



CATHOLIC PARISH GUILDFORD

Sunday 26th May 2024

Jesus' command to the disciples, recorded by St Matthew in this Sunday's Gospel, is clear. It provides the Church with her mission – the mission that the Lord calls us to continue today and, indeed, throughout history. Make disciples of all the nations. Baptise. Teach.

The life that comes from this way of discipleship is nothing less than life lived in the love of God. We are called, as St Paul reminds us in his letter to the Romans, to be children of God. This is a call so wonderful that it is, surely, irresistible. To live one's whole life in the love that exists in God – love beyond all telling. The call to the disciple is to spend one's entire life growing ever closer to God, who is all love. This is a call that we live out in community – the community of the baptised.

It is a call that carries with it the tremendous responsibility to be an effective example: a person who will introduce others to the person of Christ, a person who will call others to discipleship.

At a time when the world is facing so many challenges, the value of human life from the moment of conception to natural death is disrespected. In a moment where a life in peace is denied to such great numbers, we must reflect on our discipleship – as individuals and as communities. Now is the time to re-commit ourselves to the call that Jesus gives us to be His disciples, His witnesses even to the ends of the earth.

+ Richard

PRAYER

BENEDICTION / CONFESSIONS AT ST PIUS X

Due to the Bank Holiday on Monday there will not be any confessions or Benediction at St Pius X

CORPUS CHRIST NOVENA

There is 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-christi-novena>

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Please keep in your prayers the children who will be making their First Holy Communion over the next three weekends. It is wonderful that so many families have been part of this year's preparation course. Please note that the first of these FHC Masses will be next Saturday (June 1st) at 10am in St. Joseph's and space in the Church will be *very* restricted: Thank you for your understanding.

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

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Please keep in your prayers:

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.

FR EDDIE FIRST MASSS - 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 10.30pm on Sunday June 23rd. One of the deacons will be the newly ordained Dcn Scott Colman - who 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](#)

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.

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[ADORATION AT ST MARY'S](#)

Just a reminder that here is adoration after the 11am Friday Mass at St Mary's,

(including after funeral Masses), until 12 noon, when the rosary is prayed.

[NEW TRANSLATION SUNDAY MISSALS](#)

From the First Sunday in Advent, this year, the English Speaking world will change the Translation used for the Readings at Mass. The new CTS Sunday Missal with readings from the New Lectionary is now available for **pre-order** for delivery in Autumn 2024. Hard Back book edition £19.95, Presentation edition £29.95. Contains the readings and Order of Mass for every Sunday and solemnity of the liturgical cycle. Please email office@cpg.church before the **15th June** to pre-order your copy. For more information about this edition of the New Lectionary and missals <https://www.newlectionary.org/>

[MASS INTENTIONS - THIS COMING WEEK](#)

Please click [Int 25th May 2024.pdf](#) for the Mass times & Intentions for the coming week.

MISSION

[GENERAL ELECTION](#)

The Prime Minister, Rishi Sunak, has announced that a UK general election will take place on Thursday 4 July. CAFOD and the SVP have a range of election resources available >>[here](#), with the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales issuing information and guidance very shortly. Further details will be shared in next week's E-Bulletin.

[PARISH LUNCH](#)

Parish Lunch at St Edwards the last Tuesday of the month.

This Month 28th May 12:30 - 14:30.

email Toni@Hourahane.com or call 07798692022 to confirm numbers
Suggested donation £5.00

[COME AND HAVE A CHAT](#)

Everyone is invited for refreshments at St. Joseph's after the 10 a.m. Mass on **8th June**. There will be an opportunity for anyone who is experiencing

difficulties or loss of any kind who might wish to have a friendly chat with one of the team on the Ministry of Consolation. This loss might be a bereavement, loss of employment, divorce. Loss can encompass so many aspects of our lives and it is good to talk. We, as a Parish, are here to support you.

[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

Sign up details to follow.

[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.

[CAFOD-GLOBAL DEBT CRISIS](#)

There is a new debt crisis crippling lower income countries. Many governments are spending more money on debt payments than on health or education. As record sums of money flow from some of the poorest nations to line the pockets of the world's biggest banks, we need to take a stand against this injustice.

Take action now by writing to the UK's political leaders calling for a new Debt Justice Law.

To add your name to CAFOD's letter click [HERE](#).

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](#)

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

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.

JOB VACANCY – St Joseph's Hall Cleaner

We are currently seeking to employ a cleaner for St Joseph's Church Hall. This is a part time role requiring 5 hours per week with flexible working over 2 - 3 mornings.

If you would like more details please email accounts @cpg.chuch.

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 [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