



Our Lady Help of Christians

14th December 2025 – Third 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 14th 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'Amelia family RIP

3.30pm Syro Malabar Mass

Monday 15th December

N.B. 12 noon Deceased members of the Reilly family

5pm Marist KS2 Advent Service

Tuesday 16th December

10am Mass Ray Muncey RIP

2pm STM Preschool Nativity

Wednesday 17th December

10am Mass King Charles & our Nation

Exposition follows Mass until 10pm

Thursday 18th December

10am Exposition

Friday 19th December

N.B. 9am Mass at The Marist School

Saturday 20th December

10am Mass Rosemary Bennett RIP

N.B. no Adoration / Rosary this morning

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

Sunday 21st December

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sat. 6pm – in thanksgiving

9.15am Mass – Parishioners

11am Mass – Beryl & deceased relatives of the MacConnol family

12.30pm Baptisms



The Nativity of The Lord

Christmas Vigil Masses

Wednesday 24th December

5pm Mass Melissa Ebert RIP

8pm Mass Patrick, Agnes & John Ward RIP

11pm Mass Private Intention

Christmas Day Masses

Thursday 25th 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 McMahon, 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.

TODAY IS GAUDETE SUNDAY: "Rejoice, the Lord is nigh." As Christmas draws near we emphasise the joy which should be in our hearts over all that the birth of our Saviour means for us.

At all Masses Fr Aaron will be Blessing your infant Jesus figures and Nativity scenes.

SUNDAY 14TH 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.

RUBY FERNANDES R.I.P. Please pray for Ruby and her family and friends. Funeral details to follow.

PARISH SVP & WOKING FOODBANK COLLECTION. A drop-box is in the narthex this 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: <https://woking.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>.

ST THOMAS MORE PRESCHOOL'S NATIVITY is in the church on Tuesday 16th December at 2pm. All welcome.

PARISH ADVENT RECONCILIATION (Confession) will take place on Monday 22nd December from 7pm with visiting priests. Mass will be at 6pm.

WE WELCOME Evie & Robin Lane, Ella O'Keeffe and Elliot Lowery who were Baptised last weekend and Theo Lowery who was Received into the Church. May God bless them and their families.

EPIPHANY DINNER on Saturday 3rd 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.

CHURCH CHRISTMAS CLEANING. There is the opportunity for all parishioners to help clean the church ready for the Christmas services on Saturday 20th December from 10.30am onward. Refreshments will be provided in the St Thomas More room. If you can volunteer to help clean the church once every 6 weeks, during the week or on a Saturday morning, please email any preference to westbyfleet@abdiocese.org.uk or call 01932342892 to join the rota. Many thanks.

CHRISTMAS MASSES are on Christmas Eve at 5, 8 and 11pm and on Christmas Day at 9.15 and 11.15am. The 5pm Mass is particularly suitable for children who are warmly invited to come dressed in nativity costumes and bring an instrument such as bells or a shaker to join in with the carols.

FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: The Christmas Collection is your gift to Father Aaron who does not receive a salary from the diocese but relies on your offerings for Mass Intentions and Sacramental celebrations, plus the two collections at Christmas and Easter. If giving on the day at your Christmas Mass, please use the Christmas offering envelopes which are in the church porch. Alternatively, please make a BACs transfer using the reference "Christmas". Please note your regular standing order is for the Parish only.

For Mass intentions and other payments by BACs:

Name: Our Lady Help of Christians.

A/C No. 31077392, S/C 40-05-20. (Please add a reference). Thank you.

For Parish Centre Enquiries or Hall Bookings - contact Chris Geary
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THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF WOKING AND SURREY HEATH. Bishop Richard Moth, following a recommendation from the Council of Priests, has decided the current deanery of Woking should be established as a canonical parish of **"The Catholic Community of Woking and Surrey Heath"** The new parish will consist of the churches of St Dunstan's Woking, Our Lady Help of Christians West Byfleet, St Hugh of Lincoln, Our Lady Queen of Peace Frimley, St Tarcisius Church Camberley, Ss Peter and John Church, Camberley North and Christ the King Church Bagshot. The clergy will continue to minister among their people in their current local churches but will be established as a parish clergy team with Fr Paul Turner being appointed as their Moderator. **The Mass for the inauguration of the new parish will be at 7.30pm on Monday 2nd Feb** (The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord) at St Dunstan's Church in Woking. We would love as many of our worshipping communities to come and pray for the future of our Catholic life and mission. There will be refreshments after Mass and it would be great to receive offering for the refreshments before the Mass.

WEDNESDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

will not take place on 24th & 31st 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.

VOLUNTEERS FOR CHRISTMAS SERVICES.

Welcomers, Readers, Ministers: please sign up, the lists are in the porch. The Altar Servers list is in the sacristy.

THE ART CLUB is meeting at 11am on Tuesday 16 December in the STM room. For queries, please contact Richard 07941280812 / rmangold@hotmail.com
W: <https://www.artmajeur.com/rich>.

HOPE CAFÉ on 17th December at 10.45am 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.

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>

ST STEPHEN'S DAY MASS FOR ALL SERVERS. During the 12 noon Mass on Friday 26th December we will give thanks for our altar servers.

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

PLEASE NOTE Mass on Fri 19th December is at 9am in The Marist School.

SIGNING OF PRIMARY SCHOOL FORMS: Fr Aaron will be available to sign your form at 6-6.30pm on Monday 5th Jan. Please bring your child's Baptism certificate with your completed form.

TIME, TALENT, TREASURE CAMPAIGN. Thank you if you completed a form indicating areas in which you can help with parish life. Existing coordinators may have already contacted you. Some are new areas that we need to establish and therefore we hope to contact you regarding these in the new year.

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

16 th Dec	Art Club, St Thomas More Room, 11am
17 th Dec	Hope Café, St Thomas More room, 10.45am
29th Dec	Parish Walk, meet outside the Church, 10.30am
3 rd Jan	Epiphany Dinner, Hall, 7pm
7 th Jan	Craft Club, St Thomas More room, 10.30am
10 th Jan	Readers Meeting, 12 noon, Church
10-11 Jan	Woking Foodbank Collection
12th Jan	Ecumenical Morning Prayer, St John's Church, 9.30am
12th Jan	SVP meeting, STM room, 7.30pm
14th Jan	Catenian Meeting, Hall, 7.30pm
19 th Jan	Reconciliation & FHC Meeting for parents, Hall, 7.30pm
27 th Jan	Exploring Catholicism: RCIA, St Thomas More room, 7.30pm
1 st Feb	New Parishioners Lunch, Hall, 12 noon
2nd Feb	Mass for the inauguration of the new parish, St Dunstan's, 7.30pm