

Sunday 19th May 2024 - Pentecost Sunday

This Sunday, with the **Feast of Pentecost**, the great season of Eastertide draws to a close.

St Paul, in this Sunday's Second Reading from his letter to the Galatians, reminds us of the fruits that the Holy Spirit brings: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control. We must pray for the flourishing of these fruits across a world that is torn apart by conflict and the deprivations this brings to so many.

It is important to remember always that we do not produce these fruits of ourselves – they are, after all, the fruits of the Holy Spirit. The Sequence for the feast reminds us: "If thou take thy grace away, nothing pure in us will stay, all our good is turned to ill." Nothing is possible without the Spirit's grace. Our responsibility is to ensure that we place nothing in the way of the flourishing of this grace within us.

A question for each of us today must surely be, therefore: "What, in my life, prevents the flourishing of these fruits? What things prevent me being a person who, as a disciple of the Lord, is a bearer of these fruits for my brothers and sisters?"

While we pray for the world in which we live, it is vital for us to accept the responsibility that we have for our brothers and sisters. Our openness to the fruits the Holy Spirit would bring about in us is a prophetic sign for the whole world. Let us be open to the Spirit's gifts, the grace that is poured into our hearts, that we may be fruitful in our living of the Gospel.

With every blessing,

+ Richard

THIS WEEKEND

St Pius X Church - Horseshoe Lane East Temporary Closure to Traffic

Please note that due to roadworks, car access from the Epsom Road to St Pius X Church is currently <u>diverted along Horsehoe Lane West, passing St Thomas</u>

of Canterbury and St Peter's Catholic Schools. The roadworks should be finished on Monday 20th May.

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 variety of spiritual gifts that make up the Church (1 Cor 12:3-13) and pray for the Holy Spirit to be poured out on our Diocese, to produce many vocations.

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

PRAYER

CORPUS CHRIST NOVENA

We have a novena to help people prepare for Corpus Christi on 2nd June. There will be some paper copies of the prayer at the back of church this weekend, or you can find it online here: https://www.praymorenovenas.com/corpus-christinovena

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Please keep in your prayers:

Julian Homes (Funeral on Thursday 23rd May at 11am at St Pius X)

Evelyn Johnson (Funeral on Wednesday 5th June at 11am at St Edwards)

Maureen Monk (Guildford Crematorium on Thursday 20th June)

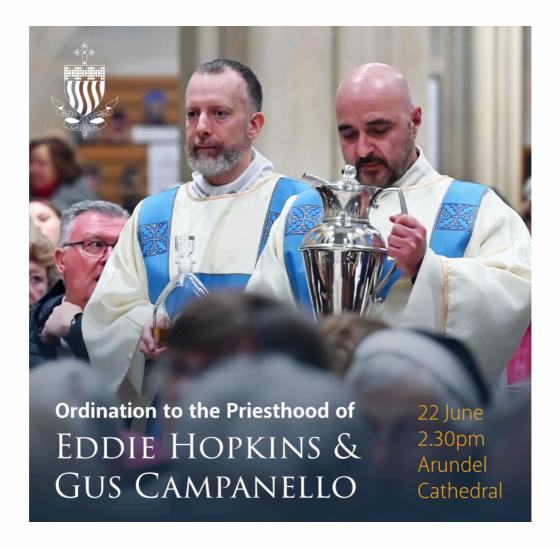
Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord, and let Perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in Peace.

CORPUS CHRISTI

On Sunday June 2nd we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. As last year, each of the Principal Parish Masses will be followed by a procession inside the Church and a short time of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament concluding with Benediction.

At St. Edward's there will be a Blessed Sacrament Procession on Thursday May 30th at 7pm. This will be followed by a Bring a Dish sharing supper in the hall to which everyone is invited Children are welcome to bring little baskets of rose petals to strew along the path of the procession



PRESENTATION OF CHALICE

At the Ordination of a priest the Bishop hands him a Paten with the host and a Chalice of wine and says: Accept from the holy people of God the gifts to be offered to him. Know what you are doing, imitate the mystery you celebrate, model your life on the mystery of the Lord's cross." In this presentation, the Bishop exhorts the new priest to live the mystery of the Eucharist in his own life, giving his life as Jesus did for the eternal life of the faithful."

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 and there will be a link in next weeks email.

COACH TO THE ORDINATION

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 18th May 2024 2.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 readvertising 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

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

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA

Stella Maris (formerly Apostleship of the Sea) is grateful for this parish's prayer and financial support of its work on Sea Sunday last year. Please join us for an online update and thank you webinar on Tuesday, 28th May, 7:30-9:00pm to hear about the impact of your support on seafarers' lives. Register at www.stellamaris.org.uk/thankyou2024.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

200 CLUB PRIZE DRAW

Congratulation to the lucky winners,

1st Prize Deena Razook

2nd prize Susan Milford

3rd prize Ann - Marie Coleman

Congratulations to the winners - and **thank you** to all who support the Parish in this way.

GIFT AID

If you donate regularly to the parish, Gift Aid statements for the tax year 2023/24 have recently been sent out, by email wherever possible.

However, the email frequently goes to spam, so please check your spam or junk email folders for an email from "giftaidnotifications@abdiocese.org.uk" Thank you very much for your donations.

DIOCESAN 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 <u>clicking here.</u>

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

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