

Our Lady Help of Christians



17th May 2026

Seventh Sunday of Easter

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WORLD COMMUNICATIONS SUNDAY

is this weekend. The theme is 'Preserving Human Voices and Faces'. Pope Leo's message highlights the importance of ensuring that technological innovation, particularly artificial intelligence, serves the human person rather than replacing or diminishing human dignity. There are some copies in the porch or [online](#).

DONALD FARINO R.I.P. Please pray for Donald (known as Don) and his family and friends. The Requiem Mass is at Our Lady's on Monday 18 May at 11am.

SIOBHAN WATERMAN R.I.P. Please pray for Siobhan and her family and friends. The Requiem Mass will be at 12.30pm on Wednesday 20 May in the church.

Mass Times and Intentions

Sunday 17th May

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Sat. 6pm Mass – The Mitchell Family

9.15 Mass – Parishioners

N.B. 11.15 am Mass – for the repose of the soul of Napatsorn Sarapiwat RIP

Week 18th – 23rd May

Monday

11am Requiem Mass for Don Farino RIP

Tuesday – St Dunstan

N.B. 10am Exposition

Wednesday

N.B. Exposition from 10am until 11am
12.30pm Requiem Mass for Siobhan Waterman RIP

N.B. Exposition from 2.30pm until 10pm

Thursday

10am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday

N.B. 9am Mass at The Marist School

Saturday

N.B. No Exposition / Rosary today

11am First Holy Communion Mass

The First Holy Communion Children

1.30pm First Holy Communion Mass

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Reconciliation (Confession):

Saturday at 5.15pm or by appointment

Sunday 24th May

Pentecost

Sat. Vigil 6pm Mass – for the repose of the soul of Frank Manning-Grixti RIP

9.15 Mass – Parishioners

N.B. 11.15 am Mass – for the repose of the soul of Trinidad Nerie Maglasang RIP

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE UNWELL: Chad Van Duyn, Ronald and Veronica Cooper, Patricia O'Shea, 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, Jenny Emrys-Roberts, Barney Barker, Lorraine Elworthy, 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, Mark Fitzpatric and Cathy Fahy. *Please let the Parish Office know if anyone would like to be added to / taken off the list.*

PENTECOST SUNDAY 24 MAY. Fr Aaron suggests we all wear something red to Mass next weekend!

PRAYERS AND CONGRATULATIONS to all our First Holy Communion children receiving the Blessed Sacrament for the first time this weekend and next weekend. We welcome Simon Grant; Louise, Gary, Max and Mollie Shadbolt; Sasha, Reggie, Ralph and Lenny Wyatt and Alfie Hilton who were Baptised or Received into the Church last weekend. May God bless them and their families.

THE FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND retiring collection on 2-3 May raised £1,767.42. Many thanks for your generosity.

PARISH CONFIRMATION GROUP. Reminder of forthcoming dates: Away-Day to London on Saturday 6 June (information to follow); last meeting 4pm in the hall on Saturday 13 June (opportunity for Confession with Father Aaron); Confirmation Mass on Sunday 21 June at 1.30pm (arrive 1pm) at Our Lady Help of Christians, West Byfleet.

THE REPOSITORY has a good selection of First Holy Communion and Confirmation cards and gifts. The Repository is open after all Sunday Masses or please see Vincent.

FIRST COMMUNION services will take place at 11am and 1.30pm on Saturday 23rd May. Rehearsals are on Friday 22nd at 6pm (for the 11am Mass) and at 6.45pm (for the 1.30pm Mass).

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 17th and Sunday 24th May there will be celebration cakes and refreshments in the hall.

PLEASE NOTE Mass next weekend will begin at 11.15 (and not 11am) to allow families to leave the car park following the celebration after 9.15 Mass.

THE OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

feast day falls on Pentecost Sunday this year so Mass will be at The Marist School on Friday, 22nd May at 9am. If you wish you may bring a flower from your garden to church next weekend to be placed at the statue of Our Lady.

HOPE CAFÉ 10.30am 20 May in the STM room. If you fancy a cuppa and friendly chat, we would love to see you. Any queries please contact Janet on 07917346287. All welcome.

THE SVP are meeting at 7.30pm on Monday 18 May in the STM 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.

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THE FEAST OF OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS was 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.

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

OFFERTORY. The monthly s/orders+ the weekly cash collections averaged £2,278 pw for the last fortnight. If you haven't done so, please consider setting up a standing order. The forms are in the narthex or [online](#). Giving can be made via the DONA machine in the porch or online. This is the QR code for online payments:



THE ART CLUB is meeting at 11am on Tue 19 May in the STM room. For queries, please contact Richard 07941 280812 or rmangold@hotmail.com. W: <https://www.artmajeur.com/rich>.

QUIZ & CURRY NIGHT: St Dunstan's Church on Sat. 6 June 7pm (prompt 7.30pm start) to raise money for the overseas sustainable farming project in Ikutha, Kenya. Price £12pp (can be paid [online](#)), include es lamb or vegetarian biryani and raita. Drinks available at the bar (in return for donations, please). Booking forms in the narthex or on the LiveSimply Woking [website](#), return by 27 May.

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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| 18 th May | SVP meeting, St Thomas More room, 7.30pm |
| 19th May | Art Group, St Thomas More room, 11am |
| 20 th May | Hope Café, St Thomas More room, 10.30am |
| 22 nd May | FHC rehearsals for 23 rd May Masses, Church, from 6pm |
| 23 rd May | Parish First Holy Communion Day |
| 28 th May | Parish Walk, meet outside the Church, 10am |
| 3 rd Jun | Craft Club, St Thomas More room, 10.30am |
| 4 th Jun | Catenian Meeting, Hall, 7.30pm |
| 6 th Jun | Confirmation Away Day |
| 6 th Jun | Seniors' Lunch, Hall, 12.30pm |
| 8 th Jun | Ecumenical Morning Prayer, Church, 9.30am |
| 13 th Jun | Confirmation Meeting for Candidates, Hall, 4pm |
| 13-14 Jun | Woking Foodbank Collection |
| 16 th Jun | Baptism Preparation Meeting, St Thomas More room, 7.30pm |
| 21 st Jun | Confirmation Mass, Church, 1.30pm |
| 27th Jun | Parish Divine Mercy Retreat |
| 28 th Jun | Parish Day |
| 13th July | Ecumenical Morning Prayer, St John's Church, 9.30am |