

Our Lady Help of Christians



9th March 2025

First Sunday of Lent

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Baptism minimum 2 months notice required;

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SEASON OF LENT. The season of Lent is a preparation for the Easter celebrations. The Liturgy prepares the catechumens for the celebration of the Paschal Mystery by the several stages of Christian Initiation (RCIA). It also prepares the faithful who recall their baptism and do penance in preparation for Easter.

WE WELCOME Emmanuel D Costa who was Baptised recently. May God bless him and his family.

BAPTISM PREPARATION MEETING
7.30pm on Monday 10 March in the STM 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.

Mass Times and Intentions

Sunday 9th March

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Sat. 6pm Mass – Peter Keane RIP

9.15am Mass – Bridie Golding RIP

11am Mass – Parishioners

3.30pm Syro Malabar Mass

Week 10th – 15th March

Monday

9.30am Ecumenical Morning Prayer

7pm Mass Margarita Aida Gaerlan RIP

Tuesday

10am Mass Deceased members of the
O'Reilly and McAnearney families

Wednesday

10am Mass Madeleine & Joe Simpson RIP

Followed by Exposition until 10pm

Thursday

10am Exposition

Friday

11.15am Stations of the Cross

12 noon Mass Simon May RIP

7pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday

N.B. 10am Exposition & the Rosary

Confession: *Friday after Mass and*

Saturday at 5.30pm or by appointment

Sunday 16th March

Second Sunday of Lent

Sat. 6pm Mass – Derek Newton RIP

9.15am Mass – Albert & Ella Poels RIP

11am Mass – Parishioners

EXPLORING CATHOLICISM (RCIA). The next meeting is at 7.30pm on Tuesday 11th March in the STM room.

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.

PARISH CENTURY CLUB. Donations of £550 each have been paid, during the last month, to York Road Project (Woking), Jesuit Refugee Service, St Joseph's African Aid and the Maybury and Sheerwater Community Trust. Grateful thanks to all who contribute £15 per quarter. If you would like to join, please phone Tony on 01932 350750.

THE ST THOMAS MORE PRESCHOOL is providing refreshments in the hall after the 9.15 Mass this 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.

MISSIO RED BOX. Missio is the Pope's charity for world Mission and through the Red Box we support the Church around the world where it is young and in need. If anyone has a Red Box that has money in it, please bring it to church for Sunday Mass weekend 22nd/ 23rd March, where members of the parish Missio team will collect it from you. Thank you to all parishioners who give to Missio.

POSSIBLE HORSHAM / WEST BYFLEET PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO SPAIN led jointly by Fr Tristan and Fr Aaron for parishioners of Horsham and West Byfleet. Monday 13th to Tuesday 21st October to/from Gatwick and Barcelona including 5 nights half-board in Barcelona, 2 nights half-board in Pamplona and 1-night half-board in Zaragoza, in 4-star hotels. Indicative costs, excluding travel insurance: £1595 per person (sharing a room), £1860 per person (single occupancy room). We hope to visit Barcelona, Montserrat, Manresa, Zaragoza, Pamplona and Azpeitia (the birthplace of St Ignatius of Loyola). The final full day of the pilgrimage will be a free day in Barcelona. If you're interested in taking part, please email the Parish Office at westbyfleet@abdiocese.org.uk by Friday 21st March, indicating the number in your party and whether you require a shared or a single occupancy room. **Depending on levels of interest, we may need to restrict the numbers travelling and will confirm details of the application process after 21st March.**

CHURCH CLEANING. If you can help clean the church once every 6 weeks, please let us know which day of the week you can do via the parish office. Many thanks.

ECUMENICAL MORNING PRAYER in our church on Monday 10 March at 9.30am followed by refreshments. All welcome.

THE SVP are meeting at 7.30pm on Monday 10 March in the parish centre. The SVP in our Parish 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 the SVP, please contact us on 07480 318155 leaving your name and contact details. Someone from the SVP will get back to you in due course.

CAFOD: THE BIG LENT WALK. Journey together as Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee Year and walk 200km in 40 days. Walk to one of the churches or shrines designated as places of pilgrimage in our diocese (Arundel Cathedral, Worth and St Joseph's Guildford). Sign up online: [CAFOD The Big Lent Walk](#).

PLEASE NOTE the parish office is open on Thursday instead of Friday this week.

For Parish Centre Enquiries or Hall

Bookings - contact Chris Geary

ourladyshallbookings@outlook.com

Parish Safeguarding Representative:

Michelle Beman

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Wednesday Adoration

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For St Thomas More Preschool

Enquiries - email Rhoda

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THE WEST BYFLEET CATENIANS next meeting is on Wednesday 12 March at 7.30pm in the hall. It is a special Indian themed evening with the meeting being followed with an Indian Keralan Dinner at around 8.15. Cost £25pp. You are most welcome – it's important for numbers / the table plan to advise your attendance, please contact Vernon, preferably by email: v.deacruz@btinternet.com or call 01932343737.

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 items most needed and includes children's toothpaste, nappies (sizes 4,6,7) and long life fruit juice.

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

CAFOD RETIRING COLLECTION next weekend for their Lent Appeal – Family Fast Day. Please donate and be a pilgrim of hope with CAFOD this Jubilee Year. You'll be supporting communities experiencing the impacts of war, poverty and climate change to find solutions and hope. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call us on 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10.

LENTEN DEVOTIONS include Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 11.15am and 7pm. Please let the parish office know if you can lead a service. There is coffee before Stations at 10.30am on Fridays.

FLAME CONFIRMATION TRIP next Saturday. Meeting at West Byfleet train station at 8.15am – remember your pack lunch / wear comfortable shoes.

IMPORTANT PETITION. Please consider signing the Care Not Killing petition in the porch calling on MPs to vote against legalising assisted suicide in England & Wales. The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill would make vulnerable people, including the elderly and disabled, feel a burden on family/carers resulting in pressure to end their lives. The petition is also online <https://carenotkilling.org.uk/>.

WOKING & DISTRICT IRISH ASSOC. St Patrick's Night Dance on Saturday 15th March at 8pm at New Haw Social Club, 48 Woodham Lane, Addlestone KT15 3NA. Music by Declan Gaynor. Come along for a great night. Admission £10 at the door (includes Buffet). Need more information please contact Kathy 0783525 8559.

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

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	Exploring Catholicism: RCIA Meeting, STM room, 7.30pm
11 th 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
15th Mar	Confirmation Trip to Flame, West Byfleet Station, 8.15am
18 th 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
25 th Mar	Ecumenical Lent Course, St John's Church West Byfleet, 7.30pm
27 th Mar	Parish Walk, meet outside the church 10am
29th Mar	Confirmation Meeting, Hall, 4pm
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
2nd Apr	Craft Club, St Thomas More room, 10.30am
8 th Apr	Ecumenical Lent Course, St John's Church West Byfleet, 7.30pm
12-13 Apr	Woking Foodbank Collection
14 th Apr	Ecumenical Morning Prayer, St John's, 9.30am