



CATHOLIC PARISH GUILDFORD

GOOD SHEPHERD / VOCATION SUNDAY

Bishop Richard writes:


In the second reading of this Sunday, St John writes of the Christian vocation: "Loved by the Father, called to be God's children living lives that will take us to see Him". John invites us to think about the wonder of this calling, this journey, to think about the love that God bestows upon us. It is our life's work to grow in our understanding and true appreciation of the depth and wonder of this gift. It is from this baptismal calling – for this journey begins there – that our very lives flow. This is the starting point for vocation, for discipleship.

We do not make this journey alone – whether our discipleship be expressed in the vocation of marriage, as a single person, in vowed and religious life, or in the sharing in the ministerial priesthood as deacon, priest or bishop. It is God Who calls. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, accompanies us every step of the way, laying down His life for us and the Holy Spirit – in the gifts we receive – is our strength. All is gift. All is the love of God.

It is this context, in this reflection on God's love in His call to every one of us, that the whole Church prays on this "Good Shepherd Sunday" especially for vocations to priesthood and to religious life. Please pray for all those across our diocesan family who sense this call, who are discerning their way, those in our Vianney Group. Please pray for our seminary students, for those embarking on religious life; for those preparing for diaconate and those who will join them this year.

Pray in thanksgiving for all the religious, deacons and priests of our diocese. Give thanks for the response they have given to the specific call they have answered, and for the tremendous gift of service that they are for the Church and the world.


PRAYER



For the
mission of the
Church and for
the priesthood
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Good Shepherd Sunday - Pentecost 2024



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In union with the whole Church, we are encouraged to pray for vocations this Sunday. As Catholics and people of God, we know that God is calling us and has a plan for each of us. He called each of us by name through our baptism to holiness. He continues to call out to us each day to be his disciples: some to the married life, some to the priesthood, some to religious life and some to the single life.

The journey from Eastertide to Ascension and Pentecost calls us to mission. This year, in the light of the new Pastoral Plan, the whole diocese is invited to come together, starting this Sunday, for four weeks of prayer to the Holy Spirit to grant us a missionary spirit, through the raising up of new vocations to all walks of life in the Church. Foremost among these vocations, we need priests. 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."

Have you ever thought about being a priest, or know someone who has? It's not always easy to know if God is calling you to priesthood. Our diocesan *Days of Discernment* aim to explore some simple tools for finding out, with time for prayer and an opportunity to learn more about the beautiful vocation of the diocesan priest, along with other men following the same path. Certainty is not required: the day may just be a chance for you to start thinking, to pray, and to ask questions. Our next day is on Saturday 4 May in Crawley, led by Fr Nicholas Harden. If you are a Catholic, unmarried male who is considering this vocation and would like to attend, please [contact](#) Fr Tristan Cranfield.

The diocesan Vocations Team have launched a special month of prayer for vocations. You can download the prayer leaflet [here](#). To find out more about vocations, [visit the A&B Website](#).

ORDINATIONS - GREAT NEWS FOR VOCATIONS SUNDAY

Dcn Eddie Hopkins, alongside Dcn Gustavo Campanello, will be ordained to the Sacred Priesthood at the hands of Bishop Richard Moth on Saturday 22 June at 2:30pm at Arundel Cathedral.

Dcn Eddie writes: *I would be delighted if you could join us for the occasion! Please use the sign up options below to let us know you're coming and to help us plan the seating for the Mass. If you're replying on behalf of more than one person, please use the "Add additional ticket" button for your spouse or children."*

There will be two (at least) coaches for those who would like transport to Arundel Cathedral. 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](#)

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Please keep in your prayers

Gerard Dyson Funeral on Friday 26th April at 11am at St Edward's

Ray Traynor Funeral on Friday 3rd May at 10am at St Joseph's

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

PARISH MARIAN PROCESSION AT ST MARY'S ON 5th MAY AT 3PM

The annual Parish Marian Procession takes place at St. Mary's Church, Rydes Hill, on Sunday 5th May starting at 3pm in the church.

The rosary procession moves to Rydes Hill school grounds, returns to crown our statue and ends with the final Prayers back in the church.

Tea and cake will be provided in the hall afterwards.

All welcome

DIVINE MERCY

Thank you to Fr. Pawel Fedorowicz from *Divine Mercy Apostolate* and Phil & Millie who led a prayerful and uplifting Parish Retreat at St. Mary's on 13th April. They appreciated the preparation, welcome and responsiveness. Thank you to everyone who participated. Special thanks to May, Val, Mary, Anne & Amy.

MISSION

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

The Guildford Catenians of the Parish are organising another pilgrimage to Medjugorje from the 7th to the 14th October this year and would welcome parishioners who would like to join them. Our pilgrimage is being organised through a wonderful team in Medjugorje who use the best local guides and who are all closely involved in the Medjugorje story.

For more information please contact Greg Melly by email
(greg.melly@ntlworld.com)

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.

VACANCIES

ST PETERS SCHOOL VACANCIES

St Peter's Catholic School

Horseshoe Lane East, GU1 2TN

We currently have vacancies for;

Teacher of Business to start 1st September 2024

School Caretaker to start 1st July 2024

Please see school website or email Mrs Gallagher, HR Manager

mgallagher@st-peters.surrey.sch.uk

for information and application form.

www.st-petersschool.co.uk

DIOCESAN EVENTS

Mental Health Awareness Seminar – Saturday 15 June in Burgess Hill.

Cost £30 (subsidised by Diocese)

Do you work in public Ministry in your Parish? Do you work or support people in your day to day lives? The number of people experiencing the challenge and suffering of poor mental health is a growing reality in the UK.

The course is led by a Member of the Mental Health First Aid England team and is suited to those involved in pastoral activities, leading events and those who work and support youngsters. The aim of this seminar is to help you to understand the impacts and realities of mental health on the individual. To help you identify the early signs and symptoms and to signpost the individual effectively. Places can be booked through the attached links [Mental Health](#)

[Awareness Seminar \(13-Apr-2024\)](#) · [ChurchSuite Events](#) or [Mental Health Awareness Seminar \(15-Jun-2024\)](#) · [ChurchSuite Events](#) will take you to the registration page.

Youth Ministry Training - 20 April and 18 May at The St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley

Do you want to see more young people in your Parish? Sign up for the Diocesan two-day Youth Ministry Training course. Be inspired, encouraged and equipped for the new era of mission that we find ourselves in.

E: lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk

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>

OTHER EVENTS

CHILWORTH ABBEY

The next Chilworth Abbey Study Morning, is on Saturday, April 20th, 2024, led by Fr John Seddon OSB, on the concluding Part 8 of Jeff Cavin's 'A Quick Journey through the Bible', dealing with The Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles: Messianic Fulfillment and The Church. Mass, 9.00am, Video and Talks 10.30am-12.30pm. Bring a friend if possible.

See chilworthbenedictines.com, for more details

EXTERNALLY RUN EVENTS

The next London Catholic History Walk will take place on

Sunday May 5th 2024

*Meet 3pm Church of the Most Precious Blood, O'Meara Street, London SE1.
Nearest tube: London Bridge or Borough. We will walk along the Thames to Tower Bridge and finish at the Tower of London. All welcome.*

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