

# Our Lady Help of Christians Church



6<sup>th</sup> April 2025 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

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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 6th April – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

**Sat. 6pm Mass** – Parishioners

**9.15am Mass** – Alan Waters RIP

**11am Mass** – Christine & Tony Jackman  
on their Golden Wedding Anniversary

### Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April

**7pm Mass** Dr Ahmed Elkarm

### Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April

**N.B. 12 noon Mass** Deanery Clergy Welfare

### Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April

**10am Mass** Eileen Pearson RIP

*Exposition 10.30am-10pm*

### Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April

*10am Exposition*

### Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April

**11.15am** Stations of the Cross

**12 noon Mass** Margarita Aida Gaerlan RIP

**7pm** Stations of the Cross

### Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April

**10am Mass** Matty Millar RIP

*followed by Exposition and the Rosary*

**Confession:** Friday after Mass and  
Saturday after 10am Mass and 5.30pm

### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April – Palm Sunday

**Sat. 6pm Mass** – Parishioners

**9.15am Mass** – Josephine Jones and  
Angela Beale RIP

**11am Mass** – Noel Gallagher RIP

### MAUNDY THURSDAY 17<sup>th</sup> April

**8pm Mass of the Lord's Supper** with  
washing of feet followed by the Watch,  
finishing with Night Prayer at 11pm.

### GOOD FRIDAY 18<sup>th</sup> April Fast & Abstinence

**8.30am** Morning Prayer

**9am** Stations of the Cross

**10am** Ecumenical Walk of Christian Witness

**12 noon** Children's Stations of the Cross

**3pm** Celebration of Our Lord's Passion

### HOLY SATURDAY 19<sup>th</sup> April

**9am** Morning Prayer

**10am** Święcone: Blessing of Easter Baskets

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

### EASTER SUNDAY 20<sup>th</sup> April

**6am** – Ecumenical Service at Newark Priory

**9.15am Mass** – Jay Fernandez

**11am Mass** – Joan Luddington RIP

## 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.*

**PASTORAL LETTER.** There is a pastoral letter from Bishop Richard this weekend. There are some copies in the church porch.

**PRAYERS & CONGRATULATIONS** to Christine & Tony Jackman celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

**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 Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April. The envelopes are in the church porch. There is a general second collection for Easter flowers and decorations this weekend.

**HOLY WEEK.** Volunteers required: Welcomers/ Readers / Extraordinary Ministers for Holy Week and Easter services. Please sign up, the lists are in the porch. Altar Servers please sign up for Holy Week / Easter services, your list is in the sacristy. There will be rehearsals for altar servers on Holy Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April at 11am and on Holy Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April at 11am. Leaflets detailing our Holy Week services are in the church porch.

**PALM SUNDAY** is next Sunday and for all Masses, 6pm Vigil, 9.15 & 11am, palms will be blessed and distributed in the hall before Mass – please assemble in the hall. No coffee after 9.15 Mass on Palm Sunday. If you can help once a month on the coffee rota, please email [westbyfleet@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:westbyfleet@abdiocese.org.uk). Thanks.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** needs volunteers. If you're able to help set up, pack away, or interested in leading a session, please email Rosanna [rosannaleney@gmail.com](mailto:rosannaleney@gmail.com) Are you preparing for your DofE or Confirmation? Volunteering with us would be a great way to support the youngest members of our parish. We lead sessions on a rota and Children's Liturgy doesn't run during the school holidays. If you want to know more, please stay for a tea/coffee on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April after 9:15am Mass.

**WOKING FOODBANK COLLECTION** next 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 nappies size 6 & 7 and adult toothpaste.

**DEANERY MASS.** The deanery clergy are meeting on Tuesday, April 8 to pray about and plan for the next steps in implementing the Bishops' Pastoral Plan. Mass will be at 12 noon in our church. All are welcome to attend.

**WEST BYFLEET CIRCLE CATENIAN** is meeting on Wed. 9 April in the hall at 7.30 pm. Drinks and nibbles follow the meeting, £5pp. The Association is for likeminded Catholic men to meet in friendship & faith. To attend or learn more please contact Vernon: [v.deacruz@btinternet.com](mailto:v.deacruz@btinternet.com)/01932343737.

**ECUMENICAL LENT COURSE** at St John's, West Byfleet at 7.30pm. The final session is on Tuesday 8 April.

**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 church hall. Everyone welcome. Flier in narthex. Please contact Grażyna with offers of help / cakes 07815640155 or [g.r.polskaszko@gmail.com](mailto:g.r.polskaszko@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 przedsionku.*

**EXPLORING CATHOLICISM (RCIA).** The next meeting is at 7.30pm on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April in the St Thomas More room.

#### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

7 <sup>th</sup> Apr	SVP meeting, Parish Centre, 7.30pm
8 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Exploring Catholicism: RCIA Meeting, STM room, 7.30pm
8 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Ecumenical Lent Course, St John's Church West Byfleet, 7.30pm
9 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Catenian Meeting, Hall, 7.30pm
12-13 Apr	Woking Foodbank Collection
14 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Ecumenical Morning Prayer, St John's, 9.30am
14 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Church Spring Cleaning for Easter, 10am
15 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Art Club, STM room, 11am
16 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Hope Café, St Thomas More room, 10.30 am
24 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Parish Walk, meet outside the church 10am
26 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Baptism Preparation Meeting, St Thomas More Room, 12 noon
26 <sup>th</sup> Apr	FHC Children Meeting, Church, from 3pm
26 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Confirmation Meeting, Hall, 4pm
28 <sup>th</sup> Apr	FHC Parent Meeting, Church, 7.30pm
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	<b>Seniors Friendship Lunch, Hall, 12.30 for 1pm</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> May	FHC Children Meeting, Church, from 3pm
<b>7<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Craft Club, St Thomas More room, 10.30am</b>
<b>11<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Widowed/Separated lunch, Pia restaurant, W. Byfleet, 12.30pm</b>
12 <sup>th</sup> May	Ecumenical Morning Prayer, Our Lady's, 9.30 am
17 <sup>th</sup> May	Parish Open Mic Night, Hall,
31 <sup>st</sup> May	Sacrament of Confirmation, Arundel Cathedral, 11am

**CHURCH SPRING CLEANING** - There will be an opportunity for all parishioners to help clean the church ready for the Easter services on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April from 10am. If you would like to join the rota and help clean the church once every 6 weeks, email the parish office or call 01932342892 and let us know any preference for either weekdays or Saturday morning. Thanks.

**CONFESSION / RECONCILIATION**  
Opportunities for this at Prince of Peace, Weybridge 6pm Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April, St Dunstan's, Woking at 7.30pm on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April and in our church following 10am Masses on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> April and during the Watch until 11pm on Maundy Thursday.

**THE PARISH SVP** are meeting 7.30pm on Monday 7 April in the STM room. SVP members seek those in need to visit, befriend and offer support. If you or someone you know might benefit, or if you are interested in finding out more about joining, please contact us on 07480 318155.

**For Parish Centre Enquiries or Hall**

**Bookings** - contact Chris Geary

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**Parish Safeguarding Representative:**

Michelle Beman

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**Wednesday Adoration**

[olwbadoration@outlook.com](mailto:olwbadoration@outlook.com)

**For St Thomas More Preschool**

**Enquiries** - email Rhoda

[rhoda@stthomasmoreschool.co.uk](mailto:rhoda@stthomasmoreschool.co.uk)

**WOKING CHORAL SOCIETY:** Fauré Requiem at St John's Church, West Byfleet on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm. Further details in the church porch or online: [Woking Choral Society](http://WokingChoralSociety). Tickets £20 full, £5 children online or on the door.

**GRAND NEWS** is a Diocesan newsletter for all Grandparents. There are some copies in the church porch.

**OPEN MIC NIGHT** - Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May from 7pm (after evening mass). We saw the wonderful singing talent our parish has to offer at the International Carol Service and now want to plan another celebration to showcase our talented parishioners. We are putting on a cabaret style evening and looking for acts! 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 on the date to support our singers. Please bring your own drinks and nibbles on the night. For further information please contact Maria Maloney on 07999 339972.

**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.