



CATHOLIC PARISH GUILDFORD



In his message for Lent Pope Francis concludes:

Dear brothers and sisters, may the Holy Spirit inspire and sustain us this Lent in our ascent with Jesus, so that we may experience his divine splendour and thus, confirmed in faith, persevere in our journey together with him, glory of his people and light of the nations.

We make that our prayer together as we begin our Lenten journey with the Lord. Please find below various invitations to prayer, formation and mission that call us closer to the Lord. We pray that each week you will be able to make at least one of them part of your Lenten Retreat.

May God bless us all in this sacred time.

THIS WEEKEND

CAFOD LENT APPEAL

The Lent Family Fast Day is on **3rd March**. The Lent Appeal (illustrated by experience in Bangladesh) will be made this weekend when donation Gift Aid envelopes will be available for return by **5th March**. For the **CAFOD Lent Prayer**, donating details for the **CAFOD Lent Appeal** and other information and videos (including a video from the Programme Officer on the work of **CAFOD** in Bangladesh), please see: www.cpg.church on the HOME Page.

THIS WEEK

The clergy 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 1... and GU2 1... We'll be out and about in the afternoon on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday, and on Thursday morning. 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](#).

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The Parish is hosting (at St Joseph's Church) this year the World Day of Prayer 3rd of March 2023.

We are calling all parishioners and people from Taiwan who would like to be part in the service to Text TAIWAN or call 07918180977. The Parish organisers would very much appreciate your help. Thank you.

PRAYER

STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN LENT

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

St Pius X – Monday's at 7pm

St. Edward's - Wednesday at 7.30pm

St. Joseph's - Friday at 7.30pm

GUILDFORD YOUNG CATHOLIC ADULTS

Next meeting is this coming Wednesday 1st March at 7pm for the Holy Hour, 8pm for talk, at St Joseph's. All 18-40 year olds welcome.



GUILDFORD YOUNG CATHOLIC ADULTS

'And he said to them,
"Come away by yourselves to a lonely place, and rest a
while.'" (Mark 6:31)

Lenten Retreat Day

for adults aged 18-40

Craving some silence and peace?
Join us on our retreat day and begin your
Lent in earnest with prayer and space
away from it all, in union with Jesus.

Saturday 4th March

St Pius X Catholic Church, Laustan Close, Guildford, GU1 2T

10.30am - 5.30pm

Time to be
alone

Adoration of the
Blessed
Sacrament
throughout the
day

Day ends with
Vigil Mass of
Sunday at
5.30pm

Spiritual talks on
prayer,
forgiveness and
how to follow
your vocation
from Fr Tristan

Easy access to
walks in the
countryside, for
fresh air and time
to reflect

Opportunity to
go to Confession

Lunch provided,
and refreshments
available

Sign up with the link
QR below, or e-mail
frtristan@cpg.church

<https://cpg.churchsuite.com/events/flsmv9ha>



MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Please Remember in your prayer..

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

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

Eileen 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)

Maureen Rivett (details to Follow)

Matt Clark (details to follow)

We remember too **Frank Comerford**, who died today at the age of 95years in Richmond, the news will be met with sadness by many of the St Pius Community, where he was a vital part with Monica and Mary for many years.

[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](#)

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 (26th February), 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

Join the Gilbert sisters as they help us explore the 1st Sunday of Lent. They lead us in a lovely Godly Play meditation that even the cheeky bunnies want to get in on the action!



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

FORMATION

THE CHOSEN

Our journey with Jesus and His Disciples continues. We've met Mary Magdalene, Simon & Andrew, Nicodemus and now see what Christ does in their lives – and what He does in ours. Don't worry if you've missed the episodes so far (you can always catch up online), so do join us throughout Lent, as an opportunity to grow closer to Christ.

We're watching the show together (this week two short episodes 3 and 4), at these times, throughout Lent:

Tuesdays, 11am, St Joseph's Hall
Wednesdays, 7.30pm, St Pius X Hall
Fridays, 7.30pm, St Mary's Hall

If you can't join us in person, you can find the show free to watch online, and prayer resources are available on the parish website:
cpg.church/thechosen

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

St Joseph's is formally consulting all stakeholders in the school about conversation to academy status within the Xavier Catholic Education Trust. Further details, including how to respond, can be found here: <https://www.stjosephsguildford.com/academy-conversion/>

MISSION (OUTREACH)

CAFOD BIG WALK

Ash Wednesday was the start of the CAFOD Big Walk for 2023. 200km to be completed during the next six weeks. Monica Rowden is joining in for the third year and asks that, if we can, we donate to this charity walk 'that would be great'. The link is <https://cafod.enthuse.com/pf/monica-rowden>. "I am also planning a group CPG Lent Walk on Saturday 18th March from St Pius Church to Newlands Corner. Two and four legged walkers welcome. More details later."

ST MARY'S SOUP LUNCH

Soup lunch in aid of CAFOD

St Mary's hall 12.30 pm after Mass

Sunday 12th March- PLEASE BRING CASH FOR YOUR DONATION

It is very helpful to caterers if you would be kind enough to add your name to the sign up list in the porch!

Thank you to Guildord Parishioners from St. Thomas of Canterbury school

On behalf of the children, families and staff at St. Thomas' we would like to thank you for the money you kindly raised through your 10% collection for our school hardship fund. It is incredibly generous and will go so far in supporting our families who find themselves in financial difficulty for a whole range of different reasons. We really appreciate your ongoing care and support.

Thank you all very much.

With love and prayers from Neil Lewin (Executive Headteacher), Kate Carter (Head of school) and the whole St Thomas' school family.

FINANCE

10 PER CENT COLLECTION 2022

Thank you to all who donated to this collection.

Due to your generosity we have raised £8,953.23p

This amount will be divided equally and donated to the charities you voted for:

- St Thomas of Canterbury School Hardship fund
- The Cardinal Hume Centre in London
- Water Aid

This is a truly amazing response."

DIOCESAN & OTHER 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. Poster attached.

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.

THE FRANSICAN 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

Email: franciscancentre@ladywell.org.uk

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The next Chilworth Abbey Study Day, is on **Saturday, March 4th**, 2023, led by Fr John Seddon OSB, of Bishop Barron's 'Catholicism', Episode 7, 'Word made Flesh, True Bread from Heaven: The Mystery of the Liturgy and the Eucharist. Mass, 9.00am, Talks 10.15am-3.30pm. Bring a packed lunch and a friend if possible.

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