



CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 2016



FOR THE ENTIRE PARISH FAMILY DAY

We will be running five Themed Family Days for our first Holy Communion families and the whole parish. These are fun ways to go a bit deeper in faith and the teaching of the church. The hall is decorated beautifully and families explore different prayer or activity stations together in their own time. The activities run all day so families can pop in at a time that suits them and stay for as long or as little as they like. We even have a café offering good coffee, tea, milkshakes, sandwiches and yummy homemade cakes.

Bring your family – suitable for all ages.

Find out more: www.CPG.church/CYF



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
GUILDFORD

PARISH FAMILY DAYS 2016-2017

Advent Family Festival

Journey to Bethlehem

Get ready to enter the mystery of Christmas.

Saturday 26th November, 10am-4pm

St Joseph's Catholic Church Hall, GU1 4AZ

Pop in when you can. Free fun for all the family. Café open all day.

Find out more at www.cpg.church/cyf



Who Do You Say I am?

DISCOVER THE AMAZING STORY OF JESUS

Saturday 15h October, 10am-4pm

St Joseph's Catholic Church Hall, GU1 4AZ

Pop in when you can. Free fun for all the family. Café open all day.

Find out more at www.cpg.church/CYF



Family Reconciliation Festival

Loved. Forgiven. Healed

A wonderful opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation as a family.
For the whole family.

Saturday 11th March 2017, 10am-4pm

St Joseph's Catholic Church Hall, GU1 4AZ

Pop in when you can. Café open all day.

Find out more at www.cpg.church/CYF



Our Catholic Faith Family Day

Come and discover the beauty of the Catholic Church

Saturday 21st January 2017, 10am-4pm

St Joseph's Catholic Church Hall, GU1 4AZ

Pop in when you can. Café open all day.

Find out more www.cpg.church/CYF



As we begin a new school term, we wanted to let you know how much is going on in the Parish this Autumn for you and your family.

We are especially excited to introduce our new parish family days. We are also look forward to welcoming a record number of over 160 families onto our First Holy Communion programme this school year.

As ever we need your help. Please read through and find out all the different things you can get involved in.

In order to continue to expand the Children, Youth and Families ministry we need additional funding. Please watch out for some fundraising events and please give generously. And please do continue to pray for the children, youth and families' ministry.

Aseel – Children, Youth and Families Coordinator

BABY & TODDLER GROUPS

Did you know that over 140 families from the local community visit our Parish Toddler Groups throughout the week? They are fantastic places for young children and their carers to meet others in the local community, form friendships and talk. There are lots of toys as well as singing, crafts, snacks and a very warm welcome. If haven't visited yet, please do come and visit.



Every week during term-time:

Mondays 10am

St Joseph's Catholic Church Hall, GU1 4AZ

Tuesdays 10am


St Pius X Catholic Church Hall, GU1 2TS

Fridays 10am

St Mary's Catholic Church Hall, GU2 8BP

WE NEED YOUR HELP at St Joseph's making tea & coffee for the parents and preparing a small snack for the children. Contact: cyf@cpg.church

FATHERS' PRAYERS



For fathers who wish to pray together for their children and grandchildren.


Every Thursday
7.15am
St Joseph's Church

CHILDREN
YOUTH
FAMILIES
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FOR MOTHERS & GRANDMOTHERS

1st & 3rd Thurs of the Month. 9.45am
St Mary's Church Hall, GU2 8BP

We use this time together to pray for our children and discuss ways in which we can bring God into our family lives. We are still looking at the Pope's letter, *The Joy of Love*, and discussing how it might impact our family lives.



Mothers Prayers is for mothers who wish to pray together for their children and grandchildren and to find the support they need. **You are welcome to bring children with you. Mothers pray while children play.**

“ I love coming to this prayer group: I can fellowship freely with other mothers who willingly pray for each other and their children. We pray, praise, worship and bring our children to God. *Yingfei* ”

“ The Mothers prayer group is a lovely spiritual time, where I can pray with and for my child, as well as sharing experiences & supporting other mums. *Jo* ”

'It is essential that children actually see that, for their parents, prayer is something truly important.' – *Joy of Love*#288

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

At every Sunday Morning Mass

Children hear and respond to the Gospel story in their own time and space.

For children who are...

- Aged 5-8 (unaccompanied)
- Under 5 (accompanied)

If you would like to be involved in any way and feel you can commit to this important ministry for the families of the parish, we would love to hear from you. All the teams are always looking for extra volunteers. The next TRAINING DAY for all volunteers is on the 20th October.



Visit www.CPG.church/childrensliturgy

YOUNG CHILDREN AT MASS

All children are welcome at Mass throughout the Parish. Yet, we know as a parent of young children, Mass can be tricky! At the back of the churches, you will find some new busy bags to use if young children get restless during the service.

In them you will find several things to keep toddlers engaged in what's going on, as well as some other items to explore. Do help yourself if you need one and return them to the back of church at the end of Mass.



Thank you to the playgroups and the craft club, who have helped make this beautiful resource for our young children in the Parish.

If you would like to get involved in making things similar to this and have some spare time, please join the craft club at St Pius X on a Tuesday from 1pm. The CYF team have lots more projects they need crafting help with!

WEEKLY FOR YOUR CHILDREN

GUILDFORD YOUTH MINISTRY: FOR AGES 7-18



School yrs 3-5
Mondays, 5.30-7pm
Fun, Faith and Friendship



School yrs 10-13
Fridays, 8-10pm
Space to be you



School yrs 6-9
Fridays, 6-8pm
God, Grub and Games



**Retreats for
School yrs 6-13**

www.CPG.church/youth

WE NEED YOUR HELP At GYM-jams & jGYM we prepare, cook and share a meal, every week. We are in desperate need of regular help with shopping, cooking, serving and clearing up, to feed 40 at both GYM-jams and jGYM. Can you help?

youth@cpg.church



This Autumn term, at **GYM-jams** (school years 3-6) & **jGYM** (school years 6-9) we'll be using a course that uses sports to share the gospel message. The young people will get a chance to play a different sport or game each week, similar to those played at the Paralympics, as well as discover who God is. At **GYM** (school years 10-14), we'll be using the Youth Alpha Film Series designed to engage students in conversations about faith, life and Jesus. **This term we especially invite young people in year 10 who are thinking of preparing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation this school year.**

DAMASCUS 2016

We had a fantastic time at St Edward the Confessor with our young people (aged 14-18). Thank you so much to all those that helped make this four-day event a success, including Bishop Richard.



WE HAD A GREAT TIME!



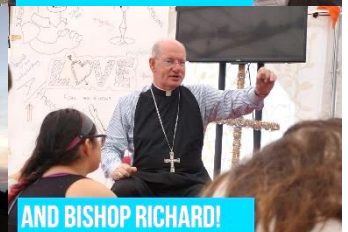
WITH GREAT TEACHING



LOTS OF SINGING



PRAYER AND REFLECTION



AND BISHOP RICHARD!

THE BIBLE RETOLD BY GYM-JAMS

At GYM-jams, the summer term programme was all about the Bible. See what the youth came up with as a snapshot summary in their final session.

God creates earth and people decide to disobey. Abram goes to Canaan and his name is changed to Abraham. Jacob lives in Canaan with his 12 sons and there was not enough food.

Then the Israelites come to Egypt to meet Joseph. They don't leave and become many in number so Egyptians made them slaves.

God sends Moses to free the Israelites. He gives them commandments (rules) so that they become his people. Then when they cross the river Jordan they enter the promised land Canaan.

The Israelites settle in Canaan. The tribes that are in Canaan do not want to let them get comfortable. Then God gives them judges to help them fight. Judges are good Soldiers The tribes were not very nice.

Samuel is the last judge and prophet but Israel wanted a king. God let them- Saul = 1st King. After came 2 great kings, David and Solomon. There is peace.

Israel splits, north is Israel and south is Judea. They both have a ruler, a few people obey God and the rest don't.

Babylonians attack Judea. People taken are allowed to return to rebuild walls and Temples. They start to hope for a Messiah.

Jesus teaches and heals, dies, rises and goes to heaven.

God sends the Holy Spirit. A Pharisee arrests Jesus' followers. Saul becomes Paul and becomes a follower of Jesus.

More and more people trust Jesus. There are more people following him. He will come back. God will make a new heaven and a new earth(!) for everyone!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



REGISTRATION for the First Holy Communion preparation course is now closed. This year we have over 160 families signed up!

PARENTS ARE THE BEST TEACHERS! Parents are the first and best teachers of the Faith, for their children, so they will play a primary role in the preparation this year. Parents are supported and guided through the course with the help of monthly **Parents' meetings**, **Family booklets**, "**Meet the Priest**" after the morning Mass and **Family Faith days**.

WHAT CAN WE DO? Please join our First Holy Communion Families for Coffee after morning Mass on the first Sunday of each month.



CONFIRMATION

REGISTRATION for Confirmation is open. Preparation takes place when the young person is in school year 10 and above.

THE COURSE runs throughout the Spring Term starting on Sunday 8th January. The sessions take place on Sundays, at St Joseph's Church, from 4.30pm – 7pm. Meetings begin in the hall and then everyone goes up to the church to take part in the 6pm Mass.

Candidates make their Confirmation at during the summer term, with Bishop Richard Moth.



WHAT CAN WE DO ? Both the First Holy Communion and Confirmation courses rely on the help of volunteers. If you would like to get involved with either Sacramental preparation programme, please contact the CYF team.

Please continue to **PRAY** for all those involved in the coming year's programmes.

EVENTS FOR YOUNG ADULTS

ENCOUNTER
GUILDFORD

Catholic Evenings for Young Adults

ages 19+

... with special guest speaker
Bishop Richard Moth

Prayer, Praise, Adoration and Fellowship
ENCOUNTER Christ and explore your faith
in a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere



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Sunday 6th November, 7.15pm
St Joseph's Catholic Church (GU1 4AZ)

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FOR PARENTS

0-7s
Parenting
Programme



CHILDREN
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Parenting
Teenagers
Programme

7-11s
Parenting
Programme

New course starting in January

To register or find out more: www.CPG.church/parenting

JOIN US AT SUNDAY MASS



Sunday 8am:

Quiet, said Mass

Sunday 11am:

Popular for families, with choir and Children's Liturgy

Sunday 6pm:

All ages, with contemporary band



Saturday 7pm:

Quiet, said Mass

Sunday 11am:

Popular for families, with choir and Children's Liturgy



Saturday 6pm:

Quiet, said, mass

Sunday 9.30am:

Popular for families, with choir and Children's Liturgy



Sunday 9am

With choir and Children's Liturgy

JOIN US FOR CHRISTMAS

"God himself is coming to save you"

At St Joseph's, St Mary's, St Pius X:

Christmas Eve (24th December)

6.00pm Family Mass with children's nativity

11.30pm Midnight Mass, carols from 11.15pm

Christmas Day (25th December)

St Joseph's – 8.00am & 11.00am Mass

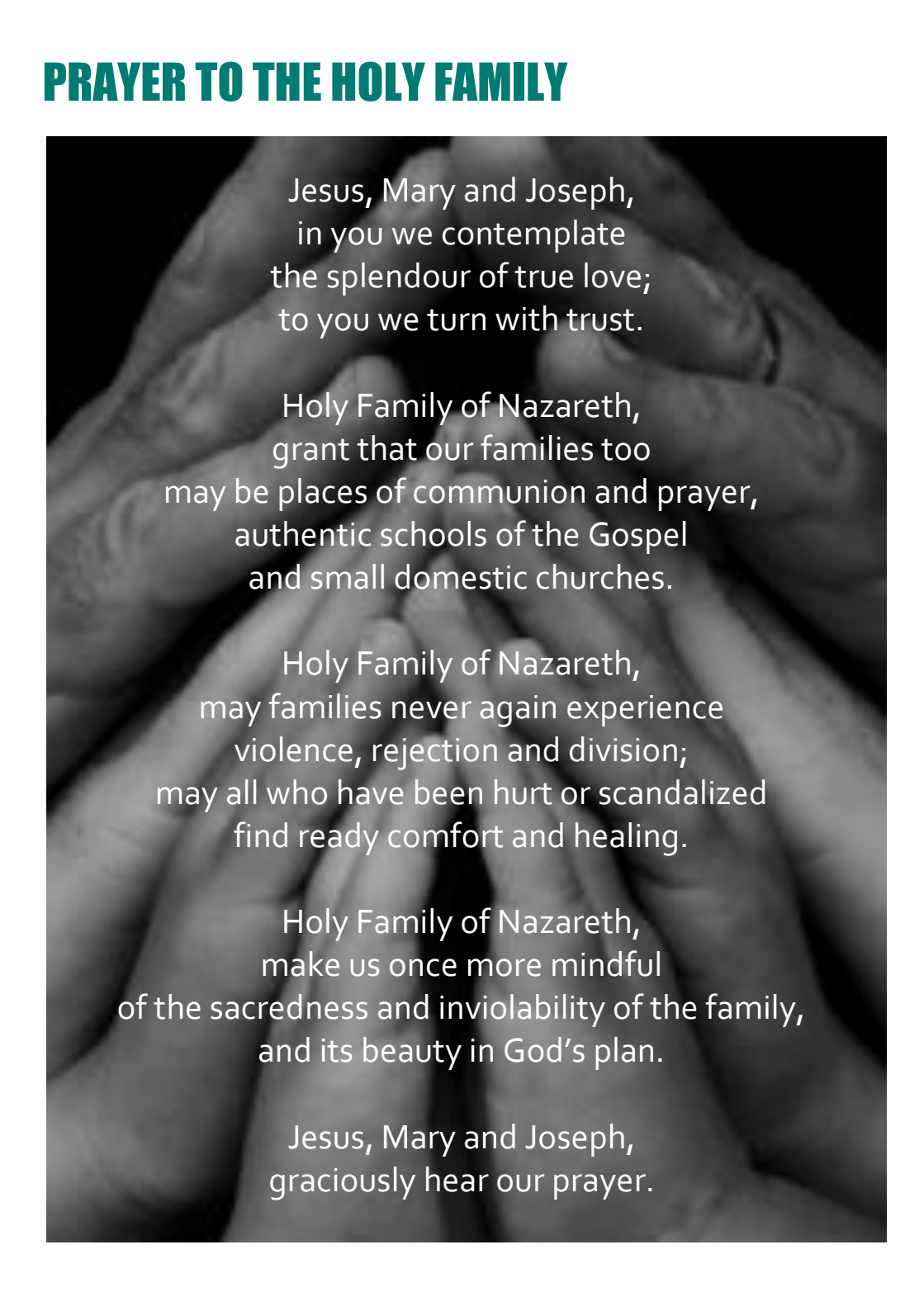
St Mary's – 11.00am Mass

St Pius X – 9.30am Mass

St Edward the Confessor – 9.00am Mass



PRAYER TO THE HOLY FAMILY



Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
in you we contemplate
the splendour of true love;
to you we turn with trust.

Holy Family of Nazareth,
grant that our families too
may be places of communion and prayer,
authentic schools of the Gospel
and small domestic churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth,
may families never again experience
violence, rejection and division;
may all who have been hurt or scandalized
find ready comfort and healing.

Holy Family of Nazareth,
make us once more mindful
of the sacredness and inviolability of the family,
and its beauty in God's plan.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
graciously hear our prayer.

