

Our Lady Help of Christians



Christmas 2022

The Priest's House, Madeira Road,
West Byfleet, KT14 6DH

Website: www.ourladyswb.org

Parish Office normally open: Wed - Fri
9am - 1pm, Tel: 01932 342892

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Baptism minimum 2 months notice required; Marriage
minimum 12 months notice required

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GRATEFUL THANKS to all who volunteered and helped prepare the church for Christmas and also to all who volunteered for the Christmas Masses with special thanks to Fr John. The effort involved is much appreciated. Many thanks to Lodge Bros for donating the Christmas trees for the church.

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](#). Every single penny donated will be given out via these grants.

ST STEPHEN'S DAY MASS for all our servers. During the 11am Mass on Monday 26 December we will give thanks for our altar servers and present St Stephen's Medals to new servers.

Mass Times and Intentions



The Nativity of The Lord

Christmas Vigil Masses

Saturday 24th December

5pm Mass Parishioners

8pm Mass Melissa Ebert RIP

Christmas Day Masses

Sunday 25th December

9.15am Mass Beryl MacConnol RIP

11am Mass Caetano D'Cruz RIP

Week 26th – 31st December 2022

Monday – St Stephen

N.B. 11am Mass Neil Atkins RIP

Tuesday – St John

10am Mass Assis & Christine Carvalho RIP

Wednesday – The Holy Innocents

Church is open for private prayer

Thursday – St Thomas Becket

10am Mass in thanksgiving

Friday – The Holy Family

10am Mass Joven Felicitas and

Joseph Andaya RIP

Sat – 7th Day in the Christmas Octave

10am Mass Richard Grady RIP

*Confession: Saturdays after morning
Mass or at 5pm or by appointment*

CHRISTMAS OFFERTORY COLLECTION can be gift aided using your normal gift aid envelopes. Thank you for your Christmas generosity.

A Blessed Christmas and Peaceful New Year to all Parishioners and Visitors

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1st January 2023

Mary, Mother of God

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Sunday 1st January 2023

Mary, Mother of God

Sat. 6pm Mass Salvatore Giambrone RIP

9.15am Mass – Parishioners

11am Mass – John & Philip Joyce RIP

Week 2nd – 7th January 2023

Mon – Ss Basil and Gregory

N.B. 10am Mass George & Regina
Carvalho RIP

Tuesday – The Most Holy Name of Jesus

10am Mass Andreas Pillai and

Mary Angela Andrew RIP

Wednesday – Feria in Christmastide

Adoration 10am - 10pm

Thursday – Feria in Christmastide

10am Mass Evelyn & Vernon DeCruz

Friday – THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

7pm Mass Alice Thompson RIP

Saturday – Feria after Epiphany

11.30am Adoration & the Rosary with
Immaculate Heart of Mary Devotions

12 noon Mass Margarita Aida RIP

Exposition & The Rosary follow Mass

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Sunday 8th January 2023

The Baptism of the Lord

Sat. 6pm Mass – Hannah Shyhinska &
Pavlo Shyhinkski RIP

9.15am Mass – Parishioners

11am Mass – Benedito Carvalho RIP

3.30pm Syro Malabar Mass

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD is on Friday 6 January and Mass is at 7pm. At Epiphany we bless our homes above the front door with the traditional chalk blessing, remembering the Magi: **20+C+M+B+23** whilst saying the following prayer:

C Caspar
M Melchior
B and Balthasar followed the star of God's son who became a man
20 two thousand
23 and twenty-three years ago.
++ May Christ bless our home
++ and remain with us through the new year.



Almighty God, incline your ear. Bless us and all who are gathered here. Send your holy angel who will defend us and fill with grace all who live here. Amen.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE UNWELL:

Mary Butler, Theresa Mills, Clive Stanbrook, Hugh McManus, Bridie McManus, Anita Bradley, Vivian Phillips, Carmela Tomkins, John Drew, Brian Kirby, Kerrie Mitchell, Suzanne Kassir, Joanne Bosanquet, Tim Buckell, Thomas Larkin, Valli Alimon, Margaret Smith, Christopher Brown, Margaret Merriweather, Kevin Luddington, Victor McGrath, Ann Struthers, Robert Hernandez, Edith Keirnan, 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.

WE WELCOME Dylan Branco who was Baptised recently. May God bless him and his family.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION. Thank you to all those of you who have come to Wednesday Adoration over the past year. There will be a break on 28 December. If you would like to commit to a regular hour of Adoration on Wednesdays in the new year, please email olwbadoration@outlook.com.

PLEASE NOTE Friday 30 Dec is not a day of abstinence. You may eat meat.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION. If you are in School Year 10 or older and would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation next year, the application forms are in the narthex.

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

Wednesday Adoration
olwbadoration@outlook.com

For St Thomas More Preschool Enquiries - email Rhoda
rhoda@stthomasmoreschool.co.uk

EPIPHANY DINNER Saturday 7th January at 7pm. All the tickets have now been sold or reserved and we have a waiting list in case of cancellations. Tickets (£25 each) need to be paid for in advance. For payment by cash please contact Vernon DeCruz: 01932343737 or v.decruz@btinternet.com or please put a cheque through the parish office letterbox payable to Our Lady Help of Christians.

CHURCH CAR PARK RENTAL RENEWALS. All Monday to Friday Reserved spaces have now been renewed as from 1st January 2023, and no availability is possible until 1st July 2023. Renewal permits, etc, will be available after the Sunday Masses 7th - 8th January. NB: All payments by bank transfer or cheque payable to "Our Lady Help of Christians". Bank transfer instructions will be available.

Alternatively, the permits will be available from the Parish Office at the usual times from Thursday 12 January. Meanwhile any queries please to John Drew: farleydrew35@gmail.com or 01932-988459.

BRIAN TYNE R.I.P. Please pray for Brian and his family and friends at this difficult time.

PRIMARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS.

Parents with a child wanting to enter The Marist School in September 2023 need to obtain an admissions form from the school website. Fr John will be available to sign your form following Mass and confirm your self-declaration of regular attendance at Mass. You must bring your child's Baptism certificate with the completed form.

WOKING FOODBANK COLLECTION on 7th- 8th 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.

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.

THE PARISH OFFICE is currently closed until Thursday 5 January.

NEW YEAR REFLECTION

The Gospel according to St John makes much use of the concept of light to describe the presence and activity of Christ among us: "In him was life and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it."

As with the light in Newgrange so Christians believe that there is no dark place where the transforming and constant light of God cannot reach; no hidden pain or sorrow, no failure or disappointment.

We begin a New Year which seems unpromising but as Christians we enter it with a confidence not of our own making but founded on God's constancy and generosity, a confidence echoed in these words by Minnie Louise Harkins: "I said to a man who stood at the gate of the year: 'Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown'; and he replied, 'Go into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than a light and safer than a known way!'" - **GL**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

29 th Dec	Parish Walk, meet outside the Church, 10.30am
<u>4th Jan</u>	Craft Club, STM room, 10.30am
5 th Jan	Art Club, STM room, 11am
5 th Jan	Catenian Meeting, Hall, 7.30pm
7 th Jan	Epiphany Dinner, Hall, 7pm
7-8 th Jan	Woking Foodbank Collection
9 th Jan	Ecumenical Morning Prayer, Church, 9.30am
14 th Jan	First Communion meeting, Church, 3pm
13 th Feb	Ecumenical Morning Prayer, St John's, 9.30am