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September 2024

Saturday 31st Saturday Memoria of our Lady

9.30 Justin & Ali's Int (Wedding Anniversary)

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Saturday Evening TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

6.00 Celebrant's Int

Sunday 1st September

8.00 People of the Parish

10.00 Mary O'Donnell R.I.P

9/0002

Monday 2nd Weekday of Ordinary Time

9.30 Michael Vane R.I.P

Tuesday 3rd FEAST:- St. Gregory the Great Pope & Doctor of the Church

No liturgy today

Wednesday 4th Mem. St. Cuthbert, Bishop

9.30 Clare Hodgson's Int

10/0002

Thursday 5th Weekday of Ordinary Time

9.30 Celebrant's Int

Friday 6th Weekday of Ordinary Time

12.00 Holy Souls

Saturday 7th Saturday Memoria of our Lady

9.30 Joy Keen R.I.P

Saturday Evening TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

6.00 Celebrant's Int

Sunday 8th September

8.00 Celebrant's Int

10.00 People of the Parish

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 is hoping to have a holiday at that time, so PLEASE circulate to people that they need to get his signature before **the 6th October**. Thank you.

Mass and Meet this Friday (6th September) Mass will be at 12 noon followed by a light lunch in the hall. There is no charge and all are welcome. Please note, there is no Mass on Tuesday, but there is on Wednesday at 9.30.

PARISH SOCIAL:- On Sunday 29th September, it is proposed that we have a lunchtime international food festival! Given the not insignificant number of nationalities in the parish, the proposal is that people bring along a local dish from their home country, sufficient for 6 or 7 people to have a 'taste', not the feeing of the millions. Further details to follow.

Wrap Around Care provision (Breakfast Club and After School Care) St Joseph's Primary School are delighted that new provision will be available from September for children attending the school. The YMCA, who look after this provision, are Ofsted registered and therefore accept Childcare Vouchers and you may be eligible for working tax credits by providing HMRC with their Ofsted registration number 122628.

Bookings should be made at least 4 working days in advance, otherwise a late booking fee of £1.50 per child, per day, is charged. For more information and to book, please get in touch Phone 01737 784977 Email

children@ymcaeast Surrey.org.uk Webpage <https://www.ymcaeast Surrey.org.uk/children/childcare-recreation/st-josephs-dorking/>

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.

Rite of Confirmation: Next Sunday, 8th September, there will be adult Confirmations during the 10.00 Mass, which will therefore be a little longer than usual.

NEW BEGINNINGS:- As the new academic year starts we think and pray for those who are making new beginnings, times of change can be of concern, even worry, upset and apprehension, both for youngsters and for their parents in these new circumstances, and so we commend them to the intercession of the Holy Family of Nazareth, that they be consoled, strengthened and inspired by Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

Shape of the up-coming pastoral year: There are a number of children in Yrs. 5, 6 and 7 who will be preparing for Baptism and First Holy Communion, which will occupy the end of one school day in the church hall for several months. A number of adults wish to be Confirmed, which will take up an evening in the week for some time and then there are the usual First Holy Communion age group and the teenage Confirmation group, which will take up other weekly times and days. Additionally, we hope to get a youth group off the ground, with a view to both the present and the future life of the Church in Dorking.

From this, you will glean that both time and the use of the hall will be somewhat more prescriptive and fixed than during the previous pastoral year; for all those who will be concerned, we ask you to be both understanding and flexible. Many thanks.

First Holy Communion and Confirmation programmes 2024 /2025, application forms to join these programmes are now available at the entrances to the church. The deadline for returning applications to Fr. Ian, in person, is Sunday 6th October, no further applications for the year 2024/ 2025 will be accepted after this date.

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.

WANTED

There are a number of parish ministries and roles which need to be taken on, particularly given, for the present, we do not have as parish secretary / administrator.

Readers and ‘Welcomers’ for weekend Masses:- If you would like to assist with the Ministry of the Word and would be willing to be a reader at Mass, or could help with welcoming people to Mass, please contact Fr. Ian directly; perhaps some of the younger parishioners could be especially encouraged in such regard.

Children’s liturgy: If this primary work of the church is to continue and young families are to be encouraged in the practise of their faith, WE, as a parish, need to be supportive of them. Can we ask then, that others will take on the responsibility for children’s liturgy, this will require DBS checks and some training to assist and in due time to lead the occasional children’s liturgy.

Again, our thanks to all those who have assisted in this work as we look forward to others helping from September.

NEW ROTAS

So that Bernie, who has taken on the management of rotas, can do the work, would all those involved please e-mail her with their details at bmsmith2204@gmail.com Many thanks.

Post of Parish Secretary: The position of secretary will require 12 hours per week at an initial £13.00 per hour rising to £14 after a probationary period of 3 months. Anyone interested in taking on this role should apply to Fr. Ian for a ‘job description’ and application form, via the parish e-mail address. At the moment a deadline for application has not been set, but suffice it to say, there will be an interview process for the position.

Crutches for Kindness: The Anglo-Jordanian Society, UK Reg Charity No. 281422 (AJS), has launched the “Crutches for Kindness” campaign, supported by The College of Medicine. The NHS doesn’t take walking aids back, so if you have such things taking up space, please bring them here to St. Joseph’s Hall by this Friday 6th Sept, and they will be shipped, fairly promptly, to help the amputees in Gaza. Many thanks.

Diocesan events: ‘Abraham’ A course for the over 70’s at Storrington and ‘Grandparents formation day’. Please see the notice board for details.

