



CATHOLIC PARISH GUILDFORD

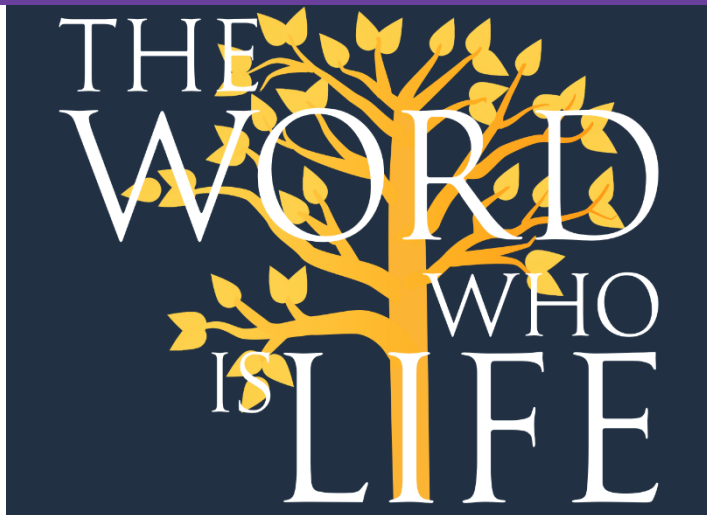
The Bishop is calling us to be a community of Saints.

It is now over three years since the publication of a Pastoral Plan for the Diocese. That first document was the fruit of a process of consultation across the Deaneries of the Diocese and the Plan was presented in each Deanery. In the intervening time, a number of positive developments have taken place. However, we have also been living with the Covid-19 pandemic for nearly two of those years and this has impacted significantly on every aspect of our lives.

The Bishop, in his updated post-pandemic plan, *The Word who is Life*, writes:

"The Word Who is Life is our subject, and the Mission of living and proclaiming the message of Salvation must be the focus for our every action, the measure by which we reflect upon our lives as the community of the Church."

"I therefore take this opportunity to invite everyone in the Diocese – lay faithful and religious, deacons and priests – to join with me in forging our parishes into communities of saints, into strong, lively and welcoming schools of discipleship. May they be communities where the Lord is known and loved; where the liturgy is experienced as an encounter with the wonder of heaven; where daily prayer is a natural part of life; where all are welcomed and their dignity as children of God always recognized; where young people grow in deep love for the Gospel, for the sacramental life of the Church and for prayer; where all know the riches of the faith and seek to share it with others."



Bishop Richard visited the Parish on Thursday Evening to meet with the Parish Councils of the Guildford Deanery alongside the Headteachers of our schools. He reflected on his publication - The Word Who is Life: and spoke about the importance of focusing on the Mission of the Church together. Acknowledging that there will be fewer priests to serve the Deanery he encouraged a greater collaboration across the parishes and an increasing sharing of the work for Mission. The Plan can be read in full by clicking the image above.

Once he has visited all the Deaneries of the Diocese he intends to publish, in the Autumn, a fuller plan which will also indicate which parishes will be asked to work more closely together in the various areas of the Diocese.

THANK YOU to the volunteers from St. Pius who made sure that the meeting was well organised: people left refreshed in every sense. The Bishop rang this morning to pass on his personal gratitude to all involved.

PRAYER & LITURGY

SOLEMNITY OF Ss PETER & PAUL

This Thursday, 29th June, is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be celebrated across the Parish:

7.30am - St. Mary's, Rydes Hill

10am - St. Joseph's, Town Centre

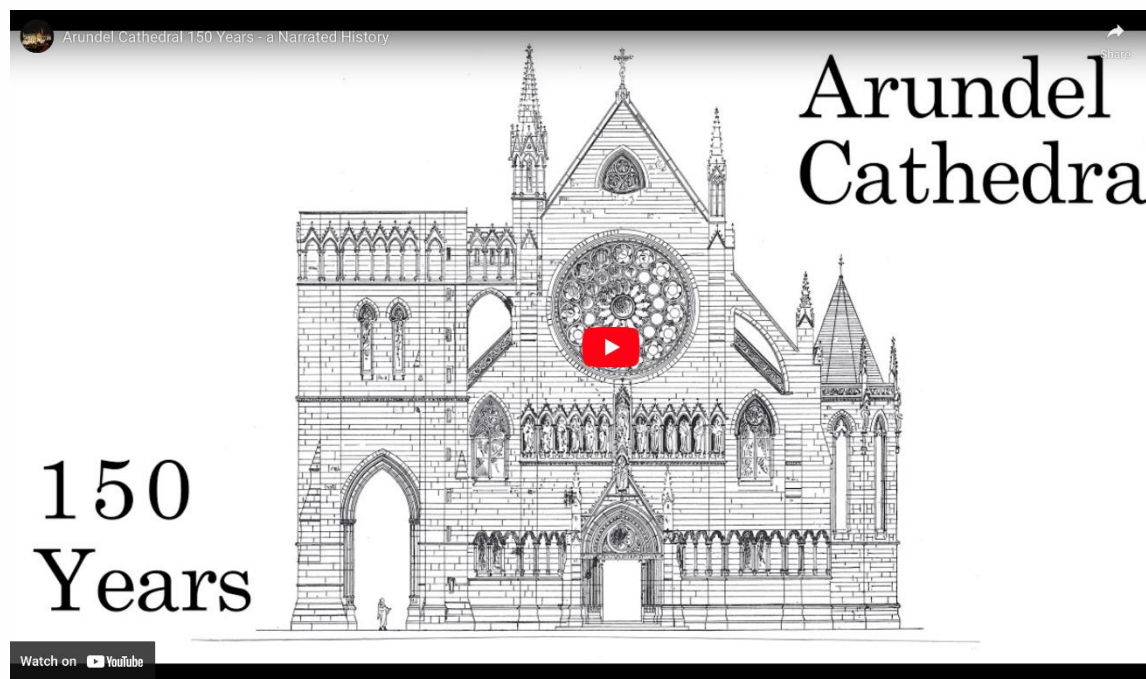
11am - St. Pius, Merrow

7.30pm - St. Edward's, Sutton Park

In addition there will be Masses in the Prep and Primary Schools

ARUNDEL CATHEDRAL 150 ANNIVERSARY

To celebrate the Anniversary the Diocese have produced a Narrated Video of the Cathedral's History which can be [seen by clicking below](#):



On Friday Evening (June 30th) Pontifical Vespers will be celebrated in Arundel Cathedral. This will be Live-streamed from the Cathedral at 6.30pm - [CLICK HERE](#) (Please note this will replace Evening Prayer from Guildford for that evening).

The Bishop has invited all the clergy of the Diocese to celebrate the Anniversary Mass with him on Saturday Morning (July 1st) Please note there is **No 10am Mass** or confessions at St Joseph's on Saturday 1st July.

BAPTISMS

We welcome Missy Gatehouse, Levi Rendle and Maxxima Machilig who will be Baptised this weekend and assure their parents and Godparents of our Prayers and support.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Deborah Kublik (Funeral at St Edwards on Wednesday 28th June 11am)

Edward Labrooy (Funeral at St Joseph's on Wednesday 5th July at 10am)

ST MARY'S PRAYER GROUP

St Mary's Prayer Group meets every Tuesday from 2.15pm to 3.15pm We pray the Rosary and at 3 pm recite The Divine Mercies. There is also time for private prayer. Everyone is welcome.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

We ask you to continue to pray for our First Holy Communion children and their families. This Saturday at St Mary's Church we celebrate with the 40 children receiving the Eucharist for the first time.

The next First Holy Communion preparation programme will begin in September 2023. **Registration is now open.** If your child is a baptised Catholic and is in Year 3 in September 2023, you would have received an email invitation from us.

The expectation is that children coming forward for First Holy Communion belong to families who actively share in the prayer and life of the parish.

If your child is in Years 4 to 6 in September 2023 or you have missed the email invitation, please email fhc@cpg.church.

CONFIRMATION

Our 50 Confirmation candidates are coming to the final phase of their preparation and we ask for your prayers during this time.

- * 25th June, 6-7.30 at St Joseph's Church Hall - Final session for all candidates
- * 7th to 9th July - ROOTED Weekend Away
- * 15th July, 3 pm at Arundel Cathedral - Confirmation Mass with Bishop Richard

YOUTH GROUPS



Thank you for the generous support of ROOTED Weekend Away! The weekend is the highlight of our parish's youth calendar and your donation has made this event possible. Over 80 of our parish's young people from ages 10 to 18 are really looking forward to the camp as they journey together to deepen their faith in a safe and fun place.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY LIVE THIS WEEKEND

This Sunday join us at:

St Pius X at 9.15 am | St Mary's at 11.15 am | St Joseph's at 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.

FORMATION



St Peter's Catholic School in Guildford and the Artventure Trust were delighted to welcome a royal visitor on Wednesday 7 June, when HRH The Duchess of Edinburgh dropped in to Artventure's purpose-built studio within the grounds of St Peter's.

Artventure is a Guildford based charity that supports adults with learning disabilities, physical impairments, or autism, to be creative, have fun, and make new friends in a safe and sociable environment. The Duchess met the staff and volunteers and spent time with participants, before joining in with an art activity. Speaking about the visit, Headteacher, Toby Miller, said "It was an honour to receive her Royal Highness."

NOW IS THE TIME

If you, or you know someone who, has been thinking of becoming a Catholic, now is the time to come forward. This is the moment to *"put a toe into the water"* and explore the Catholic Faith, without making any

commitment at this stage. Of course, we welcome enquirers at any time, but particularly each Summer, we invite those interested to come and have a chat. The course commences in September, so to avoid waiting another year, you can just click [HERE](#) to enquire now.

This course is also useful for adult Catholics catching up on their missed Sacrament of Confirmation.

PICNIC TO MARK NEIL LEWIN'S RETIREMENT

Neil Lewin is retiring this summer as the Executive Head Teacher of St. Thomas's School - and we are holding a special school picnic to say thank you and goodbye to him. This will be held at St Thomas' school field on Wednesday 19th July from 3:20-4:30pm. All families, parents and children, past and present are really welcome. Please bring a picnic and picnic rug and happy memories to share! We look forward to celebrating with you then.

Kate Carter (Head of School) and the School Community of St Thomas of Canterbury

(For any further information please contact admissions@st-thomas.surrey.sch.uk)

BELONG AND BELIEVE: FEEDBACK



Over eighty people took part in what turned out to be a very thought-provoking course. Celtic Christianity gave a shape to people's lives, a shape that modern society often lacks. The Celtic Christianity that we encountered during the Belong and Believe course challenges us in a number of ways. Participants felt that we should share these more widely with the parish, and so we have produced a summary leaflet with some possible ways of making use of what was learnt. You can download the leaflet here: [Belong & Believe Feedback Leaflet.pdf](#), or pick up a hard copy from your church.

REFLECTIONS ON WOMANHOOD

Join the Catholic Women's Group for a reflection by Sister Oneng of the Franciscan Missionaries of the Divine Motherhood on what life as a religious sister has taught her about femininity and a short period of guided prayer, followed by afternoon tea. Donations for Sister Oneng and any baked contributions are welcome! Saturday [24th June] 2023, from 12 - 3pm in the hall at St Joseph's, 12 Eastgate Gardens, Guildford, GU1 4AZ. For any further details, please email larissa.bgd@gmail.com

MISSION

Drivers needed for Saturday 7pm Mass at St Marys.

We have had requests from 2 ladies for lifts to Mass on Saturday evening 7pm at St Marys. If you feel you could assist in this important ministry please sign up on the Parish web site; [CLICK HERE](#).

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

St Edward's Lenten Appeal for Aid to the Church in Need raised nearly £1,900 in a series of events and Lenten lunches. The cheque will be presented to the charity after the 8.30 am Mass on Sunday 2nd July. Aid to the Church in Need is a Pontifical Foundation of the Catholic Church, supporting the Catholic faithful and other Christians where they are persecuted, oppressed or in pastoral need

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA

The Catenians are organising a pilgrimage to Fatima from 11th to 15th October 2023.

The cost of the pilgrimage (flights and full-board hotel accommodation) is approximately £800 per person and will be arranged through Tangney Tours.

Please contact Daniel Lintott on 07545 107610 or email daniel_lintott@hotmail.com for more information.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

The parish bereavement support group exists to provide a listening ear for anyone who may have experienced a loss, whether it be family, friend, loss of a job, divorce, loss of a country i.e. refugees or empty nesters - in fact any loss whatsoever. You are welcome at St Joseph's Hall on the second Friday of every month, any time between 10.30 and 11.30am for tea, coffee and a listening ear.

REFUGEE WEEK IN GUILDFORD

Film: "On Our Doorstep"

27th June at 19.30. At The Electric Theatre

Onslow Street, Guildford GU1 4SZ

This film is a moving behind-the-scenes look at the extraordinary grassroots movement that rose to aid the Calais' Jungle' and the community that sprang up there, before it was forcefully demolished. The screening will be followed by a Q&A with a panel distinguished by their work and experience in the field.

To book tickets: boxoffice@electric.theatre

Tel: 01483 501 200

FINANCE & ADMIN

PARISH OFFICE

Please note that the parish office Opening Times have changed to 9am - 12.15pm Monday to Friday in the Pastoral Hub (Entrance via the CAFE Doors of the Hall) and from 1.30pm -5pm via phone or email only.

PARISH OFFICE

Dcn Eddie will be spending August with us in Guildford and then returning to minister every weekend for the next year. (If anyone is selling a small reliable car please contact the Parish Office office@cpg.church as we are hoping to get Dcn Eddie around the parish. Thank you)

PARISH KEYS

For legal and insurance reasons it is essential that the Parish Office have an up-to-date record of the Key Holders in the Parish. The relevant form has been updated in the last year: so if you haven't signed one of the new forms please contact the Parish Office (01483 562704 Email: Office@cpg.church) as soon as possible. Thank you for your help in this important matter.

DIOCESAN EVENTS

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](#) Any questions please contact Katherine Bergin, Marriage & Family Life Adviser E: Katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk A poster is attached which can be printed off for display.

Catechists' Day – Saturday 23 September at 11am at Worth School

A day of formation, prayer and conversation for existing catechists, those interested in exploring being a catechist and those who might need a little encouragement to consider this vocation. If you are involved or interested in working with Children's Liturgy, Baptism, First Holy Communion and Reconciliation, Confirmation, Marriage or RCIA, you are very welcome to come along. The doors will be open from 10.30am for refreshments, with the programme beginning at 11am. We aim to finish at around 4pm. For more information, please contact Jon Harman, Formation Adviser E: Jon.Harman@abdiocese.org.uk

Surrey Churches Preservation Trust's popular Ride & Stride - Saturday 9 September

Enjoy a great day out cycling or walking, discover Surrey's heritage, and make a real difference. All funds raised help to repair and conserve Surrey's Christian churches. Sponsored coffee mornings and tea parties are also very welcome! Routes, maps and more information can be found here
W: www.surreychurchespreservationtrust.org/ride-stride/

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

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.

