

Our Lady Help of Christians



2nd March 2025

*Eighth Sunday in
Ordinary Time*

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Baptism minimum 2 months notice required;

Marriage minimum 12 months notice required

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PARISH SHARED LUNCH Sunday 2nd March with a carnival theme following the 11am Mass, if you can please wear something bright and colourful, bring your drink and a traditional or international dish for the “shared table”. Tea and coffee will be provided. All most welcome.

ASH WEDNESDAY is the 5th March and begins the season of Lent. It is a day of fasting (18-59 years) and abstinence from meat (14yrs+). Masses with the blessing and distribution of ashes are at 9am in The Marist School and in the church at 12 noon and 7pm.

CONFIRMATION MEETING at 4pm on Saturday 8th March in the hall. Please bring with you the consent form and payment for the Flame trip.

Mass Times and Intentions

2nd March – 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat. 6pm Mass – In thanksgiving the
Mitchell Family

9.15am Mass – Parishioners

11am Mass – Dorothy & Alan Gulliver
60th Wedding Anniversary

Monday 3rd March – Feria

7pm Mass Parishioners

Tuesday 4th March – St Casimir

10am Mass Dawn Blathwayt RIP

Ash Wednesday 5th March

9am Mass at The Marist School

10am Exposition

12 noon Mass Michael Kealy RIP

Exposition follows Mass

7pm Mass Ilona Wells RIP

Exposition follows Mass until 10pm

Thursday 6th March

10am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday 7th March

11.15am Stations of the Cross

12 noon Mass Hugh & Philomena

McAnearney RIP

followed by Sacred Heart of Jesus Devotion

Saturday 8th March

10am Mass Caroline Allens

followed by Exposition & the Rosary

Confession: Friday and Saturday after
morning Mass and Saturday at 5.30pm or
by appointment

9th March – First Sunday of Lent

Sat. 6pm Mass – Peter Keane RIP

9.15am Mass – Bridie Golding RIP

11am Mass – Parishioners

3.30pm Syro Malabar Mass

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE UNWELL

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.

PRAYERS AND CONGRATULATIONS

to Dorothy and Alan Gulliver celebrating their Diamond Wedding Anniversary.

HOMILY FEEDBACK - As part of his ongoing formation, Deacon Simon Tierney is requesting your anonymous feedback by Monday 3rd March regarding the homily which he preached over the weekend of Sunday 16/Feb please. The evaluation link -> <https://bit.ly/250216Evaluation> and includes a recording of the homily if you missed it. Thanks.

OFFERTORY. The monthly standing orders plus the weekly cash collections averaged £1,847 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:



LENTEN DEVOTIONS will include Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 11.15am and 7pm. After the 11.15 Stations, Mass will be at 12 noon followed by the opportunity for Confession. Please let the parish office know if you can lead a 7pm Stations of the Cross service or the 11:15 service on Fri 21 March. There will be coffee before Stations in the STM room at 10.30am

CHURCHES TOGETHER. There will be an Ecumenical Lent Course in the Dora Honor room at St John's, West Byfleet at 7.30pm on Tuesdays during Lent (not including Holy Week). The first session is on Tuesday 11th March. The evenings will be sessions of Visio Divina i.e. reflective led meditations on the paintings of Paul Robertson representing the events of Holy Week. Refreshments will be available.

CHURCH CLEANING. We need a few more volunteers to join the rota and help clean the church once every 6 weeks, especially on a Friday morning. If you can help, please email the parish office westbyfleet@abdiocese.org.uk or call 01932342892 and let us know any preference you have for either weekdays or Saturday morning.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE on Friday 7 March at 1.30pm and is hosted by St John's Church West Byfleet, KT14 6EH assisted by our local Christian churches of Byfleet, West Byfleet, Pyrford, New Haw & Sheerwater. The World Day of Prayer is celebrated annually in over 170 countries, on the first Friday in March. The theme, this year is *"I made you wonderful"* and is prepared by Christian women from the Cook Islands. Everyone is welcome! Please do join us. Refreshments will be served after. Please check out the WDP website for information re donations on www.wwdp.org.uk

EXPLORING CATHOLICISM (RCIA). The next meeting is at 7.30pm on Tuesday 4th March in the STM room.

BAPTISM PREPARATION MEETING 7.30pm on Monday 10th March in the St Thomas More room. If you have a child for Baptism, please see Father after Mass and complete the Baptism Enquiry Form prior to attending the meeting. The forms are in the church porch.

For Parish Centre Enquiries or Hall Bookings - contact Chris Geary
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For St Thomas More Preschool Enquiries - email Rhoda
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RECONCILIATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MEETING for parents on Monday 3rd March in the church. Parents from both Group 1 and Group 2 are required to attend this meeting.

Please pray for our children enrolled in our First Holy Communion programme who are making their First Reconciliation this week.

THE CRAFT CLUB is meeting on Wednesday 5th March in the STM Room from 10.30am. Newcomers welcome and drinks available. Any queries please contact Janet on 07917 346287.

THE WEST BYFLEET CATENIAN'S next meeting is on Wednesday 12th March at 7.30pm in the hall. It is a special Indian themed evening and the meeting will be followed with an Indian Keralan Dinner at around 8.15. Caterers are coming to do the catering; cost of the dinner is £25 per person. The dinner is expected to attract around 60 attendees. If you would like to attend, you will be most welcome. It is important for numbers and the table plan to advise your attendance, please contact Vernon DeCruz preferably by email v.decruz@btinternet.com (or call 01932 343737).

THE ST THOMAS MORE PRESCHOOL is providing refreshments in the hall after the 9.15 Mass next Sunday. They will be serving bacon and sausage rolls - gluten free and veggie too, and pastries in aid of Princess Alice Hospice, Esher who support children and their families with a range of services to improve quality of life.

WOKING FOODBANK COLLECTION next weekend 8th- 9th March. 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 children's toothpaste, nappies (sizes 4,6,7), long life fruit juice, small packets of rice (not microwave type), shampoo, coffee, washing up liquid, cooking oil, jars of honey and liquid soap/gel.

PLEASE NOTE the parish office is now open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9am to 1.30pm.

THE ART CLUB is meeting at 11am on Tuesday 4th March in the STM room. For any queries, please contact Richard on 07941280812 / rmangold@hotmail.com. W: <https://www.artmajeur.com/rich>.

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

3rd Mar	Parent First Reconciliation Meeting, Church, 7.30pm
4 th Mar	Art Club, STM room, 11am
4 th Mar	Exploring Catholicism: RCIA Meeting, STM room, 7.30pm
5 th Mar	Craft Club, St Thomas More room, 10.30am
7 th Mar	World Day of Prayer, St Johns West Byfleet, 1.30pm
7th Mar	First Reconciliation (Confession), Church, 4pm
8th Mar	First Reconciliation (Confession), Church, 12 noon
8 th Mar	Confirmation Meeting for Candidates, Hall, 4pm
8-9 Mar	Woking Foodbank Collection
10 th Mar	Ecumenical Morning Prayer, Our Lady's, 9.30 am
10 th Mar	SVP meeting, Parish Centre, 7.30pm
10 th Mar	Baptism Preparation Meeting, STM room, 7.30pm
11th Mar	Ecumenical Lent Course, St John's Church West Byfleet, 7.30pm
12 th Mar	Catenian Meeting, Hall, 7.30pm
14 th Mar	CAFOD Family Fast Day
18th Mar	Ecumenical Lent Course, St John's Church West Byfleet, 7.30pm
19 th Mar	Hope Café, St Thomas More room, 10.30 am
22 nd Mar	FHC Children Meeting, Church, from 3pm
25th Mar	Ecumenical Lent Course, St John's Church West Byfleet, 7.30pm
27th Mar	Parish Walk, meet outside the church 10am
5 th Apr	Seniors Friendship Lunch, Hall, 12.30 for 1pm
1 st Apr	Ecumenical Lent Course, St John's Church West Byfleet, 7.30pm
8 th Apr	Ecumenical Lent Course, St John's Church West Byfleet, 7.30pm
14 th Apr	Ecumenical Morning Prayer, St John's, 9.30am