



CATHOLIC PARISH GUILDFORD

The next few weeks bring great joy and hope with a range of Feasts, Sacraments and Liturgies being celebrated both in the Parish and in the Diocese. Alongside these are some important gatherings and a Conference for the Priests of the Diocese which we are all required to attend.

In the light of the above please accept our apologies for the occasional changes in the normal timetable of Masses: This week there will be no 10am Mass on Thursday (25th). There will also not be a 10am Mass or Confessions next Saturday (27th May) - please see the Notice below about a period of Adoration and Prayer at that time. (The evening Confessions and Masses will continue as usual.)

In this weeks Diocesan Reflection the Bishop has written

Please pray for our Diocese, for in this rapidly changing world we are called to continue the mission the Lord has given us. This will require new ways of doing things, as it were – with all in the Diocese being ready to do whatever the Lord may ask of us. There is no need for us to be fearful, for the Holy Spirit abides in the Church. We can go forward with confidence, even though the road may seem unclear at times.

May our preparation for Pentecost and our celebration of this feast bring many graces to us all, and fill us with fresh heart for the mission to which we have been called.

THIS WEEKEND

PARISH RETREAT - LAST FEW SPACES!



Saturday 20th May at St Joseph's Church Hall, Starting with lunch at 12.30 pm and ending at 4.30 pm

A time for building community, prayer, reflection and nourishment. We are excited to say that we will be joined by Sr Oneng Mendoza, FMDM, who

helps us facilitate our prayer times.

We have a fantastic afternoon planned that includes quiet personal reflection, a prayer walk, creative prayer stations, and even prayerful movement! [CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP](#)

We may be able to offer provisions for children in school years 1 and above. Please let us know if you want to bring your children by emailing formation@cpg.church.

RECEPTION AND CONFIRMATION

A very warm welcome to Keith Lawrence, a long time non Catholic member of our community, who will be received and Confirmed into Full Communion with the Catholic Church at the 11.15am Sunday Mass this weekend.

BAPTISMS

We welcome Pak Yiu Nathan Chan, Nelson Turner, Diana Amini Horri, Pak Shun Clement Chan and Daniel Amini Horri who will be Baptised this weekend.

A WEEK OF NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

This week we find ourselves already in the midst of the "Novena to the Holy Spirit": the commemoration of the nine days of intense prayer held by Mary, the Apostles and the women in the Upper Room, from the day of Ascension, until the Holy Spirit descended on them at Pentecost. These days form a fitting end to our Month of Prayer for Vocations, and we are inviting you to a "final push" on not one, not two but three occasions this week!

1. **Monday 7.30pm at St Pius:** Adoration and Rosary for Vocations, plus Confessions
2. **Friday 6pm - 8pm at St Joseph's:** Evening Prayer & Adoration with music : a Vigil of Prayer for our Seminarians, especially Scott, who will be made an official candidate for the priesthood this weekend up in London
3. **Saturday 10am - 12 noon St Joseph's:** Adoration and Prayer for Priests, led by Deacon Sean, in place of the usual morning Mass and Confessions (The priests will be concelebrating Mass at Allen Hall Seminary as Scott formally becomes a Candidate for the Priesthood.)

PRAYER & LITURGY

FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

At **11am on Saturday 20th May in St Joseph's Hall**, there will be a

Reflection Session for EXISTING and NEWLY INVITED Ministers of Holy Communion. This will be repeated at **7.30pm next Tuesday 23rd May in St Pius Church** for those who can't make the Saturday session. Those Ministers of our Parish attending either of these sessions or who attended the EMHC Session at St Joseph's School on 28 January, can be commissioned at any Corpus Christi Mass in our Parish, ie., the Vigil or Sunday Masses of 10th/11th June.

(Please note, that those who attended the January session, you may also like to attend one or other of this month's as there are important updates to procedure in the Post Covid era concerning the Chalice.)

Extraordinary Ministers will be recommissioned at any of the Guildford Parish Masses on the **Feast of Corpus Christi 10th/ 11th June**.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Peter Chester (Funeral on 22nd May at St Edward's at 12 Noon)

Prof Patrick Dowling (Funeral on 31st May at St Joseph's at 12 Noon)

Agnes Cranstone (funeral details to follow)

ST PIUS X CHILDREN'S CHOIR

St Pius Choir is keen to encourage the children and young people of St Pius to join us in singing at Mass. If your child is in Year 3 or above, we will arrange a children's rehearsal once a month after Mass while parents enjoy tea and coffee in the hall. We will use this time to practise hymns and music with them so they can join the choir at Mass in subsequent weeks. If you want your child to participate, please sign up by clicking [here](#).



A MONTH OF PRAYER FOR
VOCATIONS

Read about the forgiveness of sins (John 20: 19-23), and pray for more priests who will celebrate the sacraments of healing with the living and the dying.

7th Week of Easter

For the mission of the Church and for the priesthood in A&B

The Diocese is undertaking a month of prayer for priestly vocations

. People across the diocese are invited to read about the spirit of sacrifice needed to follow Christ this week

(1 Peter 4:13-16) praying for a greater generosity for men to follow Him and celebrate His Eucharist.

The diocesan Vocations Director, (our own Fr Tristan), is recording a Weekly Reflection to help guide peoples' prayer intentions. To watch this week's recording

please [https://%20https://youtu.be/wY_Ym8GGudc1665df736c264a6&iid=e84e14eaf6&e=205741fcfb]click here and select the latest film.

You can access a digital copy of May's Prayer for Vocations leaflet [here](#). To find out more about vocations to the priesthood, religious life or diaconate please visit the Diocesan [website](#).

INTERNATIONAL MASS (PENTECOST)

There will be an international Mass at St Mary's on Sunday, 28th May, at 11.15 am with a bring-and-share Lunch in the Hall afterward. Over the years, this has been an uplifting and joyful celebration - all are welcome.

FORMATION

BECOMING CATHOLIC

We have just welcomed some twenty new people into the Catholic family of Guildford with a celebratory Mass and Dinner. After the Summer break, we look forward to running a new RCIA course for more people wanting to become Catholic. Click [here](#) if **YOU**: have been thinking about becoming a Catholic, would like to find out more about it without obligation, or want to join those waiting for our next Course, starting in September

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

CHILDREN'S LITURGY LIVE THIS WEEKEND

This Sunday, 21st May, join us at 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.

SPONSORSHIP FOR ROOTED 2023

We are really excited that we will have **over 70 young people at our weekend away, Rooted**, from 7-9th of July. We ask for parents to make a donation of £85 for the weekend. Although the venue, food, and transport

costs have gone up, we are determined to keep the donation asked for the weekend the same this year as it has been the last few years. As I'm sure you can appreciate, some parents cannot afford to make this donation, especially if they have more than one child attending.

Would you be willing to sponsor a child to attend this year? If so, please click [here](#).

FABRIC & FINANCE

St Joseph's Church bridge

The Company resurfacing the footbridge Bridge at St. Joseph's Church has apologised that it had to delay the works. Please note that the bridge at St Joseph's Church will be closed on Monday 22nd & Tuesday 23rd for resurfacing, Mass will be as normal but you will need to enter and exit the Church via the Hall. Thank you for your understanding.

DATES AHEAD

On Sunday, 28th of May, at St. Mary's we will celebrate an **International Mass (Pentecost)** at the 11.15 am Mass. Followed by a bring-and-share lunch. All are welcome.

During June each of the communities will celebrate their own **First Communion Masses** locally - and on Sunday June 11th all are invited to take part in the **Corpus Christi Processions** in the parish.

On the 7th-9th of July, 80 young people from the parish will be taking part in **Rooted**, our yearly weekend away.

On July 15th, our Confirmation Candidates will journey to Arundel Cathedral (celebrating its 150th Anniversary) to be **Confirmed by Bishop Richard**.

The Summer brings the **Lourdes Pilgrimage** and (well earned) Summer Holidays!

SAFEGUARDING

Our Diocese is committed to safeguarding as an integral part of the life and ministry of the Church.

The Parish Safeguarding Rep, Rachel is looking for volunteers in each community to support the safeguarding work and protect all of our Parish by:

Checking safeguarding posters are displayed

Liaising with Rachel and Community reps about safeguarding issues.

If you are interested or would like to discuss this role further then please contact Rachel Brennan on 07759846240.

DIOCESAN EVENTS

Refugee Crisis Coffee Morning – Saturday 17 June 2023 11.30am-1pm at St Gabriel's Church hall, Billingshurst

You are invited to join Bishop Richard for an informal coffee morning to discuss our response to the refugee crisis. The morning includes a short talk on the 'Homes for Ukraine' scheme.

Please sign up here [Refugee Crisis Coffee Morning with Bishop Richard \(17-Jun-2023\) · ChurchSuite Events](#) A poster is also attached. Any questions please contact Tessa Ricketts, Caritas Social Action Network Adviser E: Tessa.ticketts@abdiocese.org.uk

Celebrating The Feast of St Joachim & St Anne Mass & Afternoon Tea - Saturday 22 July 2023 2.30pm at Arundel Cathedral

Pope Francis calls us to this annual celebration for Grandparents and the more senior members of our community. Please sign up here: [Celebrating the Feast of St Joachim and St Anne \(22-Jul-2023\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)

Any questions please contact Katherine Bergin, Marriage & Family Life Adviser E: Katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk A poster is attached which can be printed off for display.

'Sycamore: an online tool for evangelisation' 4 July at 7pm, online (free)

The Diocesan Formation team invite you to join them for a special Sycamore webinar. We will be joined on the webinar by Susan Longhurst and Claire Dancaster who will discuss how Sycamore is being used in parishes, schools and chaplaincies to connect and engage online with their local communities. [Find out more](#) and register here.

LOCAL EVENTS

WINTERSHALL

The organisers of the Wintershall plays would appreciate help in promoting the Life of Christ being performed from 27 June to 1 July at Wintershall.

Young and old from all walks of life will be mesmerised as the story unfolds across three captivating acts from 10am to 3.30pm. The retelling of this evocative story against the peaceful backdrop of the Wintershall grounds has a profound effect on visitors. Perfect for schools, families, faith groups or theatre lovers, The Life of Christ is highly entertaining and unforgettable. Book your visit now.'

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

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

Mgr Tony Barry