

## Our Lady Help of Christians



11<sup>th</sup> January 2026

### *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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**MESSAGE FROM FR AARON:** Thank you very much for your Christmas generosity - the many prayers, cards and gifts are much appreciated. My thanks to all who assisted in facilitating the services and for the contribution to our Christmas celebrations.

**2026 DIOCESAN DIRECTORIES** available in the church porch - £5. Money in the wall box please.

## Mass Times and Intentions

### Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January

#### **The Baptism of the Lord**

**Sat. 6pm Mass** – Eileen Pearson RIP and

Caroline Pearson-Smith RIP

**9.15am Mass** – Marie Hogan RIP

**11am Mass** – Parishioners

*12.30pm Baptisms*

**3.30pm Syro Malabar Mass**

### **Week 12<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> January**

**Mon** – Feria in Ord. Time, Year 2, Week 1

*N.B. 7pm Exposition*

**Tue** – Feria

*N.B. 10am Exposition*

**Wednesday** – Feria

**10am Mass** Andrew Rankin RIP

*followed by Adoration until 10pm*

**Thursday** – Feria

*10am Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament*

**Friday** – Feria

*N.B. 10am Exposition*

**Saturday** – St Anthony

*N.B. 10am Exposition of the Blessed  
Sacrament & the Rosary*

**Confession (Reconciliation):**

*by appointment*

### Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sat. 6pm Mass** – Parishioners

**9.15am Mass** – Elio Belcuore RIP

**11am Mass** – Deceased members of the  
O'Sullivan & Geary families

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE UNWELL

Jenny Pearce, John Machen, Gloria Bray, Mary Joyce, Rob Vallance, Alan O'Brien, Judy Phillips, 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, Carmela Tomkins, Kerrie Mitchell, Suzanne Kassir, Tim Buckell, Valli Alimon, Christopher Brown, Kevin Luddington, Victor McGrath, 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.*

### THE ST THOMAS MORE PRESCHOOL

will be 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 biscuits in aid of Princess Alice Hospice, Esher who support children and their families with a range of services to improve quality of life.

**ECUMENICAL MORNING PRAYER** on Monday 12 January at 9.30am in St John's Church, West Byfleet followed by refreshments. All welcome.

**NEW PARISHIONERS LUNCH** in the Church Hall on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February. Invitations have been emailed to all who have registered with us. To assist with the catering arrangements, please R.S.V.P. to the parish office: [westbyfleet@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:westbyfleet@abdiocese.org.uk) by Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January. Many thanks.

**NEXT WEEKEND** please welcome Fr. Pat O'Beirne from the Columban Fathers. There will be a retiring collection after all Masses. On Wednesday we welcome Monsignor Benny O'Shea to the 10am Mass. Fr Aaron is taking some post-Christmas leave.

### PRIMARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS. The closing date for the September 2026 intake is Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January.

The last opportunity for Fr Aaron to sign your form is this weekend: after the 6pm Vigil Mass on the 10<sup>th</sup> January or between the 9.15 and 11am Masses on the 11<sup>th</sup> January. Please bring your child's Baptism certificate with the completed form.

**THE SVP** are meeting at 7.30pm on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January in the St Thomas More room. Our Parish SVP is part of an international lay organisation, the St Vincent de Paul Society, whose mission is to seek those in need to visit, befriend and offer support. If you or someone you know might benefit, or if you would like to find out more about joining, please email [PresidentA010207@svp.org.uk](mailto:PresidentA010207@svp.org.uk).

**WOKING FOODBANK COLLECTION** this weekend 10<sup>th</sup>- 11<sup>th</sup> 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 full fat long-life milk, tinned tomatoes, toilet cleaner, fabric conditioner and small cartons of laundry detergent bio / non bio.

**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.

**WEEK OF CHRISTIAN UNITY** 18<sup>th</sup> to the 25<sup>th</sup> January. The theme this year is "One Body, One Spirit" reminding us that the call to unity is a call to work for peace for all people everywhere. We are invited to reflect on Ephesians 4 v 1-13 which includes the words "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling." (Ephesians 4:4). There is further information [online](#).

**RETROUVAILLE** helps marriages, bringing hope and healing to relationships. The next date is 12 Feb. For more info tel: 07887296983 / [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk).

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**WEST BYFLEET CATENIAN CIRCLE MEETING** Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> Jan 7.30pm in the hall. The meeting will be followed with nibbles and drinks. Contribution £5pp. The Catenian Association is an international organisation for practising Catholic Men and meet regularly once a month. If you would like to attend the meeting on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> or like further information without obligation, please contact Vernon DeCruz 01932 343737 or [v.decruz@btinternet.com](mailto:v.decruz@btinternet.com).

**EXPLORING THE VOCATION TO TEACHING** in our diocesan schools – online event, Tue 13 Jan, 5.30- 6.30pm to find out more about the teaching vocation and what teaching in a Catholic school involves. Dave Legrand, Diocesan Secondary RE Advisor, is running this event for anyone considering a career change or simply interested in finding out more about the role of teachers in our Catholic schools for any age group or for any subject specialism. Book online: [abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/vqrcnwzi](http://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/vqrcnwzi).

**PLEASE NOTE.** Following the Bishop's new appointment the Inauguration Mass of the new parish is postponed until we have a new bishop. There is a farewell Mass for Bishop Richard in thanksgiving for his ten years of ministry in our diocese at 6.30pm on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> Jan at Arundel Cathedral. There will be a small number of places for each parish – possibly involving travel from St Dunstan's to and from the cathedral, because of the very limited parking in Arundel. If you would like to represent our community, please contact the West Byfleet parish office so we can work out the details.

**THE BRIGITTE TRUST.** Volunteer to support someone living with a life-threatening illness. As a volunteer you will be providing emotional and practical support to a person living with a terminal illness. Full training and support will be provided for this very rewarding role. Volunteers must be over 18 years of age, hold a valid UK driving license, and be willing to be DBS checked. Please contact Mandy East: [mandy.east@brigitte-trust.com](mailto:mandy.east@brigitte-trust.com) or tel. 07814 747585 or 01306 881816 or visit [www.brigitte-trust.org/become-a-volunteer/](http://www.brigitte-trust.org/become-a-volunteer/). We'd love to hear from you!

**RECONCILIATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARENT MEETING.** The Introductory Meeting for parents to enrol in Part II of the programme is on Monday 19 January in the hall at 7.30pm. Groups will be formed.

The first meeting for parents and children is on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January (3pm Group 1 and 4.15pm Group 2).

**MARY'S MEALS** is looking for volunteers. Could you spare a few hours during the year to help? We are looking for parish reps, volunteer speakers (training / support provided!) and volunteers who can help at events. Any little you can offer will make a huge difference to the children we serve in some of the world's poorest communities. Please contact Roy Peachey: [roy.peachey@marysmeals.org](mailto:roy.peachey@marysmeals.org) or 07593 447297 if you can help. To find out more about Mary's Meals, please visit [marysmeals.org.uk](http://marysmeals.org.uk). Thank you for your support!

#### 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 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Ecumenical Morning Prayer, St John's Church, 9.30am
12 <sup>th</sup> Jan	SVP meeting, STM room, 7.30pm
14 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Catenian Meeting, Hall, 7.30pm
19 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Reconciliation & FHC Meeting for parents, Hall, 7.30pm
21 <sup>st</sup> Jan	Hope Café, St Thomas More room, 10.45am
<b>24<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>Reconciliation/FHC Meeting parents &amp; children, Church, 3 or 4.15pm</b>
27 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Exploring Catholicism: RCIA, St Thomas More room, 7.30pm
<b>29<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>Parish Walk, meet outside the Church, 10am</b>
<b>30<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>Bishop Richard Moth Farewell Mass, Arundel Cathedral, 6.30pm</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	New Parishioners Lunch, Hall, 12 noon
3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Exploring Catholicism: RCIA, St Thomas More room, 7.30pm
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>Craft Club, St Thomas More room, 10.30am</b>
<b>7<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>Confirmation Meeting for Candidates, Hall, 4pm</b>
<b>7-8 Feb</b>	<b>Woking Foodbank Collection</b>
9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Ecumenical Morning Prayer, Church, 9.30am