

Our Lady Help of Christians Church



13th April 2025 - Palm Sunday

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Parish Office normally open: Tue, Wed and Fri 9am – 1.30pm

Baptism minimum 2 months notice required; Marriage minimum 12 months notice required

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Mass Times and Intentions

Sunday 13th April

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Sat. 6pm Mass – Parishioners

9.15am Mass – Josephine Jones and
Angela Beale RIP

11am Mass – Noel Gallagher RIP

Monday of Holy Week – 14th April

N.B. 7pm Exposition

Tuesday of Holy Week – 15th April

10am Mass in Thanksgiving

Wednesday of Holy Week – 16th April

10am Mass Rev. Fr. Paolo Morlacchi RIP

Exposition after Mass until 10pm

MAUNDY THURSDAY 17th April

8pm Mass of the Lord's Supper with

washing of feet – Pius Chan RIP

*followed by the Watch, finishing with
Night Prayer at 11pm.*

Confession: *following the 10am Masses
on Tuesday and Wednesday and
following the 8pm Mass on Maundy
Thursday until 11pm or by appointment.*

GOOD FRIDAY 18th April

Day of Fasting & Abstinence

8.30am Morning Prayer

9am Stations of the Cross

10am Ecumenical Walk of Christian
Witness from Our Lady's to
St John's Church, West Byfleet

12 noon Children's Stations of the Cross

3pm Celebration of Our Lord's Passion

HOLY SATURDAY 19th April

9am Morning Prayer

10am Święcone: Blessing of Easter

Food Baskets

8.30pm Mass: EASTER VIGIL First Mass
of the Resurrection – Parishioners

EASTER SUNDAY 20th April

6am Ecumenical Service
at Newark Priory

9.15am Mass – Jay Fernandez

11am Mass – Joan Luddington RIP

Easter Monday 21st April

N.B. 11am Mass A Private Intention

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE UNWELL: Mary Joyce, Gabriel Mariano, Ashley Wolsey, Tina Elliot, Angela Widdup, Kristina Gonzalez, Lucy Orchard, Sophie Milton, Wilfrido Zabarte, Mike Povey, Pat Lynch, Alban Pentony, Jenny Emrys-Roberts, Barney Barker, Lorraine Elworthy, Maria Messina, Howard Hopper, Gwen Bruno, Clive Stanbrook, Hugh McManus, Bridie McManus, Vivian Phillips, Carmela Tomkins, Kerrie Mitchell, Suzanne Kassir, Tim Buckell, Valli Alimon, Margaret Smith, Christopher Brown, Kevin Luddington, Victor McGrath, Robert Hernandez, William Simmons, Marie McMahan, Patricia Bygrave, Amy Macanlalay, Thomas Hazell, Margie Oliver, Mark Fitzpatric and Cathy Fahy. *Please let the Parish Office know if anyone would like to be added to / taken off the list.*

PALM SUNDAY. For all Masses palms will be blessed and distributed in the hall before Mass – please assemble in the hall. No coffee after 9.15 Mass Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday. If you can help once a month on the coffee rota please email the parish office: westbyfleet@abdiocese.org.uk.

HOLY WEEK. Welcomers, readers and volunteers please sign up – lists in the porch. We especially need volunteers for feet washing on Maundy Thursday. Altar Servers, your list is in the sacristy and your rehearsals are at 11am Maundy Thursday and Holy Saturday.

GOOD FRIDAY is 18th April and is a day of fasting (18-59 years) and abstinence from meat (14 years +). The collection on Good Friday is for the maintenance of the Holy Places.

Following the 12 noon Stations of the Cross Service for Children, there will be a craft activity in the hall for children. Children need to be accompanied by parents, minimum donation £2, towards Pilgrimage fundraising.

PATRICK MORRIS R.I.P. Please pray for Patrick and his family and friends. The funeral is at Woking Crematorium on Tuesday 22nd April at 12 noon.

CHURCH SPRING CLEANING - There will be an opportunity for all parishioners to help clean the church ready for the Easter services on Mon 14th April from 10am. If you would like to join the rota and help clean the church once every 6 weeks, email the parish office and let us know any preference for either weekdays or Saturday morning. Thanks.

CONFESSION is available following the 10am Masses on the 15th and 16th April and during the Watch until 11pm on Maundy Thursday.

ARNOLD PINTO R.I.P. Please pray for Arnold and his family and friends. Funeral details to follow.

OFFERTORY. The monthly standing orders plus the weekly cash collections averaged £1,855 per week over the last fortnight. If you haven't done so, please consider setting up a standing order. Forms are in the narthex or [online](#). Giving can be made via the donation machine in the porch or online. This is the QR code for online payments:



ECUMENICAL MORNING PRAYER on Mon 14th Apr at 9.30am, St. John's Church, West Byfleet. All welcome.

THE EASTER OFFERTORY COLLECTION

is your personal gift to Fr Aaron who does not receive a salary from the diocese but relies on your offerings for Mass Intentions and Sacramental celebrates, plus the two collections at Easter and Christmas. Giving can be done via an Easter offering envelope* or via the donation machine in the porch or by bank transfer (reference "Easter") or via the QR code in this newsletter. *Please note your regular standing order is for the Parish only.*

*If you have made a Gift Aid declaration then please use your numbered white Gift Aid envelopes as the Parish can claim the tax back for the Parish Account. Full details of the various ways to give are on the [parish website](#).

BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD BASKETS:

Holy Saturday, 10am 19 April in the church. A short service of "Święcone" followed by tea, cake and an activity for children in the hall. Everyone welcome. Flier in narthex. Please contact Grażyna with offers of help/cakes: 07815640155 g.r.polskaskola@gmail.com.

Wielka Sobota, Święcone - 10:00 rano - Our Lady Help of Christians, West Byfleet. WSZYSCY będą mile widziani (i pomoc/ciasta - też). Ulotka w przedsiönku.

WOKING FOODBANK COLLECTION this weekend. Please donate tins, dried food/toiletries but NO perishable foods! All donations must be within 'use by' & 'sell by' dates. The [Foodbank website](#) lists the items most needed and includes jars of jam and adult toothpaste.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

14 th Apr	Ecumenical Morning Prayer, St John's, 9.30am
14 th Apr	Church Spring Cleaning for Easter, 10am
15 th Apr	Art Club, STM room, 11am
16 th Apr	Hope Café, St Thomas More room, 10.45am
24 th Apr	Parish Walk, meet outside the church 10am
26 th Apr	Baptism Preparation Meeting, St Thomas More Room, 12 noon
26 th Apr	FHC Children Meeting, Church, from 3pm
26 th Apr	Confirmation Meeting, Hall, 4pm
28 th Apr	FHC Parent Meeting, Church, 7.30pm
29th Apr	Exploring Catholicism: RCIA Meeting, STM room, 7.30pm
3 rd May	Seniors Friendship Lunch, Hall, 12.30 for 1pm
3 rd May	FHC Children Meeting, Church, from 3pm
7 th May	Craft Club, St Thomas More room, 10.30am
10-11 May	Woking Foodbank Collection
11 th May	Widowed/Separated lunch, Pia restaurant, W. Byfleet, 12.30pm
12 th May	Ecumenical Morning Prayer, Our Lady's, 9.30 am
12th May	SVP meeting, STM room, 7.30pm
14th May	Catenian Meeting, Hall, 7.30pm
17 th May	Parish Open Mic Night, Hall,
31 st May	Sacrament of Confirmation, Arundel Cathedral, 11am

COOKIES ON SALE after Masses on Easter Sunday to fundraise for the St. John the Baptist School World Challenge trip.

THE ART CLUB is meeting at 11am on 15th April in the STM room. For any queries, please contact Richard on 07941280812 rmangold@hotmail.com.

JAMES & THOMAS is collecting Easter Eggs / gifts for Shooting Stars Children's Hospices. Drop off your gifts by 16 Apr to James & Thomas Funeral Directors, 305 Woodham Lane, New Haw.

HOPE CAFÉ on 16 April at 10.45am. If you fancy a cuppa and friendly chat, we would love to see you. Any queries please ring Janet on 07917346287. All welcome.

ASSISTED SUICIDE. *Assisted suicide Bill even worse than before.* The Committee Stage of the Bill has ended. It is now weaker and less safe. 300+ amendments that sought to strengthen safeguards in the Bill and protect vulnerable groups were rejected by Bill supporters, including protection for people with disabilities and domestic abuse victims. *Please take action now - collect a red and white postcard from the church porch, fill out your details and post it to your MP today!*

For Parish Centre Enquiries or Hall Bookings - contact Chris Geary
ourladyshallbookings@outlook.com

Parish Safeguarding Representative:
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Wednesday Adoration
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For St Thomas More Preschool Enquiries -
email Rhoda
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WIDOWED/SEPARATED LUNCH. Pia restaurant in West Byfleet May 11th at 12.30. To join us, please ring Janet 07917346287 or Pat 07810 340588.

OPEN MIC NIGHT - Saturday 17th May from 7pm. A cabaret style evening. If you're young or old, a singer, tell jokes, recite poetry or play a musical instrument – please sign up on the Open Mic sheet in the narthex. We'll have mics and a karaoke system. Please bring your own drinks and nibbles on the night. For further info contact Maria 07999339972.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY needs volunteers. If you're able to help set up, pack away, or interested in leading a session, please email rosannaleney@gmail.com. If you want to know more, please stay for a tea / coffee on Sun 26th Apr after 9:15 Mass.

CAFOD Myanmar Earthquake Appeal to provide essentials like water, food, solar lights, and mosquito nets. Donate online at cafod.org.uk/myanmar or by calling 0303 303 3030. You can also text EARTHQUAKE to 70450 to donate £10.

EASTER FLOWERS. If you would like to make a donation in memory of a loved one, please complete an envelope and return it to the parish office by Tue 15th April. The envelopes are in the porch.

PRAYER FOR PROTECTION: Holy Michael, Archangel, defend us in the day of battle; be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God thrust down to hell Satan, and all wicked spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.