



CATHOLIC PARISH GUILDFORD

Sunday 16th June 2024

This Sunday's readings speak of two themes: rest and action. Both of these are necessary in the Christian life.

In the First Reading, Ezekiel paints a picture, in divinely inspired words, of the action that God takes to ensure a place of safety for the people of Israel. It is God who plants a cedar tree on the high mountain. The Cedar is regarded as a noble tree. It provides shade, and its wood, with its scent, is used for the panelling of the Holy Place. In the shade of this tree – planted by God Himself – all find rest.

St Paul, in his letter to Corinthians, expresses his desire to be at home – at peace and at rest – with the Lord. For us – as for Paul – the whole of our lives as Jesus' followers must be about the fulfilment of all the Lord would do in us. A life lived in conscious response to God's will, the way of the Gospel, is the sure way for us to find life.

Jesus, in the Gospel, brings rest and action together. The sower throws seed on the land. What happens next is beyond him. God is active and the sower, in his work, is cooperating with God's action. It is in the time of 'rest', as it were – when the seed is growing unseen – that God is at work.

These texts remind me of the two sisters of Bethany: Martha and Mary. Martha is always busy. Mary recognises the need to simply be with the Lord, to sit at his feet and rest in his presence. Both are needed. Martha and Mary need to be, as it were, present in us all. The times of shelter and rest with Christ – the times of prayer, the moments when we are especially conscious of placing ourselves in His presence, reflection on the Scriptures, the Eucharist – are the very times we need for the action that God calls us take – and the call to action, the call to mission – is ever present.

We must be builders of His Kingdom and this will require continuing advocacy for the value and dignity of human life, continuing work for peace, continuing support for the refugee, the dispossessed, and the continuing proclamation of the Gospel and the life that the Lord gives through his Death and Resurrection.

With every blessing,

+ *Richard*

THIS WEEKEND

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Please keep in your prayers the children who will be making their First Holy Communion this weekend at St. Mary's. It is wonderful that so many families have been part of this year's preparation course and we are very grateful to all who have supported them as leaders and in prayer. Thank you.

DAY FOR LIFE

This Sunday 16th June. The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. There has been much discussion in the media recently about "assisted suicide", whereby people who feel they are overburdened by suffering will be facilitated in bringing their lives to a premature end by a change in legislation. The Catholic Church opposes this.

As Catholics, along with many people of other faiths and none, we share a different vision about what it is to be fully human, especially when we are suffering and approaching death in the hope of eternal life. People who are coming towards the end of their lives can feel vulnerable, and recent research shows that many consider themselves a burden on their loved ones and wider society. Jesus shows us that life always has dignity and that there is no such thing as a useless life. We are called to defend this gift of life to its natural end and to protect vulnerable citizens from a culture that could pressure them into assisted suicide. We support people with the companionship of a listening ear, appropriate treatment, and the best of care, so that their last days can be times of grace, intimacy and love.

PARISH APPEAL

Please be attentive to an important financial appeal that will be shared at the end of each Mass this weekend. The Parish Finance Committee has an essential update about the Church's financial status and the action needed from our 4000+ strong community to sustain and enrich our work moving forwards.

Please be ready to respond. Further details about Parish Finances can be found on the Parish Website: www.cpg.church.

PRAYER

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Please keep in your prayers:

Maureen Monk (Guildford Crematorium on Thursday 20th June)

Pat Woodbridge (Details to follow)

Maragaret & John Hall (Funeral Mass on Monday 24th June at 11am at Ladywell Convent Chapel)

**Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord, and let Perpetual light shine upon them,
May they rest in Peace.**

MASSES THIS WEEK

Given there is a Vigil of Prayer for Dcn Eddie (see separate notice) there is NO Latin Mass at St Edward's Church this coming Friday.

NO CONFESSIONS NEXT SATURDAY

Please note - there will be a 10am Next Saturday (June 22nd) but the priests will then leave for the Cathedral so there will not be Exposition or Confessions.

MASS INTENTIONS - THIS COMING WEEK

Please click [Int 15th June 2024.pdf](#) for the Mass times & Intentions for the coming week.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR - THIS COMING WEEK

Sat 15th June - Saturday of week 10 in Ordinary Time

Sun 16th June - 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mon 17th June - Monday of week 11 in Ordinary Time

Tue 18th June - Tuesday of week 11 in Ordinary Time

Wed 19th June - Wednesday of week 11 in Ordinary Time

Thu 20th June - Thursday of week 11 in Ordinary Time

Fri 21st June - Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

ORDINATION OF DCN EDDIE

PRAYER VIGIL

At 6pm on Friday June 21st the usual Livestream Evening Prayer will be open to parishioners to attend personally in St. Joseph's Church. We will join Dcn Eddie and pray for him and Dcn Gus as they prepare for their Ordination to the Priesthood on the Saturday. After evening Prayer there will be a time of Eucharistic Adoration, hymns and prayers. Please join us in Prayer.

FR EDDIE'S FIRST MASS - A CELEBRATION FOR THE WHOLE PARISH

We are all invited to join Fr. Eddie for the celebration of his First Mass at St. Joseph's Church at 10.30am on Sunday June 23rd. One of the deacons will be the newly ordained Dcn Scott Colman - whom we welcome back following his placement in the parish last year. As all the Parish Priests will be concelebrating we are grateful to a visiting priest for celebrating the 9.15am and 11.15am Masses.

Bring Your Own Picnic (BYOP)" Garden Event Sunday 23rd JUNE

EVERYONE is then invited to join us at our BYOP garden event to celebrate Fr. Eddie's First Mass after his ordination to the priesthood. Pack your favourite picnic treats and join us for a delightful afternoon in the Allen House Garden. Tea and Coffee will be available from the Hideaway Cafe. This event is a beautiful opportunity to enjoy a relaxing meal with fellow parishioners and celebrate our vibrant community spirit.

Time: Immediately following the end of 10:30 am Mass at St. Joseph's Church

Location: Allen House Grounds, Guildford (a short walk from St. Joseph's Church)

If you'd like to attend, please sign up **here**. <https://cpg.churchsuite.com/events/zysjfunp>

PRESENTATION OF CHALICE

Parishioners have been asking if there might be a gift the Parish could give to Fr. Eddie and it seems appropriate to suggest we might give him the Chalice and Paten for the Bishop to present and which he will use for the rest of his life. If you would like to be part of this gift there is an option on the contactless machines in the porches or go to: <https://www.cpg.church/giving.html> and select the Option - Ordination Gift from the menu. Thank you.

MISSION

THANK YOU & MORE HELP NEEDED PLEASE!

Many thanks indeed to all those who offered help at last weekend's appeal. In addition to the Ministries of Welcoming, Coffee Rotas and adults to help with leading/co-ordinating Altar Serving, the AV rota also needs more help at St Pius X. If you can help, please email office@cpg.church THANK YOU!

TUESDAY CLUB NEWS

The Tuesday Club welcomes all to join our next get-together on Tuesday 18th June in St. Joseph's Church Hall at 2.30pm. Local Historian David Rose will talk about "Guildford's Stormy Past" - the effects of extreme weather from the 1900's to the present. Homemade cakes and tea/coffee 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>

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP PRAYER AND SHARED BBQ

WEDNESDAY 19TH JUNE FROM 7PM ONWARDS

For the next Young Adults Group event, there will be the usual Adoration at St Joseph's from 7pm to 8 pm followed by a shared BBQ in the presbytery garden to which all our young adults and students are invited.

Please sign up so that we can cater and indicate what you would like to bring along to share on the sign-up form. The parish will provide the meat and veggie option.

If it's too wet for the garden, we will set it up in the cafe.

Please sign up at <https://cpg.churchsuite.com/events/0cufk6hh>

[Fun-Filled Family Bingo Night Saturday 29th June](#)

Come with our parish community for an exciting evening of bingo games and fellowship. Win fantastic prizes and make wonderful memories together while supporting the 40th Anniversary of St. Joseph's Church (8th September). All proceeds from the event will support the main celebration in September. **Time:** 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm

If you'd like to attend, please sign up via [the link](#) or contact the office

[SHOP](#)

Do come and browse in our shop at St Joseph's – find cards and gifts for those special religious occasions including First Communion, Confirmation and Ordination. Put your faith into action by buying Fairtrade items. Find the Church Shop just off the porch at St Joseph's Church, open on Sundays after morning and evening Masses.

[GUILDFORD AND GODALMING INTERFAITH FORUM](#)

Guildford and Godalming Interfaith Forum is looking for new members. An opportunity to get to know people of other faiths, support each other's activities and plan multi-faith events. Contact Carolyn Neogi, gginterfaithforum@aol.com.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

Mass for the Feast of St Joachim & St Anne, 20 July, 3pm, Arundel Cathedral. A celebration for grandparents and senior members of our community: a time to savour the fruits of family life and the wisdom of

experience. Mass, celebrated by Bishop Richard, will be followed by refreshments in the Cathedral Centre. Please [register here](#).

VACANCIES

200 CLUB

We are looking for a volunteer to take over the running of the Parish 200 Club, which involves promoting the 200 Club and arranging a quarterly draw. If you would like to find out what is involved then please contact the Parish Office on 01483 562704.

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