

Our Lady Help of Christians



3rd December 2023

First Sunday of Advent

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Baptism minimum 2 months notice required;

Marriage minimum 12 months notice required

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TODAY WE BEGIN THE SEASON OF ADVENT: A time of joyful expectation as we prepare to celebrate Our Lord's birth. During Advent we are asked to pray especially for migrants, refugees and expectant mothers.

NELLIE DISKIN R.I.P. Please pray for Nellie and her family and friends. This week the Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of Nellie.

MARGARET THOMPSON R.I.P. Please pray for Margaret. Our prayers and condolences to Robert, the family and friends. The funeral will be at Our Lady's on Tue 19 December at 11am.

WE WELCOME Isabella Talbot, Iris and Flora Denton, Oluwakorede Olomo, Lucia Buttaci and Bailey Sewell who were Baptised last weekend. May God bless them and their families.

Mass Times and Intentions

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Sunday 3rd December

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Sat. 6pm Mass – Christopher Glover RIP

9.15am Mass – Parishioners

11am Mass – In Thanksgiving for the
Johnston Family

Week 4th – 9th December

Monday – St John Damascene

7pm Mass Christopher Glover RIP

Tuesday

10am Mass Hugh and Philomena
McAnearney RIP

Wednesday – St Nicholas

10am Mass Deceased Member of the
O'Reilly and McAnearney families
Exposition after Mass until 10pm

Thursday – St Ambrose

10am Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament

Friday – THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

10am Mass Gerry Savage RIP

7pm Mass Julio & Ida Rodrigues RIP

After Mass Prayer Vigil until 6am Saturday

Saturday

10am Mass Vocations

N.B. after Mass no Adoration / Rosary today

Reconciliation: Saturday at 5.30pm or by
appointment

Sunday 10th December

Second Sunday of Advent

Sat. 6pm – Thanksgiving to Priest & Vocation

9.15am Mass – Parishioners

11am Mass – John Redmond RIP

3.30pm – Syro Malabar Mass

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE UNWELL:

Jenny Emrys-Roberts, Barney Barker, Lorraine Elworthy, Elisa Sipin, Maria Messina, Howard Hopper, Gwen Bruno, Clive Stanbrook, Hugh McManus, Bridie McManus, Vivian Phillips, Carmela Tomkins, John Drew, Kerrie Mitchell, Suzanne Kassir, Tim Buckell, 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 Fitzpatrick and Cathy Fahy.

Please let the Parish Office know if anyone would like to be added to / taken off the list.

FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER is the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mass will be at 10am and 7pm.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND THE ALL-NIGHT PRAYER VIGIL will follow the 7pm Mass on 8th December to pray for an end to the wars and suffering of civilians. The vigil will finish at 6am on Saturday 9th. Please come and pray together as a parish. The service will begin with an opening prayer, music and silent prayer; at 11pm the Rosary and litany of the B.V.M.; at midnight the Angelus then silent prayer; 3am Divine Mercy Prayer, silent prayer and the Rosary; 5am hymn, Morning Prayer and silent prayer. Exposition and the Vigil will end with Benediction at 6am.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS. If you would like to make a donation in memory of a loved one, please complete an envelope and return it to the parish office. The envelopes are in the church porch. There will be a general second collection for Christmas flowers next weekend 9th-10th December.

PARISH ADVENT CONFESSIONS will take place on Wednesday 20th December from 7pm.

EPIPHANY DINNER Saturday 6th January after the 6pm Mass. Four Course silver service dinner, live music/ dancing and full licence bar. Tickets will be available after all Masses this weekend Saturday 2nd / Sunday 3rd December, cost £25.00 per person. As in previous years numbers are limited to 80, first come first served.

CATENIANS. West Byfleet Catenian Circle's next meeting is on Thursday 7th December at 7.30 pm, Christmas Dinner will follow at around 8.15, cost £22.00 per person, full licence. Ladies and gentlemen who would like to attend the dinner are most welcome, contact Vernon DeCruz (01932 343737 or email v.decruz@btinternet.com).

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTERS are available in the porch, free from the Knights of St Columba. Please take one for display in a window at home.

EXPLORING CATHOLICISM: The next meeting in the St Thomas More room follows the 7pm Mass on Monday 4th December. 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 next Easter.

THE CRAFT CLUB is meeting on Wednesday 6th December in the STM Room at 10.30am. Newcomers always welcome. Drinks available but please bring your own food.

THE ART CLUB is meeting 11am Tuesday 5th December in the St Thomas More room. For any queries, please contact Richard 07941280812 or email rmangold@hotmail.com.

FIRST RECONCILIATION for our children preparing for their First Holy Communion will take place next Saturday 9th December from 11am.

CHURCH CHRISTMAS CLEANING. There will be an opportunity for all parishioners to help clean the church ready for the Christmas services following the 10am Mass on Monday 18th December.

For Parish Centre Enquiries or Hall

Bookings - contact Chris Geary
ourladyshallbookings@outlook.com

For St Thomas More Preschool

Enquiries - email Rhoda
rhoda@stthomasmoreschool.co.uk

Wednesday Adoration –

olwbadoration@outlook.com

CAFOD. Craft/Bring & Buy/Cake stall in aid of CAFOD - Sunday 10th December after both Masses in Parish Hall. Donations, particularly of cakes, would be most welcome please contact either Becky 01932 341920 or Janet 07917346287.

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. The closing date for applications is Monday 11th December. The Confirmation service will be on Sunday 9 June at St Dunstan's Church (time tbc).

CHRISTMAS MASSES. Masses will be on Christmas Eve at 5pm, 8pm and 11pm and on Christmas Day at 9.15am and 11am. The 5pm Mass will be particularly suitable for children who are warmly invited to come dressed in nativity costumes. If your child would like to do a bidding prayer or the offertory at the 5pm Christmas Eve Mass, see Rosanna after the 9.15 Mass on Sunday 3rd or Sunday 10th December or email Rosanna by Mon 11th Dec: rosannaleney@gmail.com.

A DAY WITH MARY on Sat 16th Dec at St George's Cathedral, Southwark, SE1, 10am–5pm. Please bring a packed lunch. A day of instruction, devotion and intercession based on the message given at Fatima. Further info on the poster in the narthex or online: <https://www adaywithmary.org/>

PRIMARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS.

Parents with a child wanting to enter The Marist School in September 2024 need to obtain an admissions form from the school website. Fr Aaron will be available, to sign your form confirming your self-declaration of regular attendance at Mass, following the 7pm Mass on Monday 8th January. You must bring your child's Baptism certificate with the completed form.

THE MARIST PRIMARY SCHOOL –

Admissions Consultation. The Governing Body is consulting on changes proposed to their admissions arrangements for 2025-2026 school year. These can be viewed on www.marist.surrey.sch.uk/admissions/consultation.

CHILWORTH ABBEY Study Morning on Sat 16 Dec. This session examines Exodus and Numbers. Mass, 9am, Video / Talks 10.30am-12.15pm. See <https://www.chilworthbenedictines.com/> for more details.

WOKING FOODBANK COLLECTION.

A drop-box will be in the narthex 9-10th December for donations. Please donate tins, dried food / toiletries but NO perishable foods please! All donations must be within 'use by' and 'sell by' dates. Items most needed include packets of biscuits, chocolate bars and sweets, toilet rolls, tinned tomatoes, long life milk whole type, long life fruit juice, chocolate spread and honey. The website has the full list: <https://woking.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

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

4 th Dec	RCIA Meeting, STM room, 7.30pm
5 th Dec	Art Club, STM room, 11am
6 th Dec	Craft Club, STM room, 10.30am
7 th Dec	Catenian Meeting, Hall, 7.30pm
8 th Dec	Exposition & All Night Vigil, Church, following 7pm Mass
9 – 10 Dec	Woking Foodbank Collection
11 th Dec	Ecumenical Morning Prayer, St John's, 9.30am
11 th Dec	Baptism Preparation Meeting, STM, 7.30pm
20 th Dec	Parish Advent Confessions, Church, 7pm
28 th Dec	Parish Walk, meet outside Church, 10.30am
6 th Jan	Parish Epiphany Dinner, Hall, after 6pm Mass
20 th Jan	Parent & Child FHC meeting, Church 3pm (group 1) 4.15pm (group 2)
3 rd Feb	Seniors Lunch, Hall, 1pm