

Dear Tom,

The Lord is Risen!



The Disciples Peter and John Running to the Sepulchre on the Morning of the Resurrection by Eugene Burnand.

This Easter Vigil we have the great Joy of welcoming the following adults into full Communion with the Church as they are Baptised, Received or Confirmed:

Monica, Ray, Samantha, Mansun, Laure, Claire. Sherrie, Sally-Anne, James, Emily, Julie, Carla, Eliza, Joanne, Lai Ming, Lucca, Michael, Timothy, Jessica, Kevin, Michelle, Colin, Cicely, Frank, Charlize, Frank, Billy, Louise, Victoria, Hannah & Lubomir

....and thank you to the Communities of the Parish who have encouraged our new brothers and sisters to make this important step in their lives of faith. Congratulations to all.

The Parish Clergy would like to thank you for your generous support and encouragement in so many ways and, in the words of the Easter Blessing, wish you the Joy of this Season:

May almighty God bless you through today's Easter Solemnity and, in his compassion, defend you from every assault of sin.

And may he, who restores you to eternal life in the Resurrection of his only Begotten, endow you with the prize of immortality.

Now that the days of the Lord's Passion have drawn to a close, may you who celebrate the gladness of the Paschal Feast come with christ's help, and exalting in spirit, to those feats that are celebrated in eternal joy.

AMEN - Alleluia!

PRAYER

HOLY SATURDAY 30th MARCH



St Mary 8pm Mass St Joseph 8pm Mass St Pius X 8pm Mass

The Easter Vigil is the high point of the Triduum. The Vigil includes the blessing of the Easter fire and the Paschal candle; the singing of the Easter Proclamation; the expanded Liturgy of the Word that traces the story of our Salvation; the Liturgy of Initiation in which people become new members of the Church and the celebration of the Eucharist.

During the Triduum, we celebrate the essential mystery of our Christian faith: Jesus' triumph over death and our own participation in that resurrection.

EASTER SUNDAY 31st MARCH

St Edward 8.30am St Joseph 10.30am St Pius X 9.15am St Mary 11.15am



Easter is the celebration of Christ's resurrection from the dead. He is risen!

Mass - 1962 (Missal)

The Mass will be celebrated on Easter Sunday at 11.30am in St. Edward's Church.

EASTER COLLECTION

As they do not receive a salary the priests are very grateful for your support through the Easter collection. Donations can be made via the envelopes in the Porch, The Contactless Machines and via Churchsuite on the Parish

Website: https://cpg.churchsuite.com/donate/fund/ltrpvelm

Parishioners can gift aid their donations too. Thank you for your support - it is much appreciated.

WEEKDAY MASSES & LITURGY

During this coming week the Octave of Easter - Mass each day will be at 10am in St. Joseph's Church. There will not be Evening Prayer will resume on Monday 8th April.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Please keep in your prayers

Rosa Alongi Funeral at St Mary's on Friday 19th April at 11am

DIVINE MERCY

St. Mary's Church are hosting a retreat by the Marian Fathers from the Divine Mercy Apostolate in London in the afternoon of Saturday 13th April from 1 pm - 4 pm.

The programme includes the Rosary, Holy Mass, Adoration, The Chaplet, Benediction & Confessions.

On departure refreshments will be served in the church hall.

All are welcome to come together in prayer & devotion on this special day.

MISSION

ST PIUS X FILM NIGHT -THANK YOU! & UPDATE

For your generosity at the last Film Night in raising c£850, including estimated Gift Aid, to help with Parish running costs. This brings the total of funds donated, to over £4000 during the Autumn/Winter season, also in support of The Medaille Trust, CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Appeal, CPG Lourdes Redshirts/Young Helpers and the A&B Diocesan Deaf Service.

VOLUNTEERS PLEASE

ST PIUS X - HELP WANTED

More Volunteers are wanted to clean the

Jefferies Hall Complex each week

Three, or better still, five more will form a viable team.

A pair of cleaners can complete the work in one and a half hours. Written instructions and all equipment provided.

Add to the success of our vibrant community by joining this team. **Contact Tony Clark 01483 503859**

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).

DIOCESAN EVENTS

CAFOD & SVP

CAFOD and the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) are working together to offer residential work experience for 20 young adults in England and Wales. Candidates must be aged between 20-30 years old and have a passion for social justice. Here is the link to the application form-

https://SVP1.formstack.com/forms/cafod svp work experience application form

RIGHT TO LIFE - LEGISLATION

Two significant back-bench amendments have been tabled to the Government's Criminal Justice Bill concerning **abortion law**, one is positive and one is negative. The Bill is approaching Report stage in the Commons so it will soon be decision time for MPs.

The first amendment proposes a reduction in the time limit to reflect viability. For further information and how to respond see: https://righttolife.org.uk/littlefighters

The second proposes the legalisation of self-abortion at any stage, for any reason. For further information and how to respond

see: https://righttolife.org.uk/johnsonabortionamendment

Please do take some time to consider, to pray about the implications of this and to make your views known to your local Member of Parliament.

Mental Health Awareness Seminar – A choice of two dates. Saturday 13 April in Crawley or 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.

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

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

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