As we continue our celebration of Easter we look forward to some wonderful moments in the life of our parish.

Currently over 70 parishioners are involved in **Belong and Believe** - and there is room for more. On May 20th - there will be a **Day of Retreat** for Participants at St. Edward's.

From April 30th until Pentecost Sunday the parish is invited to join in **Praying for Vocations**.

At the beginning of May we celebrate the **Coronation of their Majesties** with a screening of the Coronation (May 6th - St. Mary's) and a Parish Mass and Picnic (St. Edward's - May 7th).

On Sunday May 14th there will be the Marian Procession at St. Mary's (3pm).

On May 20th in St. Joseph's and May 23rd in St. Pius there will be the **Annual Time of Reflection** for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

On Friday 26th May we are invited to join, in person at St. Joseph's or via Livestream, in a **Vigil of Prayer for Scott** who will be received as a Candidate for Ordination the next day in Allen Hall Seminary.

On the Sunday at St. Mary's we will celebrate **Pentecost** at the 11.15am Mass on May 28th with the Belong and Believe participants coming together and an opportunity to celebrate with Scott at a shared lunch afterwards.

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 Procession** around St. Edwards (3pm).

In July our Confirmation Candidates will journey to Arundel Cathedral (which is celebrating its 150th Anniversary) to be **Confirmed by Bishop Richard**.

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

Please do take part in as much as you can - it builds us up as a community who Belong & Believe.

THIS WEEKEND

Please note: Fortunately we have help this weekend in caring for two Surrey Parishes without priests but, unfortunately, it will not be possible celebrate Reconciliation this Saturday Evening. We apologise for any inconvenience.

THE CORONATION OF THEIR MAJESTIES

There will be an additional Mass on Sunday May 7th at St. Edward's Church as we pray for the Saint's successor King Charles. Following the Mass there will be a bring a picnic lunch in the lovely church grounds. **Please put the date in your diary** and make this our parish Street Party! Further details to follow.

PRAYER

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION

Each Year Ministers of Holy Communion need to attend a Session of Reflection on their privileged Ministry to our communities.

Such an opportunity is being offered to all **existing AND NEW MINISTERS** at **St Joseph's Church Hall in Guildford on Saturday 20th May from 11am - 12.30pm**. This is for all Guildford Deanery Ministers. An alternative Session will be held at: **St Pius Church Merrow on Tuesday 23rd May from 7.30pm until 9pm**.

Guildford Ministers, who attend either of the above **or** who attended training for Extraordinary Ministers at St Joseph's School on Ministries' Day (28th January), and only those, will have the opportunity to be Commissioned or Recommissioned at any of the Guildford Parish Masses on the **Feast of Corpus Christi 10th/ 11th June**. Please let us know which session you will be attending by

clicking: https://cpg.churchsuite.com/forms/4zjwsap6

(If you have no computer access, send your details to the Guildford Parish Office, 01483 562704)

Please note; If you are a Minister visiting the sick at home/hospital, you will need DBS clearance before Commissioning. This must be put in place via the Parish Office.

MONTH OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

The Bishop is calling us to a Diocesan month of Prayer for Vocations, especially those to the Priesthood. This will begin on **Good Shepherd Sunday (April 30)** which is the Day of Prayer for Vocations, **leading up to Pentecost (May 28)**. Leaflets enabling individuals and families to participate in this in their own time will be available in the porches / Narthex over the next weeks.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Please keep in your prayers Mary Patrick Siewierski (Funeral at St Edward's on 3rd May 1.30pm Theresa Murphy (Funeral on 5th May at Guildford Crem 1.30pm)

FORMATION

BELONG & BELIEVE How our Celtic past can help us today Refreshing our communities and renewing our mission

Over seventy people are already sharing the **opportunity to reflect on our parish**, **our faith**, **and the wider community's needs**. The first sessions were well received with a high level of participation and no shortage of insightful reflection. A number of parishioners have asked whether they can still join the course. We are not able to accept any additional people onto the Zoom sessions, but you are welcome to join us on either:

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

If you want to join us, click here.

If you missed the first session and would like to view the video that accompanied the first session, then you can find it <u>here</u>

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES CHILDREN'S LITURGY *LIVE* THIS WEEKEND



This **Sunday 23rd April**, join us at the following Masses: **St Pius X 9.15am | 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

Join us we explore this week's Gospel when Jesus was with the disciples after his Resurrection. Click on the image below.



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

MISSION

ST MARY'S SOCIAL CLUB

The St Mary's Social Club will now be open on the First Friday of each month starting on the 5th May in St Mary's Hall from 8pm till 11pm.

Please come and join us and have a game of pool or just to socialise with friends. You will need to bring your own drink and snacks for the time being.

HCPT GROUP 2

Our HCPT group sends heartfelt thanks to all those who have supported us through prayer and fundraising to take 3 children to Lourdes this Easter. Our pilgrimage, or "holiday with Mary", has been blessed with sunshine, joy and sharing in Gods love. You can find out more about the work of HCPT here: <u>https://www.hcpt.org.uk/</u> If you, or anyone you know, might want to join us next Easter, please contact our Group Leader, JP, via: <u>group2@hcpt.org.uk</u>

A&B LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

Applications from pilgrims requiring assistance to journey with the Diocese Pilgrimage to Lourdes this summer are back to pre-Covid numbers – which is wonderful news, but it does mean we now need lots of helpers, nurses and HCA's to apply to make sure we have enough people to care for them in Lourdes. "Being a helper is an act of service that many of us do not get to offer during our day to day lives. Giving our time and care for a week in Lourdes can make such a positive impact on the life and wellbeing of the people we help, and ourselves. There are many ways that you can help someone, the first step is to apply!". Further information and a link to the application is available on the Lourdes Pilgrimage (abdiocese.org.uk) website.

The diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place 28 July to 3 August for those travelling by air, or 27 July to 4 August for those travelling by coach or jumbulance. The cost for Helpers and Clinicians is £680 (subsidised) or £850 full price. There are further subsidies which may be available.

FINANCE MATTERS

Contactless Giving

Parishioners are making good use of the contactless machines available in each of our churches, which reduces the volume of cash that needs to be counted and banked every week - thank you. The machines are however sometimes busy, so we have introduced a further option for online giving using the link <u>https://donate.mydona.com/st-pius-guildford</u> or the QR code below. This will provide an opportunity to give to all open appeals together with a facility to register for Gift Aid on eligible donations.

if you would like any further information, please <a>email contactless@cpg.church



DIOCESAN VACANCIES

The Diocese is recruiting a part time **Safeguarding Administrator** based at The St Philip Howard Centre in Crawley. The successful post holder will process Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks for diocesan parishes, volunteers and teams with full training given. For an informal discussion about the role please contact the Safeguarding Office Manager, Bethany Arthur; T: 01293 651148 or E: <u>safeguarding@abdiocese.org.uk</u>. For further details and to apply visit W: <u>www.abdiocese.org.uk/careers/soa</u>. The deadline for applications is 19 May 2023.

The Diocese is recruiting a part time **Senior Administrator for the Diocesan Tribuna**l, based at The St Philip Howard Centre in Crawley. The Tribunal team handles marriage cases, including supporting those seeking marriage annulment. The successful post holder will report to the Judicial Vicar and must have excellent interpersonal skills and a pastoral approach. Role begins 1 September 2023. For further details about the role or to apply visit W: <u>www.abdiocese.org.uk/careers/sat</u>. The deadline for applications is 12 noon on Friday 26 May 2023. Interviews will take place Tuesday 6 June 2023.

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