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September/October 2024

Saturday Evening TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	
6.00 Mary Corbet R.I.P.	7/0003
Sunday 29th September	
8.00 People of the Parish	
10.00 Consiglia Johnson R.I.P.	12/0003
Monday 30th Mem. St Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church	
7.30 pm Lucy Wikes' Int	14/0003
Tuesday 1st Mem. St. Therese of Lisieux	
9.30 Chris Tuffield R.I.P.	5/0003
Wednesday 2nd Mem. The Holy Guardian Angels	
9.30 No liturgy today	
Thursday 3rd Mem. The Blessed Martyrs of Sussex	
9.30 Celebrant's Int	
Friday 4th Mem. St. Francis of Assisi	
12.00 Pauline & Peter Bethell R.I.P.	
Saturday 5th Saturday Memoria of Our Lady	
9.30 Celebrant's Int	
Saturday Evening TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	
6.00 Fr. Paul Murphy & family Int	15/003
Sunday 6th	
8.00 People of the Parish	
10.00 Jim Beirne R.I.P.	13/0003

The Sacrament of Reconciliation / Confession

is available after the Saturday morning Mass and from 5.15 to 5.45 Saturday afternoon.

Each Saturday **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & the Rosary** follow on from Mass until 11.00am.

Welcome to Saint Joseph's Church, Dorking

The church is open every day until sunset.

If you have a gluten intolerance and you wish to receive Holy Communion, please speak to Fr Ian before Mass.

Toilets are available in the parish hall or there is an outside toilet next to the house. Books to help children follow Mass plus other books for children are in the entrance porch of the church.

SCHOOL ADMISSION APPLICATION FORMS:-

The usual deadline for returning such forms to admission clerks is the end of October! Fr. Ian will be away on holiday at that time, so PLEASE circulate to people that they need to get his signature before **the 6th October**. Thank you.

Home Mission Sunday:- Thanks to all those who contributed to this, the 'plate collection' realized £101.50.

Consiglia Johnson R.I.P.:- Consiglia, funeral will take place on Thursday, 7th November at 11.30 am. Having died peacefully, though unexpectedly last week. We offer our prayers and sympathy to her family and friends at this time. May she rest in peace.

PARISH SOCIAL:- This Sunday 29th September, a lunchtime international food festival! Do come along with a 'plate to share' of a favourite or a national dish, sufficient for 6 or 7 people to have a 'taste'! PLEASE ADVISE OF ANY ALERGENS on the dish itself, such as nuts, flour etc. We still have wine left over from previous events, so that with soft drinks, coffee and tea will be provide, you are, however, welcome to bring drinks as well.

Youth provision:- There is a gathering of those at secondary school and one parent on Friday 4th October at 7pm to discuss a good time to meet and the 'shape' of the meetings for the future. Previous discussions can continue, with a view to the time, frequency and day to meet. If you are of secondary school age, do come along, bringing a parent with you.

Adult Formation / RCIA A number of adults have requested to be received into the Church, so to facilitate an initial discussion and outline of a programme, there will be a meeting for anyone interested in knowing more about our faith on Monday 11th November at 7.30 in the small hall.

ROSARY CIRCLE FOR PRIESTLY VOCATIONS:- There is a new ‘Rosary Circle Chart’ to encourage us all to pray for vocations to the Priesthood.

The ‘Chart’ lists the 20 decades of the Rosary and a number of columns for people to put their initial or a tick in a box to indicate they will commit to praying the particular decade each day for the month of August, and hopefully, this will create a number of ‘circles’ praying for this intention. This is a very simple spiritual exercise many of us could join in with; at least 20 people praying one decade of the Rosary each day, so the whole of the Rosary is prayed for this particular intention, thus creating a ‘Rosary Circle’. Let it be said, however, that anyone can join the Rosary Circles at any time. Thank you.

Diocesan Pastoral Plan: The clergy of the Epsom Deanery met with the Bishop’s advisers on Wednesday, and primarily have been asked to draw together a ‘clergy leadership team’ and then to do the same with a number of people from the existing parishes. The object of such teams is to build a collaborative outlook towards the ‘super-parish’.

For ourselves, having had opportunity to give thought and consideration to the Pastoral Plan, a summary of your ‘jottings’ to find a way forward locally, are now available in paper printed format only at the entrances to the church.

Our thanks to all those who contributed to the process and to those who collated and summarized the jottings for your consideration.

Having had opportunity to digest the ‘jottings’ etc. we would hope to have a parish discussion on the matter towards the end of November; would a good time be after the 10 am Sunday Mass? Having a meeting at that time would create a natural finishing time for lunch, i.e. 12.30.

First Holy Communion and Confirmation programmes 2024 /2025:Next Sunday, 6th Oct is the deadline for returning applications to join both programmes for this academic year. Application forms are available at the entrances to the church. Please return applications to Fr. Ian, in person, no further applications for the year 2024/ 2025 will be accepted after Oct 6th 2024.

If your child is in year 3 or above, they are eligible to join the First Holy Communion programme. For the Confirmation programme candidates must be 14 years of age or over by the end of June 2025. To join the programmes weekly attendance at Sunday Mass is a requirement.

There will be two groups preparing for First Holy Communion as there are a number of older children, in Yr 5 and above as well as those of Yr. 3. An **initial parents meeting for Holy Communion will take place on Friday 8th November at 7pm** to discuss and outline programmes; only one parent is required to attend, children do not need to be present.

From: RIGHT TO LIFE Recent news reports have suggested the Prime Minister is “paving the way” for a parliamentary vote before Christmas on legalising assisted suicide. Please use this ‘link’ to contact our MP asking that he oppose any such change in the law. Many thanks.

[Ask your MP to stop assisted suicide being rushed into law \(righttolife.org.uk\)](https://www.righttolife.org.uk)

In regard to the dignity of the human person a Vatican document published in March of this year, is a very helpful reference for us in the face of euthanasia and abortion, it can be found at [Declaration “Dignitas Infinita” on Human Dignity \(2 April 2024\) \(vatican.va\)](https://www.vatican.va) of particular help are paragraphs 7, and 18 to 21.

Modern Slavery: Right here, right now: Working in collaboration with other Churches in the area, the Parish of the Nativity of the Lord is pleased to be helping host an anti-slavery conference in Reigate on October 19th from 10 am to 3 pm at Reigate Methodist Church, 53 High Street, RH2 9AE. Please drop in anytime.

Speakers include Bishop Richard Moth. Organisations presenting their work in this area include the Santa Marta Group. Guided Prayer space available alongside..

For more information, contact Victoria (Ambassador) at victoriapitt@btinternet.com 07986 019124.

CAFOD Family Fast Day this Friday 4th October: The twofold elements of the fast day are to pray for an end to poverty in the world and to live more simply for the day, in solidarity with so many, who in their poverty do not have the super abundance of food, day by day, with which we are familiar. Living simply for the day and not spending so much on food, we are asked to donate the difference to CAFOD.

The following is a story of what the Family Fast Day is able to achieve: Daniel, a young man in Democratic Republic of the Congo, is carving a better future for his family with carpentry skills he learned in a CAFOD-funded training centre. Give to CAFOD today and you’ll fund training, tools, equipment and safe spaces so more people like Daniel can learn new skills and fulfil their God-given potential. Use the envelope in church or give online at [cafod.org.uk/envelope](https://www.cafod.org.uk/envelope).

World Day of Migrants and Refugees: Sunday, 29 Sept: The 110th World Day of Migrants and Refugees is celebrated on 29 September 2024 - the last Sunday of the month. The Holy Father has chosen the theme ‘God walks with His people’.

In his message for the day, the Holy Father reminds all of us, God’s people, are migrants on this earth, on our way to the “true homeland”, the Kingdom of Heaven. Read more at: [World Day of Migrants and Refugees - Catholic Bishops' Conference \(cbcew.org.uk\)](https://www.cbcew.org.uk)