



# Our Lady Help of Christians

7<sup>th</sup> December 2025 – Second Sunday of Advent

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

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## Mass Times and Intentions

### Sunday 7th December

#### Second Sunday of Advent

Sat. 6pm Mass – Christopher Glover RIP

9.15am Mass – Johnston family

11am Mass – Parishioners

12.30pm Baptisms

#### Week 8<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> December

#### Monday – The Immaculate Conception

9.30am Ecumenical Morning Prayer

N.B. 11am Mass Dennis Lynch RIP

7pm Mass Mary & Gerald Bailey RIP

Tuesday – the church is open for private prayer. 10am Mass is at St Dunstan's.

#### Wednesday

10am Mass Margarita Aida Gaerlan RIP

Exposition follows Mass until 10pm.

#### Thursday – St Damasus I

10am Exposition

#### Friday – Our Lady of Guadalupe

10am Mass Tony Fava RIP

6pm Parish International Carol Service

#### Saturday – St Lucy

10am Mass Fr John Garry RIP

*followed by Adoration & the Rosary*  
12 noon Baptisms

*Confession: Saturday after morning Mass and at 5.30pm or by appointment*

### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December

#### Third 'Gaudete' Sunday of Advent

*Crib figures to be Blessed at all Masses*

Sat. 6pm – Peter Jempson RIP

9.15am Mass – Parishioners

11am Mass – Vivian Phillips RIP & deceased of the D'Amenia family RIP

3.30pm Syro Malabar Mass



### The Nativity of The Lord

#### Christmas Vigil Masses

#### Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December

5pm Mass Melissa Ebert RIP

8pm Mass Patrick, Agnes & John Ward RIP

11pm Mass Private Intention

#### Christmas Day Masses

#### Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December

9.15am Mass Peter & Lena Keane RIP

11.15am Mass Alan Gulliver RIP



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE UNWELL:** 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 Fitzpatric and Cathy Fahy.

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

**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 this weekend.

**PARISH INTERNATIONAL CAROL SERVICE** 6pm Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December. There will be refreshments in the hall afterwards, please bring along a plate of finger nibbles of your traditional Christmas bites. Mulled wine, wine and soft drinks will be provided.

**SUNDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER** - coffee and Christmas nibbles after both Masses in aid of CAFOD. There will be a Fairtrade stall and items made by Parish craft group for sale. All welcome.

**PLEASE NOTE.** Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December is the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mass will be at 11am and 7pm.

Ecumenical Morning Prayer is at 9.30am on Monday 8 December in our church.

On Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December the Deanery clergy are celebrating Mass at 10am at St Dunstan's Church, Woking. All are welcome to attend.

**EPIPHANY DINNER** on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> January, cost £25 per person, includes 4 course dinner, live music - full bar available. See poster in Church porch for further details. Tickets on sale after all Masses. Tickets can also be booked by contacting contact Vernon 01932343737 or [v.deacruz@btinternet.com](mailto:v.deacruz@btinternet.com).

**CHURCH CHRISTMAS CLEANING.** There is the opportunity for all parishioners to help clean the church ready for the Christmas services on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December from 10.30am onward. Refreshments will be provided in the St Thomas More room.

**VOLUNTEERS FOR CHRISTMAS SERVICES.** Welcomers / Readers / Ministers please sign up for Christmas services, the lists are in the porch. The Altar Servers list is in the sacristy.

**PARISH ADVENT RECONCILIATION** (Confession) will take place on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December from 7pm. Mass will be at 6pm.

**WEDNESDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION** will not take place on 24<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> Dec. Thank you to all who have regularly attended Adoration over the past year. It will start again on Wednesday 7 January. Everyone is welcome.

**BLESSING OF INFANT JESUS FIGURES & NATIVITY SCENES.** Next weekend on the third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday, Fr Aaron invites you to bring infant Jesus crib figures and / or Nativity scenes to be blessed at all Masses.

**THE REPOSITORY** is open after all Masses for Christmas cards, Nativity cribs, Advent calendars, etc.

**THE WEST BYFLEET CATENIAN GROUP** on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm in the hall are having their annual Christmas Dinner, followed by Carols. Cost £25 per person, a four-course silver service dinner. Full bar available. Dress code something Christmassy. There's no meeting and everyone is welcome to attend with no obligation. Please contact Vernon DeCruz (01932343737 leave a message if no reply) or please email [v.decruz@btinternet.com](mailto:v.decruz@btinternet.com).

**POPPY APPEAL:** £117.86 has been donated to the Royal British Legion. This does not include payments made via the QR code. Many thanks.

**For Parish Centre Enquiries or Hall**

**Bookings** - contact Chris Geary

[ourladyshallbookings@outlook.com](mailto:ourladyshallbookings@outlook.com)

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**Wednesday Adoration**

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**For St Thomas More Preschool**

**Enquiries** email Rhoda

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**THE SVP** are meeting at 7.30pm on Monday 8 December in the STM room. The St Vincent de Paul members 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).

Please see a notice from the Parish SVP in the church porch for their end of year round-up which includes the winning numbers for the summer raffle.

**PARISH SVP & WOKING FOODBANK COLLECTION.** A drop-box will be in the narthex next weekend. The SVP will be collecting Christmas hamper donations. Please donate tins, dried food / toiletries but NO perishable foods please! All donations must be within 'use by' & 'sell by' dates. Items urgently needed by the foodbank include full fat long-life milk, hair conditioner and rice noodles. W: <https://woking.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>.

**CHRISTMAS MASSES.** Masses will be on Christmas Eve at 5pm, 8pm and 11pm and on Christmas Day at 9.15am and **11.15am**. 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, please see Rosanna after 9.15 Mass or email her by Tue 9<sup>th</sup> Dec: [rosannaleney@gmail.com](mailto:rosannaleney@gmail.com). Please let Rosanna know the name and age of the child who would like to volunteer.

**EXPLORING CATHOLICISM (RCIA):** Next meeting 7.30pm Tue 9 Dec, STM room.

**THE GENESIS CHRISTMAS CONCERT:** Sat 13 Dec, 19.30, St Johns Church. For more details see the poster in the porch or [www.genesischorale.org.uk](http://www.genesischorale.org.uk).

**OFFERTORY.** The monthly s/orders+wkly cash collections averaged £1890 pw over the last fortnight. If you haven't done so, please consider setting up a standing order. Forms are in the porch or [online](#). Giving can also be via the DONA machine in the porch or online with this QR code:



**CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH** for those who are alone at Christmas at Parkview Community Centre, Sheerwater. To attend / help please see the poster in the porch or sign up online:

<https://go.wokinglions.org.uk/helpers>  
or <https://go.wokinglions.org.uk/drivers>  
or <https://go.wokinglions.org.uk/guests>

**READERS MEETING** with Fr Aaron for all new and existing Mass readers at 12 noon on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> January.

**WEST BYFLEET COMMUNITY** Christmas Tree Festival – “The Christmas Story” at St John’s Church, West Byfleet, with trees decorated by local community groups depicting the Christmas story. Sat. 6 – Tue 9 Dec. Free entry /donations welcome. Please see the poster in the porch for further details or contact Geoff: [jones.g.jones@btinternet.com](mailto:jones.g.jones@btinternet.com).

**SIGNING OF PRIMARY SCHOOL FORMS:** Fr Aaron will be available to sign your form at 6-6.30pm on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December and Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January. Please bring your child’s Baptism certificate with your completed form.

#### **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**

8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Ecumenical Morning Prayer, Church, 9.30am
8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	SVP meeting, STM room, 7.30pm
9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Exploring Catholicism: RCIA, St Thomas More room, 7.30pm
10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Catenian Meeting, Hall, 7.30pm
12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Parish International Carol Service, Church, 6pm
13-14 Dec	Woking Foodbank Collection
<b>16<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Art Club, St Thomas More Room, 11am</b>
17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Hope Café, St Thomas More room, 10.45am
3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	Epiphany Dinner, Hall, 7pm
<b>7<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>Craft Club, St Thomas More room, 10.30am</b>
10 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Readers Meeting, 12 noon, Church
12 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Ecumenical Morning Prayer, St John’s Church, 9.30am
19 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Reconciliation, FHC & Confirmation Meeting, Hall, 7.30pm
<b>27<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>Exploring Catholicism: RCIA, St Thomas More room, 7.30pm</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	New Parishioners Lunch, Hall, 12 noon