

Our Lady Help of Christians



14th May 2023

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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WE WELCOME Olivia Kengne who was Baptised last weekend. May God Bless her and her family.

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD is on Thursday 18 May and is a Holy Day of Obligation. The 10am Mass is at The Marist School and 7pm Mass is in the church.

THE OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS feast day is on Wednesday 24th May and is the feast day of our Church.

Next weekend please bring some flowers from your garden to be placed at the statue of Our Lady.

PLEASE REMEMBER in your prayers all our students who are taking exams during the coming weeks.

Mass Times and Intentions

Sunday 14th May

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sat. 6pm Mass – Maria O'Shea RIP

9.15am Mass – Parishioners

11am Mass – John Hubbard RIP

3.30pm Syro Malabar Mass

Week 15th – 20th May

Monday

7pm Mass Caetano D'Cruz

and Libania Carvalho RIP

Tuesday

10am Mass Agnelo Lopes RIP

Wednesday

Adoration 10am – 10pm

Thursday – The Ascension of the Lord

N.B. 10am Mass at The Marist School
for Priesthood Vocations

7pm Mass Michael Guiney & family

Friday – St Dunstan

10am Mass Anne & Paul Redwood

50th Wedding Anniversary

Saturday

10am Mass First Holy Communion

12 noon Mass First Holy Communion

Confession: Saturday 5pm by
appointment

Sunday 21st May

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Sat. 6pm Mass – Michael Mahoney RIP

9.15am Mass – Parishioners

11am Mass – Suhail Michael

and Asad Kassir RIP

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE UNWELL:

Doreen Mann, Elisa Sipin, Maria Messina, Howard Hopper, Gwen Bruno, Theresa Mills, Clive Stanbrook, Hugh McManus, Bridie McManus, Anita Bradley, Vivian Phillips, Carmela Tomkins, John Drew, Brian Kirby, Kerrie Mitchell, Suzanne Kassir, 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.

FIRST COMMUNION services will take place at 10am and 12 noon on Saturday 20th May. Rehearsals on Friday 19th at 6pm (10am Mass) and 6.30pm (12 noon Mass). Cards and gifts are available after Masses in the St Thomas More room.

Parents please remind relatives and friends: NO photographs or videos during Mass and to switch off mobile phones, watches etc. and, as normal, please do not bring food or drink into the church. There will be an opportunity for photographs after the services. Please do not double park in the Church car park, use the other local car parks.

Following the 9.15 Masses on Sunday 14th and Sunday 21st May and there will be celebration cakes and refreshments in the hall.

ST THOMAS MORE PRESCHOOL have planted lots of fruit and vegetables in the garden. Please ask your children to stay away from the growing area under the kitchen window. Many thanks.

THE SVP are meeting at 7.30pm on Monday 15th May in the STM room. The St Vincent De Paul Society (SVP) in our Parish 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, please contact us on 07480318155. The SVP meets monthly, anyone interested in finding out more about joining the SVP please leave a message on the following number 07480318155, leaving your name and contact details. Someone from the SVP will get back to you in due course.

REFRESHMENTS after the 9.15am Mass on Sunday May 28th there will be some delicious cakes on offer in aid of The Trussell Trust. Any donations of cakes will be welcome in the hall on the day or in the narthex earlier in the week (no nuts please). Any queries please ring Janet Catterick 01932 344848 or Eleanor Grady 01932 340795.

BAPTISM PREPARATION MEETING

Thursday 25 May at 7.30pm in the STM room. If you have a child for Baptism, please see Father after Mass and complete the Baptism Enquiry Form prior to attending the meeting. The forms are in the church porch.

MASS INTENTIONS envelopes are in the porch. Please complete details with a contact number if you wish to know the date or to be notified of any change and return the envelope with the enclosed donation to the parish office. Please note intentions may have to be re-booked if another service is arranged e.g. a funeral.

WOKING FOODBANK COLLECTION.

A drop-box is in the church porch this weekend. Please donate tins, dried food / toiletries but NO perishable foods please! All donations must be within 'use by' & 'sell by' dates. The website lists the most needed items: <https://woking.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/> and currently includes washing up liquid, sizes 6 & 7 nappies, clothes washing detergent, sponge puddings, shampoo and hair conditioner, deodorant (spray type and roll on), long life fruit juice, long life milk (whole and semi skimmed types) and surface cleaning spray.

THE FEAST OF OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS



Instituted by Pius VII. By order of Napoleon, Pius VII was arrested 5 July 1808, detained a prisoner for three years at Savona and then at Fontainebleau. In January 1814, after the battle of Leipzig, he was brought back to Savona and set free on 17 March - the eve of the feast of Our Lady of Mercy, the Patroness of Savona.

The journey to Rome was a veritable triumphal march. The pontiff attributing the victory of the Church, after so much agony and distress, to the Blessed Virgin, visiting many of her sanctuaries on the way and crowning her images. The people crowded the streets to catch a glimpse of the venerable pontiff who had so bravely withstood the threats of Napoleon. He entered Rome on 24 May 1814 and was enthusiastically welcomed.

To give thanks to God and Our Lady he instituted for the Papal States the feast of Our Lady Help of Christians to be celebrated on 24th May, the anniversary of his return.

Exam Prayer. Dear Lord, as I take these exams, I thank you that my life is enfolded in the embrace on your great love for me. Help me with all the testing challenges that come my way. Holy Spirit, guide me with the gifts of Wisdom, Knowledge, Understanding and right judgement. Holy Mary, pray for us and all our young people. May they know the touch of your loving caress. Amen.

REFUGEE CRISIS COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 17 June 11.30-1pm at St Gabriel's Church hall, Billingshurst with Bishop Richard for an informal coffee morning to discuss our response to the refugee crisis. The morning includes a short talk on the 'Homes for Ukraine' scheme. Booking link: [Refugee Crisis Coffee Morning with Bishop Richard \(17-Jun-2023\) · ChurchSuite Events](#) or see the poster in the narthex. For queries email formation@abdiocese.org.uk.

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.

RETROUVAILLE is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage. There is no group therapy or group work. The programme helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The next virtual programme is 6-9 July or a Face-to-Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 13-15 October. More information and how to register at: www.retrouvaille.org.uk.org.

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

Wednesday Adoration
olwbadoration@outlook.com

St Thomas More Preschool Enquiries
email Rhoda
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

15 th May	Parish SVP Meeting, STM room, 7.30pm
19 th May	First Holy Communion Rehearsal, Church, 6pm & 6.30pm
20 th May	Parish First Holy Communion Day, Church, 10am & 12 noon
25 th May	Parish Walk, meet outside Church, 10.30am
25 th May	Art Club, STM room, 11am
25 th May	Baptism Preparation Meeting, STM room, 7.30pm
1st Jun	Catenian Meeting, Hall, 7.30pm
3rd Jun	Seniors Lunch, Hall, 1pm
4th Jun	Parish Day BBQ & Picnic, after 11am Mass NEW DATE tbc
7 th Jun	Craft Club, STM room, 10.30am
10 – 11 Jun	Woking Foodbank Collection
12 th Jun	Ecumenical Morning Prayer, St John's, 9.30am