



CATHOLIC PARISH GUILDFORD

On Thursday we celebrated the solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. His public ministry complete, Jesus returns to the Father, but He never leaves us. He promises us the Holy Spirit and today we are, as it were, with the Apostles in the Upper Room as they await the coming of the Holy Spirit, which we shall mark on Pentecost day next Sunday.

Today's Gospel is taken from Jesus' discourse at the Last Supper, from his prayer to the Father for his disciples. Jesus prays that they – and we – may be one, united in faith, in our discipleship, in our mission. Jesus offers this prayer in the context of a world that will not always welcome the message, a world that is full of distraction, a world in which the power of the evil one will be ever-present. This is the world in which we live too.

It is into this world that the Lord sends us. Our mission is to proclaim His Resurrection, the hope that is the Kingdom of the Father, to a world that is in need of peace, a world in which the dignity of the human person is challenged, a world in which so many live with addictions, a world affected by climate change, a world where so many are seeking life.

The message of the Resurrection is the one message that brings humanity to fulfilment. It is "Life to the full."

With every blessing,

+ **Richard**

THIS WEEKEND

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION TAUGHT MASS

This Saturday, 11th May, we will welcome all the First Holy Communion Children and their parents at the 10am Mass. This will be a 'taught Mass' with a commentary to enable the Children to understand better the beauty and significance of the Mass. The Sacrament of Confession will be available afterwards - through the start time might be a little delayed - thank you for your understanding.

St. Joseph's Church 40th Anniversary - SOUP LUNCH

This coming **Sunday (12th May)** there is a **SOUP LUNCH** following the **10.30am Mass** in **St. Joseph's**. This is the first of the events associated with the 40th Anniversary of the Church (September 8th). It is a good opportunity to build the community of the Church and Monies raised will go towards the cost of the main celebration in September.

PRAYER

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Please keep in your prayers:

Recently deceased – Margaret Shepherd, Sheila Grainger, Evelyn Johnson, Maureen Monk

Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord, and let Perpetual light shine upon them,

May they rest in Peace.

PENTECOST SUNDAY - INTERNATIONAL MASS

St Mary's 11.15 Mass for Pentecost Sunday 19th May will be the traditional International Mass. Afterwards there is a shared lunch in the hall- **PLEASE BRING FOOD AND DRINK** to share with everyone. All welcome!

PENTECOST SUNDAY - TIME OF ADORATION

In St. Joseph's Church at 3pm on May 19th there will be a time of Adoration - concluding the Month of Prayer for Vocations in our Diocese.



Our month of prayer for the raising up of new vocations in the Church continues this week. The priesthood is a special gift to the Church, through which Christ is always present to pour out His Spirit on His people through the holy sacraments. Let us spend some time each day this week reading about the forgiveness of sins (John 20:19-23), and pray for more priests who will celebrate the sacraments of healing with the living and the dying.

You can download our Month of Prayer for Vocations leaflet [here](#). To find out more about vocations, visit the [Vocations website](#).

POSSIBLY LAST COACH CALL - ORDINATION OF DCN EDDIE TO THE PRIESTHOOD

Neighbouring Parishes are asking if they can take-up any unused seats in the coaches going to Arundel for the Ordination of Dcn Eddie Hopkins, alongside Dcn Gustavo Campanello, to the Sacred Priesthood at the hands of Bishop Richard Moth on Saturday 22nd June at 2:30pm.

The coaches will leave at 12.15pm from St. Pius Church, Merrow and from St. Mary's Church, Rydes Hill. While obviously people are welcome to use their own cars - parking in Arundel town is VERY limited. Please follow this link to book a place on the coach at no cost or to book a seat in the Cathedral.. **[PLEASE CLICK HERE](#)**

ORDINATIONS - SCOTT COLMAN TO THE DIACONATE



You are warmly invited to
the Ordination to the Diaconate

of Scott Coleman, Gary Carter,
Stephen Trafford & Sean Power

by the Right Reverend John Sherrington,
Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster

at Westminster Cathedral

at 10.30am on Saturday 15th June 2024

MASS INTENTIONS - THIS COMING WEEK

Please click [Int 11th May 2024.pdf](#) for the Mass times & Intentions for the coming week.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

We are very grateful to Aseel who has continued to work part-time enabling the dedicated and talented team of Volunteers supporting Children, Youth and Families in the Parish.

As you know the hope is to recruit a full time Youth Worker and we are re-advertising Nationally, in the Diocese and local Parishes. It has become clear that the number of people taking up this kind of work has dramatically reduced over the last decade. Please keep the CYF in your prayers and, if you know of

anyone who might be interested (if only in having an initial conversation) please show them the Job Description. [Youth Worker Job Pack 2024 1 1.docx](#)

MISSION

ST EDWARDS LENT PROJECT

The total raised for Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice is £2229:15. Thank you to everyone who supported the Lent Project in any way- attending functions growing potatoes, filling Smartie tubes, hosting lunches or giving time or donations.

Well done everyone !

TUESDAY CLUB NEWS

The Tuesday Club welcomes all to join our next get-together on Tuesday 21st May in St. Joseph's Church Hall at 2.30pm. Kim Lowe will give a talk on '**The Life of Brookwood Cemetery**'. Homemade cakes and teas/coffees will be served.

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

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

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA

The Guildford and District Knights of St Columba invite you to St Augustine's Abbey, Sampleoak Lane, Chilworth GU4 8QR on **Saturday May 18** to discover the Benedictine way of life. An optional Holy Mass is at 9 am followed by a talk from **10.00 to 11.30 am** in the Abbey Church. Admission to the talk is by donation. Refreshments will be available as well as access to the monks' shop. If you wish to attend please email richardatob@gmail.com.

COMMUNICATIONS SUNDAY

This Sunday is **Communications Sunday** with the second collection to support the work of the Bishop's Media Office in promoting the Gospel.

DIOCESAN EVENTS

Children's Liturgy Saturday 18 May

Following on from the success of our previous Children's liturgy training we are repeating the training. This will take place at the St Philip Howard Centre in Crawley. Please join us for a morning exploring an exciting style of delivering the liturgy of the word for children. Lucy Hall will be demonstrating a hands on, tactile approach to wondering about the Gospel. Whether you have been working in this ministry for a long time or if you are new, come to be enthused by Lucy and to meet others who share your passion. Please sign up here: [Liturgy of the Word with Children - Leaders' training \(18-May-2024\)](#) · [ChurchSuite Events](#)

Adoremus 2024 – Cost £40 per person

Join Bishop Richard at Adoremus 2024, the National Eucharistic Congress at Oscott, Birmingham and the place where the first Eucharistic procession took place after the restoration of the Church in Britain. The day will include a keynote address, Mass, a Eucharistic Procession and Benediction and a range of campus activities including an Acutis presentation, Rosary walk and Adoration in the Chapel. Parking is available at St Wilfrid's School, Crawley but please arrive in good time to board the coach which will depart promptly at 6.45am. The coach will depart Birmingham at 6pm. Please bring a packed lunch. For more information and to book your ticket please see the attached link [Adoremus 2024 \(14-Sep-2024\)](#) · [ChurchSuite Events](#)

To find out about and book events hosted by the Diocese please visit the Diocesan website events calendar

W: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events>

CPG LIVESTREAM

SUNDAY MASS ONLINE: 10.30am and 5pm

JOIN US FOR DAILY MASS ONLINE: Monday-Saturday - 10 am

EVENING PRAYER 6pm (Mon-Fri)

Please join us by [clicking here](#).

If you have any intentions that you would like the community to pray for: an anniversary, sick family member or friend, someone or something that can be included in the 6pm Evening Prayer Intercessions please

email: office@cpg.church or 01483 562704

DIOCESAN PRAYER

**LORD,
The Word who is Life.**

May all the people of our Diocese grow in openness
to the power of the Holy Spirit,
so that through a growth in understanding and courage,
and truly open to your call,
we may bear powerful witness
to all around us,
for you are Lord for ever and ever,

AMEN

Mgr Tony Barry