

# Our Lady Help of Christians Church



29<sup>th</sup> March 2026 - Palm Sunday

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Parish Office normally open: Tue, Wed and Fri 9am – 1.30pm

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

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## Mass Times and Intentions

### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Palm Sunday

**Sat 6pm Mass** – Patrick, Agnes and John Ward RIP

**9.15am Mass** – Parishioners

**11am Mass** – Patrick Riordan RIP

### Monday of Holy Week – 30<sup>th</sup> March

**N.B. 6pm Mass** Eulogio & Ruby

Fernandes RIP

7pm Parish Confession / Reconciliation

### Tuesday of Holy Week – 31<sup>st</sup> March

*N.B. 10am Exposition*

### Wednesday of Holy Week – 1<sup>st</sup> April

**10am Mass** Ken Hoare RIP

*Exposition after Mass until 10pm*

### MAUNDY THURSDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> April

**8pm Mass of the Lord's Supper with washing of feet** – Vocations

*followed by the Watch, finishing with Night Prayer at 11pm.*

**Confession:** Monday from 7pm or after the 10am Mass on Wednesday or following the 8pm Mass on Maundy Thursday until 11pm or by appointment

### GOOD FRIDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> April

*Day of Fasting & Abstinence*

8.30am Morning Prayer

9am Stations of the Cross

10am Ecumenical Walk of Christian

Witness from Our Lady's to

St John's Church, West Byfleet

12 noon Children's Stations of the Cross

**3pm Celebration of Our Lord's Passion**

### HOLY SATURDAY 4<sup>th</sup> April

9am Morning Prayer

10am Święcone: Blessing of Easter

Food Baskets

**8.30pm Mass: EASTER VIGIL** First Mass of the Resurrection – Parishioners

### EASTER SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> April

6am Ecumenical Service

at Newark Priory

**9.15am Mass** – Clare & Bernard Grady RIP

**N.B. 11.15am Mass** – Gretta McGuire RIP

### Easter Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April

**N.B. 11am Mass** Coughlin Family RIP

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE UNWELL:** 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, 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.*

**PALM SUNDAY.** For all Masses palms will be blessed and distributed in the hall before Mass – please assemble in the hall. No coffee after 9.15 Mass Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday. If you can help once a month on the coffee rota please email the parish office: [westbyfleet@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:westbyfleet@abdiocese.org.uk).

**JOHN O'CONNOR R.I.P.** Please pray for John and his family and friends. The Requiem Mass will be at Our Lady's on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April at 11.30am.

**HOLY WEEK.** Volunteers required: Welcomers / Readers / Extraordinary Ministers for Holy Week and Easter services. Please sign up, the lists are in the porch. We especially need volunteers for feet washing on Maundy Thursday.

**ALTAR SERVERS** please sign up for Holy Week / Easter services, your list is in the sacristy and your rehearsals are on Holy Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 11am and on Holy Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 11am.

**RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION.** Parish Lent Confessions will take place on Monday 30 March 7pm. Mass is at 6pm. Confession is also available during the Watch on Maundy Thursday.

**CHURCH SPRING CLEANING** - There will be an opportunity for all parishioners to help clean the church ready for the Easter services on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March from 10am. If you would like to join the rota and help clean the church once every 6 weeks, please email the parish office [westbyfleet@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:westbyfleet@abdiocese.org.uk) or call 01932342892 and let us know any preference you have for either weekdays or Saturday morning.

**GOOD FRIDAY** is the 3<sup>rd</sup> April and is a day of fasting (18-59 years) and abstinence from meat (14 years+). The collection on Good Friday is for the maintenance of Holy Places.

**THE CRAFT CLUB** knitted rabbit egg cosies are in the porch for a suggested donation of £3 each (£5 for two) proceeds to The Trussell Trust, which provides food banks. The Craft Club's next meeting is on Wed. 1<sup>st</sup> April at 10.30am in the STM room.

**EASTER FLOWERS.** To make a donation in memory of a loved one, please complete an envelope and return it to the parish office by Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March. The envelopes are in the church porch.

**PLEASE NOTE** the Mass on Easter Sunday will be at 11.15am instead of 11am.

**THE EASTER OFFERTORY COLLECTION** is your personal gift to Fr Aaron who does not receive a salary from the diocese but relies on your offerings for Mass Intentions and Sacramental celebrates, plus the two collections at Easter and Christmas. Giving can be done via an Easter offering envelope\* or via the donation machine in the porch or by bank transfer (reference "Easter") or via the QR code in this newsletter. *Please note your regular standing order is for the Parish only.*

\*If you have made a gift aid declaration then please use your white gift aid envelopes or please use a one-off gift aid envelope in the porch. Full details of the various ways to give are on the [parish website](#).

**GIFT AID** Weekly Envelope Users. Please collect your box of envelopes for the new tax year from Don Byrne in the porch after all masses this weekend.

**BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD BASKETS:** Holy Saturday, 10am 4 April in the church. A short service of "Święcone" followed by tea, cake and an activity for children in the church hall. Everyone welcome. Flier in narthex. Please contact Grażyna with offers of help / cakes 07815640155 or [g.r.polskaszko@gmail.com](mailto:g.r.polskaszko@gmail.com).

*Wielka Sobota, Święcone - 10:00 rano - Our Lady Help of Christians, West Byfleet. WSZYSCY będą mile widziani (i pomoc/ciasta - też). Ulotka w przedsionku.*

**WELCOMERS TRAINING** with Fr Aaron on Sat. 18 April at 12 noon in the church. Please can both new and current welcomers attend. If you would like to join the welcomers rota, please just come along to the training. Thank you for all you do to support parish life through this ministry.

#### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

30 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Church Spring Clean for Easter, 10am
30 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Parish Confession / Reconciliation, Church, 7pm
31 <sup>st</sup> Mar	Exploring Catholicism: RCIA, St Thomas More room, 7.30pm
1 <sup>st</sup> Apr	Craft Club, St Thomas More room, 10.30am
7 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Art Club, St Thomas More room, 11am
8 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Catenian Meeting, Hall, 7.30pm
11-12 Apr	Woking Foodbank Collection
13 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Ecumenical Morning Prayer, Church, 9.30am
13 <sup>th</sup> Apr	FHC Parent's Meeting, Church, 7.30pm
<b>14<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	<b>Exploring Catholicism: RCIA, St Thomas More room, 7.30pm</b>
<b>15<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	<b>Hope Café, St Thomas More room, 10.30am</b>
16 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Baptism Preparation Meeting for Parents, STM room, 7.30pm
18 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Welcomers Meeting, Church, 12 noon
18 <sup>th</sup> Apr	FHC Children's Meeting, Church, from 3pm
20 <sup>th</sup> Apr	SVP meeting, St Thomas More room, 7.30pm
25 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Confirmation Meeting for Candidates, Hall, 4pm
<b>26<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	<b>Widowed &amp; Separated Group Lunch, The Comodor Byfleet, 12.30pm</b>
<b>30<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	<b>Parish Walk, meet outside the Church, 10am</b>

**MARIST MOMENTS:** As we come closer to the end of our Lent, it has been wonderful to see the children living out our Marist values so beautifully. Throughout Lent, the classes have been taking extra moments of prayer, kindness and quiet reflection, thinking about how they can grow closer to Jesus and show love to others in simple, everyday ways.

One of the special practices this term has been Visio Divina, where the children spend time prayerfully looking at a sacred image and allowing God to speak to them through what they notice. They have reflected especially on images of their class saints, thinking about how these saints can guide their choices and inspire them to live with gentleness, compassion and courage.

We also want to say a thank you to Fr Aaron, who has been visiting our classes and speaking with the children and supporting children through reconciliation.

Across the school, the children have been working extremely hard to prepare their Paschal Play and Stations of the Cross. Their dedication and teamwork truly show what it means to be a Marist Learner and we are very proud of them.

As we look ahead to the joy of Easter, we wish all our families a peaceful and blessed holiday.

**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.

**WEST BYFLEET CATENIAN CIRCLE** meeting is on Wed. 8 Apr. starting with the AGM is at 7.15. Afterwards members and guests are dining at the Raj Durbar Indian Restaurant, New Haw. £20.99+ drinks. Guests/ladies welcome. Contact Vernon [v.deacruz@btinternet.com](mailto:v.deacruz@btinternet.com).

**BAPTISM PREPARATION MEETING** for parents on 16 April, 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.

**NEW TREASURER** needed asap. Please speak with Fr Aaron if you think you can help in this parish role. The role would suit someone who is retired.

**FROM DESPAIR TO HOPE** a free exhibition of digital paintings by Ewa Brachel Sun. 29 March–12 April, 11.30–4pm, St John's Church. Suitable for all. Further info. Is in the church porch.

**WIDOWED & SEPARATED GROUP** Lunch will be at The Comodor Byfleet on Sun. 26 April at 12.30. Please phone Pat 07810340589 if you'd like to come.

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