at Cana](#) while on Wednesday and Friday we're on to an episode called *Indescribable Compassion*. Hope to see you there!

Tuesdays, 11am, St Joseph's Hall

Wednesdays, 7.30pm, St Pius X Hall
Fridays, 7.30pm, St Mary's Hall

JOIN US THIS EASTERTIDE FOR BELONG & BELIEVE



Let's come together and reflect on what community means for us as individuals and as a larger parish. Let's reflect on how we can grow in faith; on the role of the Spirit in our lives; our love for creation, and how we can put our faith and love into action in our lives, our parish, and the wider community of Guildford.

To help frame our conversations, we'll use a course, *Belong & Believe*, that draws on our Celtic spiritual heritage's immense wisdom and inspiration to help us find renewed faith and vision together. Sessions start the week of the 17th of April.

We are offering three opportunities in the week to join us for this exciting adventure:

- **Tuesdays 11 am-12.30 pm** at St Joseph's Church (GU1 4AZ)
- **Tuesdays 8 - 9.30 pm** on Zoom
- **Wednesdays 7.30 pm - 9 pm** at St Pius X Church (GU1 2TS)

We want everyone to be able to join in these conversations, no matter their background or how often they attend Mass. Every single person in the community's voice matters!

If you want to join us, click [here](#).

HOMEGROUPS

The parish Home Groups meet on Thursday 23 March from 8pm in St Joseph's hall. Everyone's welcome to this lively evening of praise and worship music, Catholic teaching, prayer and social time. The speaker will be Maria Toth. Maria is a lay member of the Cor et Lumen Christi Catholic community in Chertsey. She will be speaking to us about charismatic spirituality.

DIOCESAN & OTHER EVENTS

The Diocese is recruiting for three exciting new roles based at the Diocesan Central Office, The St Philip Howard Centre (SPHC) in Crawley

SPHC sits geographically at the heart of our faith community and is an important place of mission within the Diocese providing a vibrant, faith-centred workspace for all our diocesan teams. To find out more about joining the Diocese as:

- [Reception Administrator](#) (30 hours per week, term time only)
- [IT Administrative Apprentice](#) (full time)
- [Choral Director](#) working with our Education Service and diocesan schools.

Please visit the Careers section of the diocesan [website](#).

Talk for Young Adults. Dominican Brother Thomas Mannion will be joining our Young Adults group online on Monday 20 March at 7.30pm to talk to the community about Ecclesiology: Why is Christian Fellowship so important? Please contact E: lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk to find out how to join this engaging and interactive session.

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>

We have also created a news page for Formation Team Events

W: www.abdiocese.org.uk/news/formation-team-courses-events which we will aim to keep live and updated.

[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.

[EXTERNALLY RUN EVENTS](#)

Gidea Park Talk on the Holy Eucharist - Wednesday 22 March at 7pm. Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest and member of the Pope's Biblical Commission, will speak about the Eucharist. The talk, entitled 'Do this in memory of me', will examine the New Testament material, and trace the understanding of the Eucharist through the centuries, including the latest teaching of Pope Francis. This talk can be followed live stream by going to W: www.whatgoodnews.org

THE FRANCISCAN CENTRE LADYWELL

Set in the heart of beautiful Surrey, we offer retreats, quiet days, spiritual direction and programmes. 'Come away and rest for a while' (Mark 6.31)

Wednesday 26 to Sunday 30 April 2023

Re-imagining the World: The Vision of Saint Francis and Pope Francis

A programme with Br William Short OFM

Friday 9th to Sunday 11th June

New Light from Old Stories

A weekend workshop with Brain Purfield

Join us for the day, or for the weekend. We have day places or residential opportunities available. Contact us for further information or to book.

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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

Mgr Tony Barry



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