

Our Lady Help of Christians



1st December 2024

First Sunday of Advent

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TODAY WE BEGIN THE SEASON OF ADVENT: A time of joyful expectation as we prepare to celebrate Our Lord's birth. During Advent we are asked to pray especially for migrants, refugees and expectant mothers.

PETER KEANE R.I.P. Please pray for Peter and his family and friends. The funeral will be at Our Lady's on Friday 13th December at 2pm.

WE WELCOME Isla Moss, Mila Moss, Jude Berry, Sorella Newman and Willow Richardson who were Baptised recently. May God Bless them and their families.

BLESSING OF INFANT JESUS FIGURES & NATIVITY SCENES. On the third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday 15th December) Fr Aaron invites you to bring to Mass infant Jesus crib figure and/or Nativity scenes to be blessed at all Masses.

Mass Times and Intentions

Sunday 1st December

First Sunday of Advent

Sat 6pm Mass – Rodrigues Family RIP

9.15am Mass – Thanksgiving the
Johnston Family

11am Mass – Parishioners

12.30pm Baptisms

Week 2nd – 7th December

Monday

N.B. 10am Mass Libania D'Cruz RIP

Tuesday – St Francis Xavier

10am Mass Norma & Jim Begley

Wednesday

10am Mass Libania & Caetano D'Cruz RIP

Exposition follows Mass until 10pm

Thursday

10am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday – St Nicholas

10am Mass Chris Glover RIP *followed by*

Sacred Heart of Jesus Devotion

Saturday – St Ambrose

N.B. 10am Adoration and the Rosary

with Immaculate Heart of Mary Devotions

Reconciliation: at 5.30pm or by
appointment

Sunday 8th December

Second Sunday of Advent

Sat 6pm Mass – May Conley RIP

9.15am Mass – Parishioners

11am Mass – Sheila Temple 80th Birthday

3.30pm Syro Malabar Mass

THE REPOSITORY is open after all Masses for Christmas cards, Nativity cribs, Advent calendars, etc.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE UNWELL

Ashley Wolsey, Tina Elliot, Angela Widdup, Kristina Gonzalez, Lucy Orchard, Sophie Milton, Wilfrido Zabarte, Mike Povey, Pat Lynch, Philomena Kennedy, 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 Fitzpatrick and Cathy Fahy.

Please let the Parish Office know if anyone would like to be added to / taken off the list.

PARISH EPIPHANY DINNER Saturday 4th Jan in the hall following the 6pm Epiphany Vigil Mass. The traditional four course Epiphany Dinner will be served, full licensed bar available, live music once again by Peck Peck. There will be a raffle to raise funds for the Lighthouse in Woking and Project Possible, a charity helping people to help themselves. Tickets £25 each, available for sale after all weekend Masses commencing 7/8th Dec or until sold out. Numbers are limited to 80 and we expected again to sell out, first come first served. Tickets can also be booked by contacting contact Vernon: v.deacruz@btinternet.com or 01932343737.

ECUMENICAL ADVENT GROUP on Tuesdays 3rd, 10th and 17th Dec at 7.30pm in the Church of the Good Shepherd, Pyrford to help us prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ. The series is entitled 'Watching, Waiting, Listening' with the themes creative/ visual prayer (watching), contemplation /mental prayer (waiting) and the final meeting on Lectio Divina (listening). The meetings will last approx. an hour. Everyone is warmly invited to take this opportunity for space, quiet and prayer in the Advent season.

WEST BYFLEET CATENIAN CIRCLE MEETING on Wed 11th Dec in the hall at 7.30pm. This is a joint meeting with the Woking & District Circle when members and their ladies will also attend. Traditional Christmas Dinner will be served after the meeting, the evening ending with Christmas Carols. The Catenian Association is an international organisation for practising Catholic men, if you would like more info please contact Vernon 01932343737 or v.deacruz@btinternet.com. Thanks.

THE SVP are meeting at 7.30pm on Mon 2nd Dec in the STM room. Our Parish SVP is part of an international lay organisation whose mission is to seek those in need and to help where possible. Our members visit, befriend and offer support to any person in need. 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 leaving your name and contact details and we will get back to you.

CHOIR MEETING. If you are interested in forming a choir at 11am Sunday Mass, please see Father after the 11am Mass on Sunday 8th December.

CHURCH CHRISTMAS CLEANING. There will be an opportunity for all parishioners to help clean the church ready for the Christmas services on Friday 20th December from 9am onward.

SENIORS' FRIENDSHIP LUNCH - Saturday 7th December, a pre-Christmas lunch with all the trimmings. Thank you for signing up to come. For any queries please contact Gill on 07710722056.

CHRISTMAS MASSES. Masses will be on Christmas Eve at 5pm, 8pm and 11pm and on Christmas Day at 9.15am and 11am. The 5pm Mass will be particularly suitable for children who are warmly invited to come dressed in nativity costumes. If your child would like to do a bidding prayer or the offertory at the 5pm Christmas Eve Mass, see Rosanna after 9.15 Mass or email Rosanna by Mon 9th Dec: rosannaleney@gmail.com. Please let Rosanna know the name and age of the child who would like to volunteer.

ST THOMAS MORE PRESCHOOL'S NATIVITY is in the church on Monday 9th December at 1.30pm. All welcome.

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

Parish Safeguarding Representative:
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For St Thomas More Preschool Enquiries - email Rhoda
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PARISH CAROL SERVICE on Friday 13th December at 6pm. We are having an international theme and if you would like to volunteer to sing a carol in any language, please sign up in the narthex. There will be refreshments in the hall afterwards, please bring along a plate of finger nibbles of your traditional Christmas bites.

PARISH ADVENT RECONCILIATION (Confession) will take place on Monday 16th December from 7pm.

CHRISTMAS 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. The envelopes are in the church porch. There will be a general second collection for Christmas flowers next weekend.

PRIMARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS. Marist School Open Mornings at 9.15am on Wed 4 Dec and 8 Jan for prospective parents with a child due to start school in Sept 2025. To book a place please email info@marist.surrey.sch.uk giving your child's name and date of birth, and the names of the attendees. Please see the poster in the porch for further info or the [website](#). Parents also need to obtain an admissions form from the school website [admissions page](#) and make yourself known to Fr Aaron who will be signing forms 6.30-7pm on Tuesday 10th December and Monday 6th January. You must bring your child's Baptism certificate with the completed form.

THANK YOU PARTY. Fr Aaron invites all parish volunteers to a Thank You Party in the hall following the 11am Mass on Sunday 2nd February.

ST THOMAS MORE PRESCHOOL are extending their hours and will now be open from 8am-6pm Mon to Fri term time only. With flexible funding options, a stimulating environment and forest school where children can grow & thrive.

WOKING FOODBANK COLLECTION. A drop-box will be in the narthex 7-8th Dec for donations. Please donate tins, dried food / toiletries but NO perishable foods please! All donations must be within 'use by' and 'sell by' dates. Items urgently needed include instant, mash, toilet cleaner and Christmas selection boxes. The website has the full list: <https://woking.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

THANK YOU to all who attended the Vigil. It was a truly wonderful night, very prayerful and very holy.

EXPLORING CATHOLICISM (RCIA): Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults meeting 7.30pm on Tue 3 Dec in the STM room.

THE CRAFT CLUB is meeting on Wed 4th Dec in the STM Room from 10.30am. Newcomers welcome and drinks available. For any queries, please contact Janet on 07917346287.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION will be celebrated by Bishop Richard next year at Arundel Cathedral. The course will begin in January. If you are in School Year 10 or older and would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, the forms are available from Father after Mass.

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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| 2 nd Dec | SVP meeting, Parish Centre, 7.30pm |
| 3 rd Dec | RCIA Meeting, St Thomas More room, 7.30pm |
| 4 th Dec | Craft Club, STM room, 10.30am |
| 7 th Dec | Seniors Friendship Lunch, Hall, 1pm |
| 7-8 th Dec | Woking Foodbank Collection |
| 9 th Dec | Ecumenical Morning Prayer, St John's, 9.30am |
| 9 th Dec | Reconciliation & FHC Parent Pre-Course Session 2, 7.30pm, hall |
| 11 th Dec | Catenian Meeting, Hall, 7.30pm |
| 13 th Dec | Carol Service, Church, 6pm |
| 17th Dec | Art Club, St Thomas More room, 11am |
| 20th Dec | Church Christmas Cleaning, from 9am |
| 4 th Jan | Epiphany Dinner, Hall, 7pm |
| 6 th Jan | Baptism Preparation Meeting, St Thomas More Room, 7.30pm |
| 13 th Jan | Ecumenical Morning Prayer, Our Lady's, 9.30am |
| 2 nd Feb | Thank You Party for Parish Volunteers, Hall, 12 noon |