



CATHOLIC PARISH GUILDFORD



Today we begin Holy Week as we enter Jerusalem with Jesus, who makes His journey into Jerusalem in humility, but is hailed by the crowds.

Isaiah's prophecy is all about the suffering servant. The Lord Himself is, in fact, the One who carries the burden – the burden of our sins. This prophecy, this truth about the load that the Lord carries for us – is lived out in the week ahead.

Isaiah calls to us also, that we may walk with the Lord. St Paul, in the hymn that comes at the beginning of his letter to the Philippians, outlines in poetic form the mystery of the birth, death, and rising of Christ. The Gospel – the account of the Passion – places us all in

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the events that are to come.

As we listen, in prayer, to the reading of the Passion, may this account of our salvation find its home in us. As we follow Him to the Mount of Olives and into Jerusalem, so we walk with Jesus on every step of the road to Calvary.

As you make the Holy Week Journey, imagine yourself with Him. Be with Him in your mind and heart, in the Upper Room as He eats the Last Supper with His friends; watch with Him the Garden of Gethsemane where He prays and is arrested, be with Him in the house of Caiaphas where he is questioned, and as He is taken to Pontius Pilate, flogged, and condemned to death; follow Him as He carries His cross; stand there with Mary His Mother, John the Apostle and Mary Magdalen as He suffers and dies. Then, on Saturday, sit quietly by the tomb.

The more we enter into the Holy Week journey, the more we come to understand all that the Lord has done for us. The more we come to understand, the closer we come to the One who has saved us through His death and resurrection.

With every blessing,  
+Richard, Bishop of Arundel & Brighton

### **Palm Sunday**

#### **- THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

Mass at the normal Sunday Mass Times -

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

*Please arrive a little early to gather for the Procession of the Palms*

### **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)**

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## PRAYER

[PRAYER GROUPS & INITIATIVES](#)

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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](mailto:scott@cpg.church).

### MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Please Remember in your prayer..

**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](mailto:gillmbarnes@aol.com)) so that they can ensure they are catering appropriately.

### EVENING PRAYER (LIVESTREAM)

There will be evening prayer on Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th April; there is no evening prayer then until Monday 17th April (because of the Chrism Mass, Sacred Triduum and Octave of Easter)

## CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

Join us for Families Way of the Cross this Good Friday.



*Families  
Way of  
the Cross*

**GOOD FRIDAY, 7<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 10AM**

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)

CHILDREN  
YOUTH  
FAMILIES  
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[WWW.CPG.CHURCH/FAMILY](http://WWW.CPG.CHURCH/FAMILY)

An interactive liturgy through Jesus' Passion, especially for families with children in primary school.

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**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

### TWENTY NEW CATHOLICS

Over the past seven months, twenty non-Catholics have been studying our Roman Catholic Faith with a view to joining the Church. Five are transferring from other Christian denominations and fifteen will be undergoing Adult Baptism during the Easter Vigil Ceremonies next week. It takes a lot of courage to be open to the Holy Spirit and to act on its prompting in matters of faith, especially in an increasingly sceptical and even hostile world. We thank God for these people and the talents they will bring into our Guildford Catholic family

### 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:

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- **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](#).

### **THEOLOGY OF THE BODY**

22nd April 2023 12pm St.Joseph's Hall

Join the Catholic women's group for a talk on Theology of the Body, by Catholic speaker Fiona Whitehead. Fiona has a BA in Theology and Religious studies, and will dive into St. John Paul's II fascinating teachings on God's plan for human life, as revealed through the human body.

12pm-1pm Talk with discussion

1pm-2pm Shared lunch

All women are welcome. Please bring a dish to share. Cash donations are welcome.

For details email: [larissa.bgd@gmail.com](mailto:larissa.bgd@gmail.com)

St Joseph's Hall, GU1 4AZ

### **DEANERY SPRING MARRIAGE PREPARATION**

Last week, here at St Joseph's, twelve couples completed preparing for their forthcoming marriages. They were presented for us to pray for them at the 10.30am Mass and were blessed along with their engagement rings. These couples from across the Deanery now go on to marry either here in their Parish or abroad - Goa, Spain, Poland and Italy. We wish them all the happiness in the world. Our Autumn Course is now open for booking: Please apply to your own parish priest for the booking link.

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## **MISSION**

### **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.

As in previous years CPG has offered to provide stewards for the Walk. If you can act as a steward please contact Graham Stott

at [graham.stott@ntlworld.com](mailto:graham.stott@ntlworld.com) or on **07947 722007** as soon as possible. Full guidance for duties will be provided.

Please note that this is suited to Adults - Families are invited to gather at

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10.00 am in any of our four churches for a children's Way of the Cross - details above under **Families**.

## 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](mailto: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.myдона.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

[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.

**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](#)

### [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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Website: [www.franciscancentre.org.uk](http://www.franciscancentre.org.uk)

Address: Ashstead Lane, Godalming, Surrey, GU7 1ST

## 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](mailto: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