

# THANK YOU

The clergy would like to invite all involved in Ministry/Volunteer Roles to be their guests on The Feast of the Epiphany, Sun. 6<sup>th</sup> January 2019 from 4 to 5.30pm at St Joseph's Hall

We would like to show our gratitude to those who offer their time and talent, in any way, to support the Parish. Please can you let us know if you can come by emailing us at [office@cpg.church](mailto:office@cpg.church) or tel. 01483 562704

## CHRISTMAS MASSES

### St. Mary's, Rydes Hill

Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> 6pm Vigil Mass, 11.30pm Carols  
'Midnight' Mass  
Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> 11am Mass

### St. Joseph's, Guildford Town centre

Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> 6pm Vigil Mass  
Carols at 11pm, 11.30pm 'Midnight' Mass  
Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> 8am Mass, 11am Mass

### St Edward, Sutton Park

Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> 11.30pm 'Midnight' Mass  
Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> Mass 9am

### St. Pius X, Merrow

Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> 6pm Vigil Mass,  
8.45pm Carols, 9pm 'Midnight' Mass  
Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Mass

### Royal Surrey County Hospital

Please note the usual Tuesday 4pm Mass is not being celebrated on Christmas Day.

## THE CHRISTMAS OCTAVE

### St. Stephen's Day (Boxing Day) Mass for Severs

For all servers including those who will be enrolled into the Guild of St Stephen and receive certificates of Merit along with a special presentation of a 50 years Gold Medal, on 26<sup>th</sup> December 11 am at St Mary's, Rydes Hill. Please bring something to share for the party in the hall afterwards.

### Feast of St. John (Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>)

Mass will be at 10am at St. Pius Church, Merrow

### The Holy Innocents (Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>)

Mass will be at 10am at St. Edward's Church, Sutton Park

### St. Thomas Becket (Dec 29<sup>th</sup>)

Mass will be at 10am at St. Joseph's, Town Centre.

### Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> December – The Holy family

Masses will be at the normal times.

### Monday 31<sup>st</sup> – Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas

Mass will be at St. Mary's at 10am

### Midnight Mass for the New Year 2019

This will be a quiet said Mass and a prayerful alternative to the normal New Year celebrations. The Mass will be of Mary the Holy Mother of God at Midnight 31st December in St Joseph's Church. It will be celebrated in thanksgiving for the blessings of the past year and for peace in the world for the New Year.

### Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> January – Mary, Mother of God

Mass will be at St. Joseph's at 10am.

Please note the usual Tuesday 4pm Mass is not being celebrated on New Years Day.

## PRAYER & LITURGY

### Dawn to Dusk – Sacrament of Penance

It was tremendous to see so many people take advantage of the opportunity to celebrate confession last Saturday. Although there were usually two priests available across the 10 hours the queues did get a little long – and there were no gaps! Please be assured that there will be more priests available in Lent!

### Ecumenical Carol Singing – Sutton Green

The Reverend Jonathan Thomas has invited us to join a small group of his parishioners in carol singing around Sutton Green on Sunday 23rd December.

They will be meeting at 4pm in the Sutton Green Village Hall from where they will go around the village singing carols for about an hour. All are welcome. Further details can be obtained from Rev Jonathan on 01483 762707

### **Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> 6pm Vigil Mass at St. Joseph's**

All children are especially welcomed to take part in this Mass. If you would like to volunteer for a part, or your parents or carer would like to help before or on the day, please contact Judith on 07766232011 or [judithvickers@hotmail.com](mailto:judithvickers@hotmail.com). Costumes will be given out on Sunday 23rd December, but if you have your own please feel free to wear it, or if you have grown out of a costume, we are always looking for donations. On Sunday 23rd December we will have a brief run through of the Gospel after the 11am Mass.

### **Hungarian Crib – St. Joseph**

The Nativity Crib at St. Joseph's is being prepared by the Hungarian members of our community – Thank you.

### **Bereavement Tree – St. Pius**

A 'Bereavement Tree' will be available in the Narthex at St. Pius X Church over the Christmas period. You can put the names of your deceased relatives on the labels provided - to remember family members who will only be with us in our hearts and prayers over the Christmas period.

### **Lourdes Pilgrimage**

Mary Lawrence is thinking of organising a pilgrimage to Lourdes from 20th - 24th May 2019. to register your interest please contact Mary on 01483 827538.

Cost: £525 -Single Room supplement £125  
a coach to Stansted will be organised from St. Mary's and the cost will depend on numbers going.

### **An invitation to Serve**

Any young person, who has made their First Communion, is warmly invited to serve at one of the parish Masses. Friendly support and training will be offered – please contact Sandy – [sandy@cpg.church](mailto:sandy@cpg.church).

## **FORMATION**

### **Welcome**

In the Spring we will be joined by Robert Hitchcock who will be working part-time until Easter as our Parish Worker supporting our young people.

### **The Alpha Course**

The Alpha Course returns to Guildford parish, exploring the big questions about the meaning and

purpose of our lives. If you would like to know more about the Christian faith or are considering returning to the practice of your faith you would be very welcome. If there is someone in your family, your workplace or a neighbour who may be interested please let them know and encourage them - everyone who has not previously been on a course is very welcome, whatever their beliefs, from spiritual seekers to Christians hoping to deepen their faith. Free of charge, and includes a great dinner. Starts 17 January for 10 sessions at St Pius X, 7.30pm.

### **'The Claim: Archbishop Romero, his people and Pope Francis'**

Friday 25th January 2018 at 7.30pm: in St Pius X Hall. An exclusive showing of the latest documentary film on the life of contemporary martyr Monseñor Romero, (canonised Saint Oscar Romero on 14/10/18), followed by discussion session afterwards with Julian Filochowski, Chair of The Archbishop Romero Trust. Donations gratefully received in support of the work of the Romero Trust. Doors open with refreshments from 7pm. All welcome, please reserve seats in advance by email to [tonyandunacorning@gmail.com](mailto:tonyandunacorning@gmail.com) or telephone 01483 449593

### **Baptism**

Parents who would like to have their children baptised are invited to visit the Parish website [www.cpg.church](http://www.cpg.church) to register for more information and to register. On behalf of the parish – as we celebrate this great Feast of the Nativity - congratulations!

### **First Communion Preparation**

It is a great blessing that we have over 150 children in the parish who are preparing to celebrate their First Holy Communion. A reminder that the January meeting for Parents will be on January 8<sup>th</sup> / 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **Confirmation**

Please keep in your prayers the 45 young people who have signed up for the Confirmation Preparation. (Please note that registration is now closed).

### **Young Adults**

The group, hosted by Fr. Sebastian, will be continuing to meet in the New Year every Friday evening. The group is a mix of faith, discussion, social and pizza. Please contact [Frseb@cpg.church](mailto:Frseb@cpg.church) for further details.

# MISSION

## Free Christmas Day Lunch

We are organizing a FREE Christmas lunch in Guildford for Senior people on their own on Christmas Day at Jacobs Well Village Hall, Jacobs Well Rd, Jacobs Well, Guildford GU4 7PD, arrive 13:00pm for lunch at 13:30pm. If you or someone you know might be interested, please contact Marta Gaskin 07855 846957, [marta.gaskin@unigold2000.co.uk](mailto:marta.gaskin@unigold2000.co.uk) or [matt.gaskin@unigold2000.co.uk](mailto:matt.gaskin@unigold2000.co.uk) Alternatively, if you have a car and can volunteer to pick up or drop off and spare just an hour of your time on Christmas day that would also be very welcome.

## Communications Group

Thank you to the following who have agreed to serve on the new Parish Communications Team: Michael Stokes (St. Mary's), Yvonne Newman (St. Joseph's) Rosaline Brothers (St. Edward's) Nick Fox (St. Pius), Andy Gilbert (IT & Web) and Jackie Ballard (A&B News). At their recent meeting it was agreed to publish a Guide to Guildford Parish – with the information also being available on the Website ([www.cpg.church](http://www.cpg.church)) and a blog – Parish in Print (maintaining a traditional name). The Blog will be appearing on the Parish Website over the next few weeks.

## Parish Database

The Parish uses an online database provided by a company called ChurchSuite - a safe and secure web-based church management system used by around 1000 churches across the world. The database is used by the clergy and staff of the Catholic Parish of Guildford to keep records in order to support you and your family as best we can. If your household isn't yet registered on the parish database please visit [www.cpg.church](http://www.cpg.church) and add your household details. It is really simple and has proved to be very valuable. Thank you

## Traidcraft at St. Joseph's

If you missed buying your Fairtrade Christmas presents/religious cards and gifts, do pop into the shop at the back of the Church – we are open after all Sun. Masses. Thank you!

## St. Mary's Traidcraft

Save the date 26/27th January for next sale. Thank you for your support, so far. If you feel you would

be able to help sell the goods either after 7pm Mass Saturday or 11am Mass Sunday please contact Kathy Roots on 01483 822398 or 07786592914

## Going into Hospital?

We have four hospitals in our parish. Please remember that with GDPR the Hospitals are no longer giving our priests a list of those Catholics admitted as inpatients. If you are well enough you can request to see a Catholic priest via the nurse/ward sister. However, next of kin should also request a priest when necessary if the patient is unable to in anyway. Our priests do rely on being informed by yourself or family members, to be able to care for them. In emergency and in the Royal Surrey, you can request that a Catholic priest be called by the ward staff.

## 11am Mass refreshments - St Joseph

Help required to serve coffee after 11 am Mass on Sundays. Only 2 duties per term. If you are interested please email [rmbeeston@btopenworld.com](mailto:rmbeeston@btopenworld.com)

## Pilgrimage to Lourdes with HCPT

HCPT group 2 are looking to recruit energetic and caring helpers to be part of our enthusiastic experienced team, offering a weeks pilgrimage holiday to children and young people with additional needs. If you are interested please contact Jude: [group2@hcpt.org.uk](mailto:group2@hcpt.org.uk) We have 2 spaces for children and young people with additional needs to join our trip this Easter. The trip is free of charge and promises a week of fun and laughter! For more details contact Jude: [group2@hcpt.org.uk](mailto:group2@hcpt.org.uk)

## Disability Initiative

The Charity would like to thank the community of St. Edward's for their generous donations amounting to approximately £250 post gift aid which will definitely make a difference to someone's disadvantaged life

## Children's Liturgy Gift Prison Appeal Christmas

Thank you to all those who responded so generously to provide a Christmas present for about 100 children who won't see their mothers on Christmas day, but who attended events organised by the prison during December.

### **CPG Justice & Peace Group monthly meeting**

The CPG Justice & Peace Group is meeting at 7.30 on Tuesday 8 January in the Quiet Room at St Pius Church. All are welcome.

## **SCHOOLS**

### **Headteacher to start September 2019**

The Governors of St Joseph's Catholic Primary School are pleased to invite enquiries for the position of Headteacher. This is an exciting opportunity for a Leader looking for their next challenge.

For further details please contact Macrina Martin on 01483 888401 or [mmartin@stjosephsguildford.com](mailto:mmartin@stjosephsguildford.com).

## **FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION**

Thank you for your support of the priests of the parish – particularly at this time of year through the Christmas Collection. The clergy are not salaried and are therefore very grateful for this collection which forms a major element in their annual income.

There are Gift Aid envelopes available this weekend – please consider using them in order that the Tax can be reclaimed. Thank you.

## **THE WORD WHO IS LIFE**

### **From the Bishop....**

Bishop Richard has sent a card thanking all those who attended the recent evening when he spoke about the Diocesan Plan, The Word who is Life. The Bishop also expressed his gratitude to all those who help to organise and cater for the evening. If you would like to know more about the plan, or catch up on his presentation, please see [www.dabnet.org](http://www.dabnet.org).

The Following is the Bishop's Introduction to The Word that is Life:

Dear brothers and sisters,  
In September of last year, as you will all remember, I began a series of visits to Deaneries in order to present some thoughts about the future provision for the Diocese. Those presentations led to discussions in parishes and deaneries and at the beginning of this year I travelled round again to listen to the results of those discussions.

These discussions produced a good deal of material and I am very grateful to Clare Wordsworth, from Weybridge, whom I asked to distill the responses into a number of themes.

The responses from the Deaneries have proved very helpful indeed in the formulation of a Pastoral Plan that will, I pray, assist us all in the coming years.

On 18th September, I presented the plan to the Clergy of the Diocese and all the staff in the Diocesan offices.

I asked Clare Wordsworth to chair this meeting and Sarah Kilmartin, the Chief Operating Officer for the Diocese, to give a presentation on the financial implications of the Plan. This model was repeated when, beginning in October and ending in December, we visited each Deanery for an open meeting to present the Plan. It is important for us all to engage with the Plan, so that the whole family of the Diocese can work together in the Mission to which we have been called.

The Plan itself falls into two parts. The first part, which outlines the way forward for Prayer, Formation and the Mission of Evangelisation, is the key element of the Plan. It is the Mission that must drive everything that we do and the central offices of the Diocese will, in new ways, support all that we do in the Diocese as we respond to Christ's call to us.

Much has been said about the number of priests who will serve the Diocese in the future. Alongside the meetings in deaneries, a group of priests - those who will be 65 years old or younger in 2030 – met with me and have continued to meet together for prayer and informal discussion. This is important, since it is this group of clergy who will be carrying much priestly responsibility in the years ahead.

The second part of the document outlines, in broad terms at this stage, the future shape of deaneries and parishes.

With a smaller number of priests, it will be absolutely vital for everyone to listen carefully to the call the Lord give to us and respond wholeheartedly. Every one of us has a part to play in the Mission. We must all deepen our understanding of the Gospel, give more time to prayer and be ready to go out to others with the wonder of Christ's message.

This is an exciting time for the Diocese. I will not pretend that there will be no challenges and the changes that will need to be made will not be easy. As the family of the Diocese, we cannot

remain static. We must work together as we move into the years that lie ahead, focusing our minds and hearts on the work the Lord has given us to do. Many opportunities will open up before us as we grow deeper in our prayer and in our understanding of the gift of Faith.

A prayer card accompanies this Plan for the Diocese. Please join me in praying this prayer every day. Pray for one another, for the priests, deacons and religious who serve in our parishes. Pray for Vocations to Priesthood, Diaconate, Religious Life and for those called to Marriage and dedicated single life. Please pray for me too.

The Lord calls us to be his people and to do great things for Him. May we all respond with generous hearts.

### **Our Parish Response to The Word who is Life**

Thank you to all those who were involved in the consultation both with the Bishop and here in the parish. As a result we are setting up three Parish Teams to guide our planning and response – one for Prayer, one for Formation and one for Mission. If there is a parishioner you know with relevant knowledge or experience and who you would like to nominate for one of these groups please contact [mgrtony@cpg.church](mailto:mgrtony@cpg.church). They will have their first meeting in the Spring Term – please keep them in your prayers.

### **The Word who is Life Prayer.**

From the Feast of the Epiphany we will be praying the prayer together 5 minutes before the start of each Mass. In those churches with projection it can be shown on the screen. In St. Edward's we will make sure that there are copies of the card available for all.

Please do also take up his invitation to pray it each day:

*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.*

## **DIOCESAN ITEMS**

### **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

The Churches of Indonesia have provided the resources for the Week of prayer for Christian Unity 18-25 January 2019. They focus on the increasingly pressing areas of peaceful unity between different peoples and global economic injustice. There are the usual daily prayer resources for the week, an order of service that can be adapted for your context and which includes prayers that could be adapted for the prayers of the faithful on Sunday 20th January 2019, and also some great all age resources. Even if you cannot pray with other Christians during the week itself consider committing to say the daily prayers as a family, or with a friend, or use the resources in some way in your usual activities and meetings with fellow Catholics. [ctbi.org.uk/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-resources](http://ctbi.org.uk/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-resources) contact Catherine Martindale [catherine.martindale@dabnet.org](mailto:catherine.martindale@dabnet.org) who is happy to support you if you need help or advice on how to use or adapt these very good resources.

### **Justice & Peace Assembly 2019 on Human Trafficking**

Information Day on Human Trafficking - 9.30am-3.30pm.

Learn about the slave trade hidden right under your nose and how you can help those affected. With guest speakers from local, national and international organisations working to stop human trafficking:

Mick Duthie, Deputy Director of the Santa Marta Group

Fr Mark Odion, African Project Coordinator, Santa Marta Group

Richard Lancashire, Pan Sussex Modern Slavery Manager, Specialist Crime Command, Sussex Police.

Also introductory workshops to Justice & Peace and environmental issues and volunteering opportunities.

Venue: The St Philip Howard Centre (formerly DABCEC), 4 Southgate Drive, Crawley, RH10 6RP. All are welcome.

To book a free place please click [here](#) or call Rosie on 01293 651161 or email [rosie.read@dabnet.org](mailto:rosie.read@dabnet.org)

### **...AND FINALLY - A CRIB**

For the Children to colour and display at home...



# PARISH DIARY

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| <b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>  | 12.30pm<br>3.00pm  | <b>Coffee / tea after mid-morning Mass</b> at all churches<br><b>Baptism: Maia Grace Sedgwick</b> at St Mary's<br><b>Divine Mercy Devotion</b> at St Mary's  |
| <b>Mon 24<sup>th</sup></b>     |  | <b>Christmas Eve – see newsletter/ website for details</b>   |
| <b>Tue 25<sup>th</sup></b>     |  | <b>Christmas Day - see newsletter/ website for details</b>   |
| <b>Wed 26<sup>th</sup></b>     | 11.00am  | <b>Parish Altar Servers Mass</b> at St Mary's  |
| <b>Thurs 27<sup>th</sup></b>   | 10.00am  | <b>Mass</b> at St. Pius  |
| <b>Fri 28<sup>th</sup></b>     | 10.00am  | <b>Mass</b> at St. Edwards   |
| <b>Sat 29<sup>th</sup></b>     | 11.00am<br>12.00pm-12.30pm<br>6.00pm   | <b>Confessions</b> at St. Joseph<br><b>Rosary</b> at St Joseph's<br><b>Polish Mass</b> at St. Edward   |
| <b>Sun 30<sup>th</sup></b>     | 2.00pm<br>3.00pm   | <b>Coffee / tea after mid-morning Mass</b> at all churches<br><b>Marriage of Elizabeth Chorley &amp; Benedict Edwards</b> at St Edwards<br><b>Divine Mercy Devotion</b> at St Mary   |
| <b>Mon 31<sup>st</sup></b>     | 7.00pm – 7.30pm<br>8.00pm -9.00pm<br>Midnight  | <b>Rosary at St Pius X</b><br><b>Adoration and Reconciliation</b> at St Pius X<br><b>Midnight Mass</b> at St Joseph's  |
| <b>Tues 1<sup>st</sup> Jan</b> | 10.00am  | <b>New Year's Day Mass</b> at St Joseph's  |
| <b>Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup></b>    | 9.30am<br>2.pm – 4pm   | <b>St Pius X – Scripture Reflection</b> - In the quiet room, prior to 10am Mass<br><b>St Mary Thursday Club</b> meet in the Hall – <b>AGM, Tea and Natter</b>  |
| <b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup></b>   | 9.45am – 11.15am<br>3.00pm<br>3.30pm<br>8.00pm -11.00pm<br>7.00pm – 9.00pm                                       | <b>St Mary's Baby &amp; Toddler Group</b> – meet in St Mary's Hall<br><b>Stations of the Cross</b> at St Pius X<br><b>Divine Mercy</b> at St Pius X<br><b>St Mary's Social Club in the Hall</b> – All Welcome<br><b>Young Adults</b> – Presbytery Meeting Room   |
| <b>Sat 5<sup>th</sup></b>      | 11.00am<br>6.00pm  | <b>Confessions</b> at St Joseph<br><b>Polish Mass</b> at St Edwards  |
| <b>Sun 6<sup>th</sup></b>      | 11.30am<br>3.00pm<br>4.00pm-5.30pm   | <b>Coffee / Tea after mid-morning Mass</b> at all churches<br><b>Baptism: Nellie Ann Payne</b> at St Edwards<br><b>Divine Mercy Devotion</b> at St Mary's<br><b>Celebration &amp; Thanksgiving for all Ministry's-</b> in St Joseph's Hall   |
| <b>Mon 7<sup>th</sup></b>      | 5.30pm-7.15pm<br>7.00pm – 7.30pm<br>8.00pm -9.00pm   | <b>GYM-jams (school years 3-6)</b> meet in St Joseph's Hall<br><b>Rosary at St Pius X</b><br><b>Adoration and Reconciliation</b> at St Pius X  |
| <b>Tues 8<sup>th</sup></b>     | 10.00am -11.30am<br>7.30pm -9.00pm<br>7.30pm – 9.30pm  | <b>St Pius X Baby &amp; toddler Group</b> – meet in St Pius X Hall<br><b>Parent Connect</b> meet in St Joseph's Hall<br><b>RCIA</b> – Meet in St Mary's Hall   |
| <b>Wed 9<sup>th</sup></b>      | 6.30pm-9.15pm  | <b>FHC Parents session</b> – meet in St Joseph's Hall  |
| <b>Thurs 10<sup>th</sup></b>   | 10.00am-11.45am<br>6.30pm – 9.15pm<br>2.00pm -4.00pm   | <b>FHC Parents session</b> – meet in St Joseph's Hall<br><b>FHC Parent session</b> – Meet in St Joseph's Hall<br><b>St Mary's Thursday Club</b> meet in the Hall – <b>Bring &amp; Buy Sale</b>   |
| <b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup></b>  | 9.45am – 11.15am<br>3.00pm<br>3.30pm<br>6.00pm – 8.00pm<br>8.00pm -10.00pm<br>8.00pm -11.00pm<br>7.00pm – 9.00pm | <b>St Mary's Baby &amp; Toddler Group</b> – meet in St Mary's Hall<br><b>Stations of the Cross</b> at St Pius X<br><b>Divine Mercy</b> at St Pius X<br><b>JGYM (school years 6 to 9)</b> in St Joseph's Hall<br><b>GYM (school years 10 – 13)</b> in St Joseph's Hall<br><b>St Mary's Social Club in the Hall</b> – All Welcome<br><b>Young Adults</b> – Presbytery Meeting Room |
| <b>Sat 12<sup>th</sup></b>     | 11.00am<br>12.00pm-12.30pm<br>6.00pm   | <b>Confessions</b> at St. Joseph<br><b>Rosary</b> at St Joseph's<br><b>Polish Mass</b> at St. Edward   |
| <b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup></b>  | 3.00pm   | <b>Coffee / tea after mid-morning Mass</b> at all churches<br><b>Divine Mercy Devotion</b> at St Mary  |