

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2017



As we begin a new school term, we wanted to let you know about a few of the exciting events and activities on offer in the Parish this term for you and your family. We would particularly like to point out our upcoming themed Family Day, exciting outings and a fantastic job vacancy. As ever, we need your help. Please read through and find out all the different ways you can get involved.

Please also continue to pray for the children, youth and families' ministry. Praying especially for the 163 children and 38 young people in our Parish who are about to receive the sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation.

Aseel – CYF Coordinator



FOR THE ENTIRE PARISH FAMILY DAY

Join us for our final Themed Family Day, "The Beauty of the Church" on Saturday 6th May, St Joseph's Catholic Church Hall.

It is a fun, creative and engaging day to go a bit deeper in faith and the teaching of the church in a family friendly way. The hall is beautifully decorated and families explore different prayer or activity stations together in their own time.

The activities run all day so you can pop in at a time that suits you, between 10am-4pm, and stay for as long or as little as you like. We even have a café offering good coffee, tea, milkshakes, sandwiches and yummy homemade cakes. Bring your entire family – suitable for all ages.

Find out more: www.CPG.church/CYF

THE BEAUTY OF THE CHURCH

Discover amazing things about our Catholic faith at the CPG Family Day

SATURDAY 6TH MAY

St Joseph's Catholic Church Hall, GU1 4AZ

Pop in when you can between 10am-4pm

Fun activities for the whole family
Refreshments, sandwiches & cakes available all day

WWW.CPG.CHURCH/CYF



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BABY & TODDLER GROUPS



Did you know that over 120 families attend our Parish Baby and Toddler groups each week? These groups are run by Parish volunteers and show God's love in action week in, week out. They provide a welcoming space for anybody who cares for young children in our parish and local community. They encourage friendship and support to families at this important time of life.

We welcome anyone with children from 0-4 years of age and charge £2 per family. Grandparents and childminders are very welcome. We have drinks and snacks, a craft table, play dough and many exciting toys to play with! You are most welcome to join us at any of our groups. Just come along at 10am.

We look forward to welcoming you every week during term-time:

Mondays 10am

St Joseph's Catholic Church Hall, GU1 4AZ

First session of the summer term on the 24th April (cleaning session)

Tuesdays 10am

St Pius X Catholic Church Hall, GU1 2TS

First session of the summer term on the 25th April

Fridays 10am

St Mary's Catholic Church Hall, GU2 8BP

First session of the summer term on the 28th April

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

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 get involved 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 looking for more volunteers.

The next TRAINING DAY for volunteers is on the Wednesday 3rd May, 7.30pm in St Mary's Church Hall. 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 sometimes be tricky!

At every Sunday Mass we give out a child friendly sheets. **Look** is a Sunday sheet for children between 4-9 years old providing Gospel-focused activities and games for younger children. Each week the Gospel story is explained in age appropriate language. **Ichthus** is a weekly Mass leaflet for children who have taken their first Holy Communion. It explains the readings of the day in accessible language and provides commentary on the action of the Mass.



At the back of the churches, we hope you will find some **Busy Bags** to use if young child gets restless during the service. In them, you will find a little eye-spy flipbooks to look through together and prayer cards. There are also board books and small creatures to.

Help yourself if you have a baby, toddler or pre-schooler. Please return them to the back of church at the end of Mass.

WEEKLY FOR CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

GYM-jams
Mondays 5.30pm-7pm
School Year 3-6

**GUILDFORD
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MINISTRY**

jGYM
Fridays 6-8pm
School Year 6-9

GYM
Fridays 8-10pm
School Year 10-13

For the young people of our Catholic Parish of Guildford

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www.CPG.church/youth
GYM-jams, jGYM and GYM take place @ St Joseph's Catholic Church, GU1 4AZ
Arundel & Brighton Diocesan Trust registered charity 252878



This Summer term, at **GYM-jams** (school yrs 3-6, Mondays 5.30-7pm) & **jGYM** (school yrs 6-9, Fridays 6-8pm) we will be exploring Jesus' parables. At **GYM** (school yrs 10-14, Fridays 8-10pm), we will be focusing on relationships: our relationship with others & ourselves through the eyes of God. **Join us** any Monday or Friday during term.

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

EVENTS FOR CHILDREN

9TH-11TH JUNE

— FOR AGES 8 TO 14 —

FAITH . PRAYER . LIVE MUSIC
WORKSHOPS . FRIENDSHIP . FUN
GAMES . OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

DOORS OPEN: 5PM | COST: JUST £80

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jDAMASCUS
weekend away

REGISTER BY 26TH MAY, LIMITED SPACES!!
WWW.CPG.CHURCH/JDAMASCUS

We invite all young people aged 8-14 to our weekend away,
jDAMASCUS, Friday 9th – Sunday 11th June!

This includes exciting supervised outdoor activities like archery, and high ropes, talks, live music, creative workshops, games, and a bonfire and movie night! The cost for the whole weekend jDAMASCUS is just £80 and this includes all the food, activities and accommodation!

SATURDAY 10TH JUNE

— FOR SCHOOL YEAR 3+ —

FUN DAY OUT FOR THE CHILDREN
OF THE PARISH OF GUILDFORD
OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES . GAMES
FOOD . PRAYER . FUN

9AM - 5PM | COST: JUST £40

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WOKINGHAM, RG40 3DA

REGISTER QUICKLY
LIMITED SPACES!!

— WWW.CPG.CHURCH/JDAMASCUS —

The Catholic Parish of Guildford
presents...



GYM-jams
day out

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If you would prefer
to join us just for
the day...

We invite all
children in school
years 3+ to a
**GYM-jams Day
Out!** Saturday
10th June from
9am to 5pm.

A chance for your
child to join us for a fantastic day out. They can take part in outdoor
activities like archery, and low ropes, join us for talks, live music, fun
games and prayer! The cost for GYM-jams Day Out is £40, includes
supervised activities and a yummy lunch.

Register online: www.CPG.church/jDAMASCUS



EVENTS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

RENEW YOUTH VIGIL

Ages 14-18

12th - 13th May
8 pm-12 noon

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St Joseph's Catholic Church. Guildford
www.CPG.church/YOUTH

SUN

27-28 MAY

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AGES 14-18

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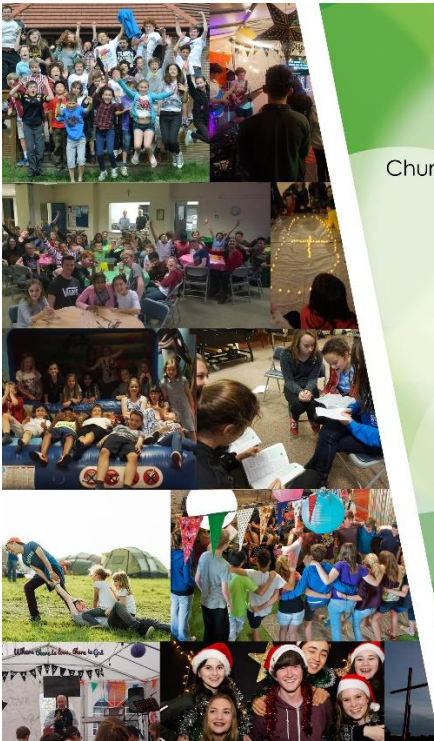
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7-11s
Parenting
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To find out more: www.CPG.church/parenting

We would like to offer parenting courses from Autumn Term 2017.
If you are interested in attending a parenting course or could spare some time to help facilitate one of these short courses, then please do get in touch: cyf@cpg.church



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF GUILDFORD

Churches of St Mary, St Joseph, St Pius X and St Edward
Arundel & Brighton Diocesan Trust registered charity 252878

We are looking for a
Full-time Youth Worker.
Is it you?

Visit www.CPG.church
for more information

£20,000-£24,000
pro rata

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