

Our Lady Help of Christians



12th January 2025

The Baptism of the Lord

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Baptism minimum 2 months notice required;

Marriage minimum 12 months notice required

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THE LITURGICAL SEASON OF CHRISTMAS

ends today with the Baptism of the Lord and the decorations will be removed but, by custom, the crib will remain until 2nd February, Candlemas. During Ordinary Time (Winter – up to Lent), we are asked to pray for these intentions: peace on earth, openness to the Word of God; Christian Unity; the sick and those who care for them; victims of trafficking and those who work to combat it; the unemployed.

VOLUNTEERS THANK YOU PARTY

Father Aaron invites all parish volunteers to a Thank You Party in the hall following the 11am Mass on Sunday 2 February. For catering purposes please sign the sheet in the narthex by the 14 January and indicate any dietary requirements. Many thanks.

Mass Times and Intentions

Sunday 12th January

The Baptism of the Lord

Sat. 6pm Mass – Alice Thompson RIP

9.15am Mass – Parishioners

**11am Mass – Thanksgiving Martin, Kirsty
& Max Dalgado**

Week 13th – 18th January

Monday – St Hilary

9.30am Ecumenical Morning Prayer

7pm Mass Denis Lynch RIP

Tue – Feria in Ord. Time, Year 1, Week 1

10am Mass Margarita Aida Gaerlan RIP

Wednesday – Feria

10am Mass Peter Keane RIP

followed by Adoration until 10pm

Thursday – Feria

10am Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament

Friday – St Anthony

10am Mass Finbarr O'Shea RIP

Saturday – Our Lady on Saturday

10am Mass Ken Hoare RIP

*followed by Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament & the Rosary*

Confession (Reconciliation):

by appointment

Sunday 19th January

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat. 6pm Mass – Ida & Julio Rodrigues RIP

9.15am Mass – Parishioners

11am Mass – Coughlin Family RIP

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, 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 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.

WE WELCOME Carlos Heads Cornejo who was Baptised last weekend. May God Bless him and his family.

CAFOD. There will be refreshments including bacon rolls in the hall after 9.15 Mass this Sunday in aid of CAFOD.

ECUMENICAL MORNING PRAYER in our church on Monday 13 January at 9.30am followed by refreshments. All welcome.

HOPE CAFÉ is opening on Wednesday 15th January at 10.30. If you fancy a cuppa and friendly chat we would love to see you. Any queries please ring Janet Catterick on 07917 346287.

RECONCILIATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION meeting for parents on Monday 13 January following the 7pm Mass (start time approximately 7.30-7.45pm).

2025 DIOCESAN DIRECTORIES available in the church porch - £5. Money in the wall box please.

PRIMARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS. The closing date for the September 2025 intake is Wednesday 15th January. The last opportunity for Fr Aaron to sign your form is between the 9.15 and 11am Masses this weekend. You must bring your child's Baptism certificate with the completed form.

THE SVP are meeting at 7.30pm on Monday 13th January in the St Thomas More 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.

WOKING FOODBANK COLLECTION this weekend 11th- 12th Jan. 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 toilet rolls, fruit squash and marmite.

CRIB OFFERINGS will be donated to the Catholic Children's Society A&B Crisis Fund providing emergency grants to support children and their families in our diocese who are facing a crisis in their lives. Funds can be donated either via the wall box by the crib or [online](#) or via the gift aid envelopes in the porch. Every single penny donated will be given out via these grants.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION will take place at 11am on Saturday 31st May at Arundel Cathedral. The second session for candidates is on Sunday 12 January at 6.30pm in St Dunstan's Church. This will be a Q&A session with Bishop Richard.

WEEK OF CHRISTIAN UNITY 18th to the 25th January. We are invited to reflect on the story of Martha's confession of faith in Jesus as narrated in John 11:17-27. Each is called to sit with Jesus' provocative question to Martha: "Do you believe this?"

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

rhoda@stthomasmorepreschool.co.uk

EXPLORING CATHOLICISM (RCIA): meeting 7.30pm on Tuesday 28 January in the St Thomas More room. The meetings are for anyone who might be interested in learning more about the Catholic faith perhaps with a view towards full initiation into the Church at Easter.

READING GROUP at St Dunstan's Church, *'The Confessions of St Augustine'* with Fr Robert Sprott starting Wednesday 7.30pm Jan 22nd for 10 weeks. To join the group, text AUGUSTINE, your name and e-mail address to 07570632628.

WORD ON FIRE BIBLE CONFERENCE February 21-22nd with Bishop Robert Barron, N.T Wright, Tracy Rowlands and others. Purchase tickets online at: <https://wordonfire.vfairs.com/en/registration-form>.

A YEAR OF HOPE: An Introduction to the Jubilee Year with the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development. 2025 is a Jubilee year, but what does that mean? Catholic talk show host and author Nana Churcher, and CAFOD's Simon Giarchi will be hosting Fr Jan Nowotnik (Director of Mission for the Bishop's Conference), Christine Allen (CAFOD's Director) & Kayode Akintola (CAFOD's Head of Africa) and more for lively start to the Jubilee. With a special appearance by Catholic band Ooberfuse. Sat 18 Jan, 10:30-midday, online. All welcome. Register online with <https://cafod.org.uk/> for free.

PLEASE NOTE the parish office will be open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday this week.

THE KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA Guildford & District (Council 551) is a fraternity of Catholic men committed to support the Church's Mission and make a meaningful impact in communities. A UK-wide network united in Faith, Family & Fraternity where we support local parishes/religious orders in Guildford and a ten-mile radius, fundraise for causes like Missio and Mary's Meals, contribute to local charities, organise public talks, campaign for social justice, the sanctity of life and provide support for the poor. With us you can make a positive difference, deepen your faith, and build lasting friendships. We are not expensive to join, and we meet monthly on the third Monday at 8pm at St. Pius X Church, Guildford. To get in touch for an informal chat, please email: guildfordknightsfstcolumba@gmail.com

ZERO CARBON GUILDFORD will speak at St. Dunstan's Church on Thursday 23 Jan at 7.30pm on how to save energy in the home. Now that the energy price cap has been raised and colder weather is due, come and find out about free or very low-cost ways to reduce your energy bills. There will be tips on simple changes you can make and advice on potential grants. Take advantage of their expertise and find out what you can do to keep warm this Winter for less cost.

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

12 th Jan	Confirmandi Q&A with Bishop Richard, St Dunstan's, 6.30pm
13 th Jan	Ecumenical Morning Prayer, Our Lady's, 9.30 am
13 th Jan	Reconciliation / FHC Parent Session 3, Hall, 7.30pm
13 th Jan	SVP meeting, St Thomas More room, 7.30pm
15 th Jan	Hope Café opening, St Thomas More room, 10.30 am
20th Jan	Reconciliation / FHC Parent Meeting, Hall, 7.30pm
25th Jan	Confirmation Meeting for Candidates, Hall, 4pm
28th Jan	Exploring Catholicism: RCIA Meeting, STM room, 7.30pm
30 th Jan	Parish Walk, meet outside the church 10am
1 st Feb	Seniors Friendship Lunch, Hall, 1pm
2 Feb	Volunteers Thank You Party, Hall, 12 noon
8-9 Feb	Woking Foodbank Collection
10 th Feb	Ecumenical Morning Prayer, St John's, 9.30am
12th Feb	Catenian Meeting, Hall, 7.30pm