



CATHOLIC PARISH GUILDFORD

Jesus is very clear about the call to His disciples to bear fruit, something that is simply impossible unless we remain close to Him, part of the vine.

Given the current worldview - with conflict, famine, challenges to our climate, economic hardship, and an ever-present devaluing of the dignity of human life before our eyes in the news at almost every moment - the Lord's call to each of us to bear fruit, to be His disciples, is a call to action to each and every one of us. This action grows out of prayer, our experience of the Eucharist, and our encounter with the Lord as we see Him present in others.

St John in his first letter expresses it another way: our love is not to be just words or mere talk but something real and active. This is the measure of our discipleship, the proof that we are children of the truth, coheirs with Jesus, the Way, the Truth and the Life.

At the beginning of Lent, we heard the words of St Paul: "now is the favourable time, this is the day of salvation." This same sense of urgency is with us each and every day as we seek to do the Lord's work and is most pressing in these present times. May our experience of faith, a lived relationship with the person of Jesus, find expression in our care for our brothers and sisters wherever they may be.

With every blessing,

+ Richard

**PRAYER**



A MONTH OF  
PRAYER FOR  
**VOCATIONS**

He will give you  
another advocate to  
help you and be with  
you forever - the Spirit  
of truth.

*John 14*

The journey from Eastertide to Ascension and Pentecost calls us to mission. This year, in the light of Bishop Richard's new [Pastoral Plan](#), the whole Diocese is invited to come together for four weeks of prayer to the Holy Spirit for the raising up of new vocations in the Church. Let us spend some time each day this week reading about the spirit of truth (Jn 14:15-21) and praying for all young people to have the gift of discernment in a changing world.

You can download our Month of Prayer for Vocations leaflet [here](#). **To find out more about vocations, visit our 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 22nd 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](#)

### **MASS INTENTIONS - THIS COMING WEEK**

Please click [Int 27th April 2024.pdf](#) for the Mass times & Intentions for the coming week.

### **MAY THEY REST IN PEACE**

Please keep in your prayers

**Susan De Pomerai** ( Funeral on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 11am at St Mary's)

**Ray Traynor** Funeral on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> MAY AT 3PM**

The annual Parish Marian Procession takes place at St. Mary's Church, Rydes Hill, on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> 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

### 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.

## MISSION

### CAFOD - SUDAN APPEAL

Millions of families in Sudan, forced to flee their homes amid conflict, now face another urgent crisis – extreme hunger. Please give to CAFOD's Sudan Crisis Appeal in church or [HERE](#) . Your donation will help CAFOD's partners to support more families with food packages and emergency cash payments and rebuild water pipelines so clean water can reach communities.

### HOMEGROUPS

On Thursday 2nd May, the Homegroups community will be gathering at 8pm in St Pius Church for an evening of praise and worship, with time afterwards for contemplating the Lord, listening for His voice and sharing and encouraging each other in His great goodness! Please bring your bibles if possible. This will as ever be followed by some social time, it's a great day to get to know people. All are welcome, do get in touch if any other information is needed 07918 180977.

## VOLUNTEERS PLEASE

### CAFOD SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

Could you help CAFOD to inspire children and young people in our Catholic schools by giving an assembly or a workshop in a local school?

You will discuss issues of global justice whilst complementing the work of teachers, priests and catechists. Contact Jenny Finlayson on [jfinlayson@cafod.org.uk](mailto:jfinlayson@cafod.org.uk) or tel: 07710 094448

### COUNTERS WANTED FOR ST JOSEPH'S

Counters at St Joseph's Church required – Two new volunteers are required to help count the collection at St Joseph's Church every 2 or 3 weeks. Counting will take place during the week on a day to fit in with you. If you are available, even if it is only once a month, please contact Tim Edwards (0736 22 88 756).

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024

School Caretaker to start 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024

Please see school website or email Mrs Gallagher, HR Manager

[mgallagher@st-peters.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:mgallagher@st-peters.surrey.sch.uk)

for information and application form.

[www.st-petersschool.co.uk](http://www.st-petersschool.co.uk)

## DIOCESAN EVENTS

### **Mental Health Awareness Seminar – Saturday 15th 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 - 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](mailto:lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk)

## 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

### 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](mailto: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