

**Sunday 12th May  
Seventh Sunday of Easter**

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**Office: Monday and Friday 9am –2pm, Tuesday and Thursday 9am –1pm. Closed Wednesday.**

*Welcome to Saint Joseph's Church, Dorking  
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.*

Our church is open all day, everyday, until sunset. If you have a gluten intolerance and you wish to receive Holy Communion, please speak to Fr Ian before Mass.

We remember in our prayers all those who have recently died especially June Thompson and those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

We also ask you to remember in your prayers the sick and housebound and those who care for them.

Saturday 11th May	9.30am Mass Adoration/ confessions until 11am.  6pm Mass	Celebrant's Int  David Holland R.I.P
<b>SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>		
Sunday 12th May	8am Mass  10am Mass	People of the Parish  Eileen McNichol R.I.P
Monday 13th May	<b>9.30am Mass</b>	Jim Knight RIP
Tuesday 14th May St Matthias , Apostle	<b>9.30am Mass</b>	Ben van der Lande Ints
Wednesday 15th May	<i>No liturgy</i>	
Thursday 16th May	<b>9.30am Mass</b>	Peter Burton RIP
Friday 17th May	<b>9.30am Mass</b>	June Thompson RIP
Saturday 18th May	9.30am Mass Adoration/ confessions until 11am.  6pm Mass	Celebrants Ints  Desmond Phethean RIP
Sunday 19th May Pentecost	8am Mass  10am Mass	People of the Parish  Mary Turner RIP

**ROSARY CIRCLE FOR PRIESTLY VOCATIONS:-** Given the not insignificant decline in priestly vocations and to encourage us all to pray for such vocations, we will begin a 'Rosary Circle' next month. 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'. Each month a new 'Rosary Circle Chart' would be on the church noticeboard listing the 20 decades of the Rosary and a number of columns for people to put their initial or a tick in the box to indicate they will pray the particular decade each day, to create a number of 'circles'.

To keep this spiritual exercise in our minds and hearts, the first Sunday of each month would be a 'sign up' weekend, when people can recommit to this by 'signing up again' or indeed take up this prayerful activity. Let it be said, however, that anyone can join the Rosary Circles at any time. Details of how to be involved will be along side the 'sign up' chart on the noticeboard.

**Gift Aid annual statements:**

Thank you to all those who are able to gift aid their donations to the parish. We are required to give each person an annual statement of their contributions and the amount of tax that has been reclaimed. Please check you email and your junk boxes for your statements. For those who have not provided an email address printed copies are available from the office. Many thanks

Penny.

**New rotas are out!!** Readers, Extraordinary Ministers etc please have a look at your rota. The master copy by the side door can be amended/ blanks filled in as needed. Should anyone wish to come off rotas please let Penny know. If anyone would like to become a reader at Mass, please speak to Fr. Ian



**Parish Youth Group:-** To initiate some kind of youth provision, there will be a meeting for both parents and young people on **Friday 24th May at 7 pm** in the main hall. The youth group would be open to those in Yr 6 and above. There are various 'models' we could follow, but the venture would require parental support which in turn will require DBS checks etc. This initial meeting would be an opportunity to discuss a way forward. If you would be willing to help, whether 'on hand' or with experience, do please contact Fr. Ian. Many thanks.

**'Village meet'** At the last pastoral planning meeting, there was discussion about having 'village meets' to get some sense of supporting one another locally; we would hope to pursue this idea, but it would require local organisers for the initial meetings. If you can help, again please contact Fr. Ian

**PUBLIC EXAMS:-** As we approach the month of May, public exams, GCSE, A level and tertiary education exams get underway; a time of anxiety and concern both for those taking exams and for their families, which can cause tensions! Please pray for those taking exams and for their families, that guided by the Holy Spirit, all may obtain the reward of their labours.

**Eddie Hopkins' ordination** An invitation from Eddie: *Happy news! Bishop Richard has officially accepted me for ordination. I very much look forward to celebrating Mass in Dorking on 30 June, but you are all very welcome to come to the ordination as well. This will be at Arundel Cathedral on **Saturday, 22 June** at 2:30pm. If you're coming, it would help with the planning if you could fill out the form at this link: <https://cpg.churchsuite.com/events/nbidc5u8> With my prayers and best wishes,*

Deacon Eddie

**On Sunday 30th June** Eddie will come to the parish to offer one of his first Masses, in part, as a personal act of gratitude for the help, encouragement and support you have given to him during his residence here. Eddie will offer the Mass at 10am after which there will be a celebration to mark his ordination the previous weekend.

**Church Cleaning:-** At present there is no rota for cleaning the church, which essentially requires the floor to be swept each week! Yes, there is dusting and brass cleaning, but teams of 4 would be able to do everything within half an hour. Could you, would you be willing to be part of a team? Do give this some consideration, please.

**Church Kneelers:** Our thanks to those who undertook the repair of the church kneelers over the past couple of weeks, this support is greatly appreciated.

**DIOCESAN PASTORAL PLAN:-** Thanks to all those who have sent in 'jottings' about the pastoral plan. Someone has kindly volunteered to collate the responses, once this has been done, we will publish the 'jottings' with a view to having a meeting to address suggestions, observations and the like, to find a way forward for the life and mission of the local Church. Many thanks.

A useful point of reference would be 'The Pastoral Conversion of the parish community' published by the Congregation for the clergy in June 2020, copies of which are available from the shop in the Narthex.

**Mass and Meet lunches on the first Friday of each month.** We are currently **seeking volunteers** to join our friendly team. This involves providing a simple lunch along the lines of soup, bread and cheese, followed by cake and tea/coffee for approximately 25 people. Lunches are held in the Taunton Room and, with a few helpers on board, the laying out and clearing away is a quick and easy process. All expenses can be reclaimed.

If you feel you might be able to help out, either on the buying and organising side of things or simply to be an extra pair of hands on the day, we would love to hear from you. You would not be called on more than 3 times during the year, and less frequently if we have plenty of volunteers! Phone Ricki Hughes 07769 824833 or Julie Briscoe 07821 705209 for more information.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS 23rd June:-** This will take place on Sunday 23rd June, **it will be an additional Mass to the day, at 12.00 mid-day** as the number of guests will be significant. Anyone is welcome to come to the Mass, but please be mindful of the First Holy Communion children and their families. There will be the usual 8 & 10 am Masses that morning. On Saturday 29th May at the 6pm Mass the First Holy Communion certificates will be given out followed by a Communion Breakfast in the hall.

Thanks to all those who came along to and those helped with the First Holy Communion family day and for all the effort that went in to preparing for the day. **Please see the note below about the new lectionary translation which will become operative in Advent.**

**The Criminal Justice Bill Report Stage debate** and amendments to abortion laws, is going to be **on Wednesday 15 May** when MPs will be given the opportunity to vote on two pro-life changes to the law - one amendment tabled by Caroline Ansell MP to lower the abortion time limit from 24 weeks to 22 weeks - and another tabled by Liam Fox MP that would bring the abortion time limit for babies with Down's syndrome in line with the time limit for babies that do not have disabilities (as you likely know, abortion for Down's syndrome is currently legal right up to birth). MPs will also have the opportunity to vote on two extreme abortion up to birth amendments that have been tabled by pro-abortion MPs Stella Creasy and Diana Johnson.

Many lives are at stake here. Actions you take ahead of these votes, such as writing to your MP, will play a big part in persuading MPs to vote the right way. If you haven't already emailed your MP asking them to oppose the abortion up to birth amendments, you can write to them now using our easy-to-use tool by [clicking here](#). (You should be able to get to this 'link' via the newsletter on the parish website, otherwise, simply type SPUC into a search engine, and you should be able to get to the campaign page.

**New Lectionary:** As of Advent 2024 a new translation of the Scriptures will be used at the behest of the Bishops Conference. It would therefore be advisable to wait until the new translation becomes available rather than purchasing any current publication e.g Sunday Missals.