

THANK YOU

The clergy would like to invite all involved in Ministry/Volunteer Roles to be their guests on The Feast of the Epiphany, Sun. 6th January 2019 from 4 to 5.30pm at St Joseph's Hall

We would like to show our gratitude to those who offer their time and talent, in any way, to support the Parish. Please can you let us know if you can come by emailing us at office@cpg.church or tel. 01483 562704

CHRISTMAS MASSES

St. Mary's, Rydes Hill

Dec. 24th 6pm Vigil Mass, 11.30pm 'Midnight' Mass
Dec. 25th 11am Mass

St. Joseph's, Guildford Town centre

Dec. 24th 6pm Vigil Mass, 11pm 'Midnight' Mass
Dec. 25th 8am Mass, 11am Mass

St Edward , Sutton Park

Dec. 24th 11.30pm 'Midnight' Mass
Dec. 25th Mass 9am

St. Pius X, Merrow

Dec. 24th 6pm Vigil Mass, 9pm 'Midnight' Mass
Dec. 25th 9.30am Mass

PRAYER & LITURGY

Dawn to Dusk Reconciliation

On Sat. Dec. 15th there will be a time of Reconciliation (Confessions) for the whole parish between 8am and 6pm in St. Pius Church with our team and deanery priests available throughout the day for the celebration of the Sacrament of Penance. Please put this in your diary as a key element in our preparation for the celebration of Christmas.

Preparing for Christmas – St. Mary's

Thursday, 20th December brass and silver polishing in the hall at St Mary's after 9.15 am Mass.

Friday 21st December cleaning St Mary's for Christmas after 10am Mass. Many hands make light work so come and help if you can.

Preparing for Christmas - St. Joseph's

We need help with Liturgical ministries for the Christmas Masses please sign on the sheets available in the church on each of the Sundays of Advent for each of the four Masses. More details to follow.

Christmas Eve 6pm Mass - All children are especially welcomed to take part in this Mass. If you would like to volunteer for a part, or your parents or carer would like to help before or on the day, please contact Judith

on 07766232011 or judithvickers@hotmail.com.

Costumes will be given out on Sunday 16th and Sunday 23rd December, but if you have your own please feel free to wear it, or if you have grown out of a costume, we are always looking for donations. On Sunday 23rd December we will have a brief run through of the Gospel after the 11am Mass.

The Nativity Crib at St. Joseph's is being prepared by the Hungarian members of our community

Preparing for Christmas - St Edward , Sutton Park

Dec. 16th Family Carol service at 3pm followed by a Children's Party and blessing of the Christmas Tree.

Dec. 23rd Ecumenical Carol singing around Sutton Green from 4pm (Meet in the Sutton Green Village Hall from where they will go around the village singing carols for about an hour. All are welcome. Further details can be obtained from Rev Jonathan on 01483 762707.

Bereavement Tree – St. Pius

A 'Bereavement Tree' will be available in the Narthex at St. Pius X Church over the Christmas period. You can put the names of your deceased relatives on the labels provided. This is a lovely way to remember family members who will only be with us in our hearts and prayers over the Christmas period. Further details: Jo Aldridge.

11am Mass refreshments - St Joseph

Help required to serve coffee after 11 am Mass on Sundays. Only 2 duties per term. If you are interested please email rmbeeston@btopenworld.com

Father Roger Barralet OFM.

Please remember in your prayers the soul of Fr. Roger Barralet formerly the Headmaster of Barrow Hills School Witley, and a member of the Franciscan Friary in Chilworth. May he rest in peace.

Possible Pilgrimage to Lourdes

From Mary Lawrence: "I am thinking of organising a private pilgrimage to Lourdes from 20th - 24th May 2019. to register your interest please contact Mary Lawrence on 01483 827538. Cost: £525 -Single Room supplement £125a coach to Stansted will be leaving from St. Mary's and the cost will depend on numbers going."

FORMATION

Keep Christ in Christmas

The Knights of St Columba have again provided stickers to use on your Christmas card mail, reminding people of the true meaning of Christmas. The stickers are available from the church repositories. This year the Christmas postage stamps are secular, but if you ask for Christian stamps they should be able to provide the

Mother and Child ones from 2 years ago. The Knights will also soon be placing Christmas Posters at the back of churches. Please only take one if you are able to display it in your window. Many thanks. Michael Stele.

Together – in- Christ - “The Nativity”

St. John’s Merrow will be showing the BBC film “The Nativity” in two parts: Part 2 Friday 14th December from 7pm – 8.30pm. After each showing there will be a short act of worship followed by a discussion and refreshments All welcome.

MISSION

Christmas Greetings Campaign

The Christmas Greetings Campaign conducted under the auspices of the CPG J&P Group will be using the case materials provided by Action by Christians Against Torture. The campaign aims to send a message of hope and encouragement primarily to individuals suffering unlawful imprisonment or detention, for example Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe or Asia Bibi, who is currently seeking a safe destination following her release from prison in Pakistan. Signing of greetings is planned at St Joseph’s and St Pius after all Masses this weekend.

Number 5 Homeless Project Street Collection

For the 27th year Number Five will be holding its annual Street Collection in Guildford Town Centre on Friday 14th December. We urgently need volunteers to help as collectors. If you can spare an hour of your choice between 10.00am and 4.00pm please contact Michael Combes on 07768 144439 or mpfcombes@gmail.com.

St Pius Ten Per Cent Christmas Collection

Details of the charities recommended for the St Pius 10% Christmas Collection are available in the Narthex. Please take an envelope if you wish to contribute to the Collection which will be taken at St. Pius next weekend.

Free Christmas Day Lunch

We are organizing a FREE Christmas lunch in Guildford for Senior people on their own on Christmas Day Jacobs Well Village Hall, Jacobs Well Rd, Jacobs Well, Guildford GU4 7PD, arrive 13:00pm for lunch at 13:30pm. If you or someone you know might be interested, please contact Marta Gaskin 07855 846957, marta.gaskin@unigold2000.co.uk or matt.gaskin@unigold2000.co.uk

Alternatively, if you have a car and can volunteer to pick up or drop off and spare just an hour of your time on Christmas day that would also be very welcome.

Apostleship of the Sea

“On behalf of the seafarers, thank you so much! If you do not receive a single card or gift at Christmas you can imagine how delighted they will be when we start bringing the presents to them.”

Traidcraft at St. Joseph’s

If you missed buying your Fairtrade Christmas presents/religious cards and gifts, do pop into the shop at the back of the Church – we are open after all Sun. masses. Thank you!

‘The Claim: Archbishop Romero, his people and Pope Francis’

Film Evening Friday 25th January 2018 at 7.30pm: in St Pius X Hall. An exclusive showing of the latest documentary on the life of contemporary martyr Monseñor Romero, (canonised Saint Oscar Romero on 14/10/18), followed by discussion session afterwards with Julian Filochowski, Chair of The Archbishop Romero Trust. Donations gratefully received in support of the work of the Romero Trust. Doors open with refreshments from 7pm. All welcome, please reserve seats in advance by email to tonyandunacorning@gmail.com or telephone 01483 449593

St. Edward’s – Climbing Everest

An enthralled audience at St. Edward’s hall enjoyed an illustrated presentation by Fergus McDonald, a parishioner, on his recent successful climb to the summit of Everest This was followed by a delicious Shared Supper. The evening made a profit of £1,000 for the Catholic Parish of Guildford. Fergus also spoke of the extreme poverty of the Nepalese, and generous parishioners donated £235 to the Nepal Youth Foundation, a charity which helps malnourished children in Nepal. Thanks to the support of thebiggive.org.uk, this amount was doubled and with gift aid the amount received by the charity was £528.75. Our thanks to everyone who attended and helped to make the evening a resounding success both socially and financially.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes with HCPT

HCPT group 2 are looking to recruit energetic and caring helpers to be part of our enthusiastic experienced team, offering a weeks pilgrimage holiday to children and young people with additional needs. If you are interested please contact Jude: group2@hcpt.org.uk We have 2 spaces for children and young people with additional needs to join our trip this Easter. The trip is free of charge and promises a week of fun and laughter! For more details contact Jude: group2@hcpt.org.uk

St. Mary’s Rainbow Unit

Are you female 18+ and looking for a new challenge? Then why not become a leader with 1st Hogs Back (St Marys) Rainbow unit! Meeting at St Josephs school on Thurs.s from 5.30-6.30, we are looking for a new leader to join the team. For more info please email getinvolved@girlguidingguildford.org.uk

PARISH DIARY

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| Sunday 9th | 11.30am 12.30pm 3.00pm | Coffee / tea after mid-morning Mass at all churches Baptism: Rosie Isabelle Bartles at St Pius X Baptism: Anthony Matthew Raymond, Reggie Ray & Louis Luc Quick @ St Edward's Divine Mercy Devotion at St Mary's |
| Mon 10th | 5.30pm -7.15pm 7.00pm -7.30pm 8.00pm -9.00pm | GYM-jams (school years 3-6) – meet in St Joseph's Hall Rosary at St Pius X Adoration and Reconciliation at St Pius X |
| Tue 11th | 10.00am -11.30pm | St Pius X Baby & toddler Group – meet in St Pius X Hall I |
| Wed 12th | | |
| Thurs 13th | 9.30am 2.00pm -4.00pm | St Pius X – Scripture Reflection – In the Quiet Room, prior to 10.00am Mass. St Mary Thursday Group – meet in the hall – Club Christmas Party |
| Fri 14th | 9.45am -11.15am 3.00pm 3.30pm 6pm-8pm 8pm -10pm 8pm-11pm 7.00pm – 9.00pm | St Mary's Baby & Toddler Group - meet in St Mary's Hall Stations of the Cross at St Pius X Divine Mercy at St Pius X JGYM (school years 6 to 9) in St Joseph's Hall GYM (school years 10 – 13) in St Joseph's Hall St Mary's Social Club in St. Mary's Church hall - all welcome Young Adults – Presbytery Meeting Room |
| Sat 15th | 11.00am 12.00pm-12.30pm 6.00pm Dawn till Dusk | Confessions at St. Joseph Rosary at St Joseph's Polish Mass at St. Edward Dawn Till Dusk Reconciliation Day - Confessions at St Pius X |
| Sun 16th | 3.00pm 12.30pm | Coffee / tea after mid-morning Mass at all churches Divine Mercy Devotion at St Mary Baptism: Emilia Ann Heicks at St Joseph's |
| Mon 17th | 5.30pm -7.15pm 7.00pm – 7.30pm 8.00pm -9.00pm | GYM-jams (school years 3-6) – meet in St Joseph's Hall Rosary at St Pius X Adoration and Reconciliation at St Pius X |
| Tues 18th | 10.00am -11.30pm 7.00pm | St Pius X Baby & toddler Group – meet in St Pius X Hall Heart of Mary (Polish) Group meet in St Joseph Church |
| Wed 19th | | |
| Thurs 20th | 9.30am 2pm - 4pm | St Pius X- Scripture Reflection - In the quiet room, prior to 10.00am Mass. St Mary Thursday Group meet in the hall – Christmas Lunch at Merrist Wood 12.30pm |
| Friday 21st | 3.00pm 3.30pm 8pm-11pm 7.00pm – 9.00pm | Stations of the Cross at St Pius X Divine Mercy at St Pius X St Mary's Social Club in the church hall - all welcome Young Adults – Presbytery Meeting Room |
| Sat 22nd | 11.00am 1.30pm -5.00pm 6.00pm | Confessions at St. Joseph Children's Christmas Party at St Pius X Polish Mass at St. Edward |
| Sunday 23rd | 3.00pm 12.30pm | Coffee / tea after mid-morning Mass at all churches Divine Mercy Devotion at St Mary's Baptism: Maia Grace Sedgwick at St Mary's |