

Our Lady Help of Christians



26th November 2023

Christ the King

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Baptism minimum 2 months notice required;

Marriage minimum 12 months notice required

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PASTORAL LETTER. There is a pastoral letter from Bishop Richard this weekend. Some copies are in the church porch together with the prayer cards.

CHRISTOPHER GLOVER R.I.P. Please pray for Christopher, Ursula and their family and friends. The funeral will be at 11am on Monday 27th November.

JOAN GARSTIN R.I.P. Please pray for Joan and her family and friends. The funeral is at Randalls Park Crematorium on Thursday 30 November at 2pm.

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 Tuesday 19th December at 11am.

Mass Times and Intentions

Sunday 26th November

Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King

Sat. 6pm Mass – Parishioners

9.15am Mass – Richard Catterick RIP

11am Mass – Mary & Des O'Reilly
on their Golden Wedding Anniversary

Week 27th November – 2nd December

Monday – Feria in Ord. Time, Week 34

11am Requiem Mass for Christopher Glover

Tuesday – Feria

N.B. 10am Adoration

Wednesday – Feria

N.B. Adoration 10am until 10pm

Thursday – St Andrew

N.B. 7pm Mass Robert Moore RIP

Friday – Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart

N.B. 9am Mass Fr Alex

followed by Sacred Heart of Jesus Devotion

Saturday – Our Lady on Saturday

10am Mass Rob Turton RIP

*followed by Adoration & the Rosary with
Immaculate Heart of Mary Devotions*

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

Sunday 3rd December

First Sunday of Advent

Sat. 6pm Mass – Christopher Glover RIP

9.15am Mass – Parishioners

**11am Mass – In Thanksgiving for the
Johnston Family**

ROSARY DEVOTIONS for the first Saturday
are at 11.30am on 2nd December.

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.

WIDOWED / SEPARATED LUNCH is at 12:30pm on 26 November at The Commodore Restaurant in Byfleet. For any queries, please contact Janet Catterick on 07917346287.

CAR PARK. Sincere thanks to John Drew who has for many years administered our car park with warmth and dedication. John is now stepping down and we wish him every good wish and God's blessings. We extend our thanks to Dipo Olomo who has kindly agreed to take over the administration. Dipo can be contacted by email: d_olomo@yahoo.com.

FR AARON'S INDUCTION MASS & CELEBRATION. Thank you to everybody who attended or helped in any way to make it such a very joyous occasion – an important and very happy moment in the life of our parish.

SENIOR'S LUNCH - Saturday 2nd December Come and join us for a festive lunch with friends from the parish. Please sign the sheet in the narthex for catering purposes. If you have any queries please contact Gill Luff on 01932 343684.

RETIRED PRIESTS collection for the weekend 4/5th November was £1,127-95. Many thanks.

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 next 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).

THE REPOSITORY is open after all Masses for Advent candles, Advent calendars, Christmas cards and gifts. Contactless payment available.

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.

ALTAR SERVER RECRUITMENT & TRAINING. If you would like to join the team of Altar Servers, or are an existing server please come to the training session in the church on Saturday 2 December at 12 noon. Servers must be preparing for or have made their First Communion.

PARISH WALKING GROUP. The next walk is on Thursday 30th November, meeting outside the Church at 10am as there is no mass. Please contact Gill Luff on 01932 343684 if you have any queries.

RECONCILIATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MEETING 3pm on Saturday 2nd December in the church for parents and children enrolled in the programme.

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

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.

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.

CAFOD update: Thank you to everyone who signed 'Salina's letter'. Salina is the small-scale farmer from Bangladesh who is calling on the World Bank to protect the rights of farmers over their own seeds. 70,000 parishioners in England & Wales signed the letter. This helped CAFOD to secure initial meetings with World Bank staff, who heard the message that seeds are for all. This is a long struggle but it's a very good start. Thank you for adding your voice.

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.

ALL NIGHT PRAYER VIGIL to pray for an end to the wars and suffering of civilians. The vigil will follow the 7pm Mass on Friday 8 December and finish at 6am on Saturday 9 December. Please come and pray with us.

ST DUNSTAN'S CHURCH, Woking are holding an Advent Taize Evening, to which all churches are invited, on Monday 18th December at 7.30pm for about an hour, followed by light refreshments.

WINTERSHALL NATIVITY JOURNEY

13-18 December. Come and enjoy the real Christmas story. Further details are in the narthex or online <https://www.wintershall.org.uk/>.

Book online or call 01483892167.

ADVENT "INVITED". The Diocese are hosting a series of short films to help us prepare this Advent. Each episode will take you on a journey through the themes of the Advent readings, and there are a great selection of guest speakers. They are also offering the opportunity for you to join an online small group where you can watch and then discuss the films with others, growing in fellowship and praying with like-minded people. Simply visit W: www.abdiocese.org.uk to find out more.

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

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| 30 th Nov | Parish Walk, meet outside Church, 10.30am |
| 2 nd Dec | Altar Server Training, Church, 12 noon |
| 2 nd Dec | Seniors Lunch, Hall, 1pm |
| 2 nd Dec | Parent & Child 1 st Reconciliation/Communion meeting, Church 3pm |
| 4 th Dec | RCIA Meeting, STM room, 7.30pm |
| 6 th Dec | Craft Club, STM room, 10.30am |
| 7 th Dec | Catenian Meeting, Hall, 7.30pm |
| 8 th Dec | 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 Reconciliation, Church, 7pm |
| 6 th Jan | Parish Epiphany Dinner, Hall, after 6pm Mass |