



CATHOLIC PARISH GUILDFORD



A reflection from Bishop Richard...

Our celebration of Holy Week draws ever closer – next Sunday will be Palm Sunday – and this week's readings at Mass enable us to reflect on the wonder of the Resurrection.

Ezekiel speaks of the new life that is found when the people of Israel are restored to the promised land. Their experience of death has been that of exile – life for them is a return home to the place where they can breathe freely and live freely. We might reflect, as we hear these

words, that there are so many people across our world today who – as refugees, exiles, asylum seekers – desire their homeland, the place where rest and peace should be found. May our prayer and reflection drive us to action to support and care for those driven from their homelands.

The lament of Psalm 129 – the De Profundis – expresses the yearning that seeks the Lord, and the forgiveness that only He can give. In this Lenten Season, we must be like the watchman, looking out for the Lord, seeking Him with all our hearts, that we may know forgiveness and peace.

We hear in this week's Gospel, the account of Lazarus rising from the dead. Mary's faith in Jesus – "I know he will rise again at the Resurrection on the last day" – is fulfilled there and then as Lazarus is raised from the dead. Jesus is alive and active in our lives too. His death and Resurrection is life for us, both here and now and in the world to come. St Paul expresses this in the clearest terms – "the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you."

We are people of the Resurrection right now. That life that enables us to live freely, to be open to the Lord who brings us forgiveness and new life. Our call is to bring that message of new life to our brothers and sisters. As we prepare to celebrate the death and Resurrection of Christ, let us put behind us – through the celebration of the Sacrament of Penance – all that would keep us from living this life that is within us, all that would prevent us from proclaiming the Resurrection to the world.

With every blessing,
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THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

Maundy Thursday 8pm

- MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

at St. Mary's, St. Joseph's and St. Pius X

Good Friday 3pm

- SOLEMN LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

at St. Mary's, St. Joseph's, St. Pius X and St. Edward the Confessor

Holy Saturday 8.30pm
- THE SOLEMN VIGIL OF EASTER

at St. Mary's, St. Joseph's and St. Pius X

EASTER SUNDAY - Mass times as Normal (except no 5pm Mass Sunday Evening)

LENTEN VISITING

The Clergy are continuing their Lenten visiting around the parish, this week in postcodes beginning GU1 - 3 and GU2- 9.. If you've recently moved, please check your address on My Church Suite.

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.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Please Remember in your prayer..

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://l2d.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](#)

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*

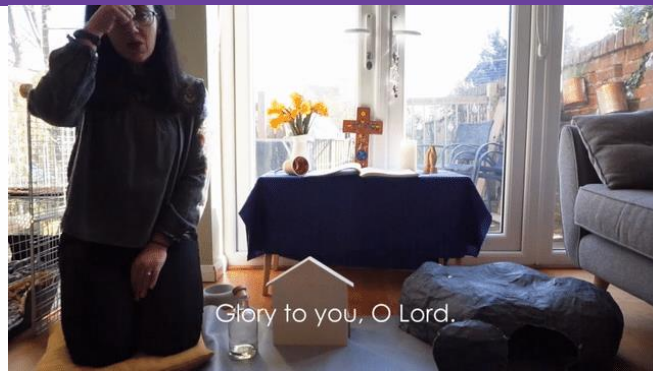


This Sunday (26th March), join us at the following Masses:
St Pius X, 9.15 am | St Mary's, 11.15 am | St Joseph's, 5 pm

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](#)

Join the cheeky bunnies as we explore this week's Gospel with the help of some Godly Play.



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.

Families
Way of
the Cross

GOOD FRIDAY, 7TH APRIL, 10AM

CHILDREN
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St Joseph's Church with live acting (GU1 4AZ)
St Mary's Church (GU2 8BP)
St Pius X Church (GU1 2TS)
St Edward's Church (GU4 7QN)

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

The show is free to watch, on its own [website](#)/ app or via [Netflix](#) or [Amazon Prime](#). You might prefer to watch the show at home and pray and chat about it with friends on zoom, so each week we will make the materials available on the website and in the newsletter

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](#).

MISSION

ST MARY'S SOUP LUNCH

The organisers write: "Thanks to all who supported the CAFOD soup lunch at St Mary's- a total of £170 was raised for the earthquake appeal"

GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS

The Walk of Witness on Good Friday starts at 10.30 am (gathering and initial prayers at 10.15 am) in Friary Street at the bottom of North Street and proceeds to Holy Trinity. We are invited to join the other local Churches for this important act of witness.

Please note that this is suited to Adults - Families are invited to gather at 10.00 am in any of our four churches for a children's Way of the Cross - details below.

COMMUNICATION

Parish InPrint, the Blog for our parish is being updated more regularly. If you have any items of Parish News, hopefully with a picture, please send them to Office@cpg.church. The Blog can be found on the CPG Website (the link is on the right hand side of the Top Bar) or you can [follow this link](#).

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.

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 <https://donate.mydona.com/st-pius-guildford> 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 [email contactless@cpg.church](mailto:contactless@cpg.church)



DIOCESAN & OTHER EVENTS

CHILWORTH ABBEY STUDY DAY

Saturday, 1 April 2023, led by Fr John Seddon OSB, of Bishop Barron's 'Catholicism', Episode 8, 'A Vast Company of Witnesses: the Communion of Saints. Mass 9.00am, Talks 10.15am-3.30pm. Bring a packed lunch and a friend if possible. See W: chilworthbenedictines.com for more details.

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.

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

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