



CATHOLIC PARISH GUILDFORD



## A MONTH OF PRAYER FOR **VOCATIONS**

Read each day about Jesus, our Shepherd, (Jn 10:1-10) and pray for your priests.

**Good Shepherd Sunday**

For the mission of the Church and for the priesthood in A&B

### MONTH OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS - GET INVOLVED IN GUILDFORD

This May, please pray every day for more priests, as part of the Diocesan Month of Prayer for Vocations. Thursday, because it is the day of the Lord's Supper, is traditionally a special day for this, so here in Guildford, we thought we would use each **Thursday Evening Prayer online** during the month as a chance for us all as a parish to come together and ask the Lord to send us workers in his vineyard. Imagine if every individual could come together united in prayer! Whether you have tuned in before or not, why not join us **online at 6pm?**

We will also use our **10.30am Holy Hour** at St Joseph's each Saturday of the month to pray for this intention. Many parishioners are also using the **Rosary** too (after all: no better prayer during May!) Our Lady, Queen of Priests, pray for us!

Any priest that you ask will tell you that he had the experience of being

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prayed for and encouraged by faithful people - friends and strangers alike - when he was discerning his vocation. Pope Francis has spoken about his own experience doing this:

'If we are indeed convinced that the Holy Spirit continues to inspire vocations to the priesthood and the religious life, we can "once more cast out the nets" in the Lord's name, with complete confidence. We can dare, as we should, to tell each young person to ask whether this is the path that they are meant to follow.

Occasionally, I would bring this up with young people, and they would respond almost jokingly: "No, that's not for me!" Yet, a few years later, some of them were in the seminary. The Lord cannot fail in his promise to provide the Church with shepherds, for without them she would not be able to live and carry out her mission. If it is true that some priests do not give good witness, that does not mean that the Lord stops calling. On the contrary, he doubles the stakes, for he never ceases to care for his beloved Church.'

## THIS WEEKEND

### BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY

On Monday May 1st there will be a 10am Mass at St. Joseph's but there will not be Exposition or Confessions at St. Pius in the Evening.

## THE CORONATION OF THEIR MAJESTIES



There will be an additional 'Open Air' 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! (Please note this event is dependent of good weather).

## PRAYER

### MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Please keep in your prayers

Mary Patrick Siewierski ( Funeral at St Edward's on 3rd May 1.30pm

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Theresa Murphy ( Funeral on 5th May at Guildford Crem 1.30pm)  
Peter Chester (Details to Follow)

## FORMATION



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 [here](#)

## CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY *LIVETHIS WEEKEND*



This Sunday 30th 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](mailto:cyf@cpg.church)

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THIS WEEK'S FAMILY LITURGY - *ONLINE*

*Join us as we explore this week's Gospel on the parable of the Good Shepherd.  
Click on the image below.*



Visit [www.cpg.church/familyliturgy](http://www.cpg.church/familyliturgy) 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.

### LIFTS TO MASS

Are you housebound or unable to get to Mass, or do you know someone who is?

Please let Zof Stott know on [zof.stott@ntlworld.com](mailto:zof.stott@ntlworld.com) as she hopes to revive the rota offering lifts to Mass, including which Mass you would like to attend.

We will also need drivers - so if you have space in your car and could commit to picking someone up every week, fortnight, or month, please do also email Zof. If you haven't already had a DBS check, we'll need to arrange one for you through the parish.

### ST EDWARDS AFTERNOON TEA & FILM

An afternoon tea and a variety of homemade cakes made by Rachel Brennan and a chance to watch the film of the St. Edward's History Pageant made in 1985, starring our parishioners and filmed by Tony Barry (then a seminarian at Wonersh) was held at St Edwards last Saturday and made over £425 towards the Lenten Appeal for the Church in Need. Thanks to Rachel for not only organising the event but for supplying a feast of mouth watering and beautifully decorated cake

### SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

Do you enjoy working with children and young people? Could you help

to inspire and empower children and young people in our Catholic schools and churches to bring alive their sense of global justice? Could you give an assembly or a workshop in a local school? Supported by CAFOD with training and resources, you will discuss issues of global justice, add to parish and school life whilst complementing the work of teachers, priests and catechists. Contact the CAFOD A&B office at:- St Pius X Church, Laustan Close, Merrow, Guildford, Surrey GU1 2TS Tel: 01483 573273 07710 094448 Email: arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk Website: www.cafod.org.uk

## DATES AHEAD

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.

## A&B LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

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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 \(abdiocese.org.uk\)](http://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 <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)



## 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

## NATIONAL NEWS



*National Justice and Peace Network*

## **AGM and Open Networking Day**

**Saturday 13 May 2023**

**10.30 – 4.00**

CAFOD, Romero House,  
55 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7JB

### ***'Women in Prison'***

***"A different kind of journey"***

**Facilitators:**

**Simeon Sturney** – Formerly Managing Chaplain and currently Community Chaplain at HMP & YOI Bronzefield; author of two books on his work;

**Deirdre Leach** – Chaplaincy Volunteer at HMP Send;

Co-founder of "*Making Connections*";

**Karen Connaughton** – Catholic Chaplain at HMP & YOI Bronzefield

**There will be a 'notice board' session, with the opportunity for justice and peace groups and representatives from dioceses and Catholic/Christian Agencies to share information about their activities and campaigns.**

Tea and coffee will be provided, please bring your own lunch.

**For further details contact:**

NJPN Administrator,  
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