



CATHOLIC PARISH GUILDFORD



THE CORONATION OF THEIR MAJESTIES

Mass on Saturday Morning will be at 8am followed by confessions.

St. Mary's Hall, Rydes Hill, will be open for those who would like to join together and watch on the Big Screen.

For those watching the Coronation it will be interesting to note what a significant part St. Edward the Confessor plays - from the Crown (pictured above) and regalia named after him - to the time of private prayer by the new King at St. Edward's tomb. The Bishops of England and Wales have produced Prayer Cards which will be used at each of the Masses this weekend as we join in prayer.

There will be an additional 'Open Air' Mass on Sunday May 7th appropriately at St. Edward the Confessor's Church at 12.30pm as we pray

for the Saint' successor King Charles III. Following the Mass there will be a picnic lunch in the lovely church grounds. Please bring a folding chair with you and make this our parish Street Party! **We will celebrate under English Sunshine!**

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY

On Monday May 8th there will be a 10am Mass at St. Joseph's but there will not be Exposition or Confessions at St. Pius in the Evening.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Please note the Parish Secretary is taken a short break this coming week. The priests will monitor the phone and emails - and would be grateful for your understanding for any delays in responding. Thank you.

PRAYER & LITURGY

BAPTISMS

We welcome **Bronia Milligan , Blake Hay, Anabelle Velasova-Gathii** and **Alfie McCarthy** all of whom were baptised last weekend

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Please keep in your prayers

Peter Chester (Funeral on 22nd May at St Edward's at 12 Noon)

Prof Patrick Dowling (Funeral details to Follow)

Previous attachment



 A MONTH OF PRAYER FOR
VOCATIONS

Read about the Spirit of Truth (Jn 14:15-21) and pray for all young people to have the gift of discernment in a changing world.

5th Week of Easter

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

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 prayed for and encouraged by faithful people - friends and strangers alike - when he was discerning his vocation.

[PRAYER FOR SURVIVORS OF ABUSE](#)

Tuesday 9 May

The Bishops of England and Wales have chosen Tuesday of the 5th Week of Easter as the Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse, 9 May 2023. It is a day of prayer for those who have been abused in a season of hope and new life.

[EXTRORDINARY 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.**

[INTERNATIONAL MASS \(PENTECOST\)](#)

There will be a international Mass at St Mary's on Sunday 28th May at 11.15am with a bring and shared Lunch in the Hall afterwards. Over the years this has been an uplifting and joyful celebration - all are welcome.

PIANIST SOUGHT FOR ST JOSEPH'S

The Sunday morning 10:30am mass is looking for someone to play piano or keyboard once a month. Michael Davis is going to start taking one Sunday a month away, we would need someone to play for us on the days he is not there.

FORMATION



Join us for a Parish Retreat

Saturday 20th May at St Joseph's Church Hall

Starting with lunch at 12.30 pm and ending at 4.30 pm

A time for building community, prayer, reflection and nourishment.

[CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP](#)

We may be able to offer provisions for children in school years 1 and above.

Please let us know if you want to bring your children by

emailing formation@cpg.church.

BECOMING CATHOLIC

We have just welcomed some twenty new people into the Catholic family of Guildford with a celebratory Mass and Dinner. After the Summer break we look forward once again to running a new RCIA course for more people wanting to become Catholic. Click [here](#) if **YOU**: have been thinking about becoming a Catholic, would just like to find out more about it without obligation, or want to join those waiting for our next Course, starting in September

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

CHILDREN'S LITURGY *LIVE THIS WEEKEND*



This Sunday 6th May, 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

MISSION

YOUNG ADULTS

Next Young Adults Prayer & Pub will be this coming Wednesday 10th May at 7pm at St Joseph's.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

There will be a Bereavement Service at St. Mary's Church on Friday 12th May. This Service gives everyone a chance to remember all the Holy Souls and pray for the repose of their souls. There will be time to share in the hall afterwards with tea, coffee and cake. All welcome.

PENTECOST from: St.Joseph's Catholic Primary School

As a multi-cultural community here in the Parish, our Spiritual Council would like to celebrate the languages spoken by the families in the community. So if you are willing to send in a short video of a prayer in another language to share with the children we would love to celebrate it. email - anicholls@stjosephsguildford.com by *Friday 19th May*.

TUESDAY CLUB NEWS

The Tuesday Club extends a warm welcome to all to come and listen to the **ROCK CHOIR** at our next get-together on **Tuesday 16th May** in St. Joseph's Church Hall at 2.30pm. The 40 strong choir will be showcasing some of their latest songs and repertoire. The performance will be followed by tea and home-made cakes.

No need to book. Please email Tuesdayclub@cpg.church or contact the office if you need transport.

<https://www.cpg.church/tuesdayclub.html>

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 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 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.

MENTAL HEALTH CHAMPIONS

Our Parish communities should be places of comfort and solace for the troubled and weary, and in today's society, one of the great struggles people face is mental ill health. Would you like to support mental wellbeing in your Parish, ensuring that it reaches out to those in need?

Contact lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk to find out more about the upcoming Mental Health Champion training days.

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. Joseph'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 Processions** in the parish.

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!

DIOCESAN & NATIONAL EVENTS

JUSTICE & PEACE

'Women in Prison A different kind of journey' Saturday 13 May

Because of the rail strike on Saturday 13 May, this meeting will be held on Zoom.

If you wish to attend please contact admin@justice-and-peace.org.uk for a link to be sent nearer the day.

NJPN apologises for this alteration.

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

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



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