

Our Lady Help of Christians



22nd February 2026

First Sunday of Lent

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SEASON OF LENT. The season of Lent is a preparation for the Easter celebrations. The Liturgy prepares the catechumens for the celebration of the Paschal Mystery by the several stages of Christian Initiation (RCIA). It also prepares the faithful who recall their baptism and do penance in preparation for Easter. For help with preparing for Confession, leaflets are available in the church porch.

Lenten Devotions include Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 11.15am and 7pm. After the 11.15 Stations, Mass will be at 12 noon followed by the opportunity for Confession.

MARIA MESSINA R.I.P. Please pray for Maria and her family and friends. The funeral will be at Our Lady's on Monday 23rd February at 11.30am.

Mass Times and Intentions

Sunday 22nd February

First Sunday of Lent

Sat 6pm Mass – Parishioners

9.15am Mass – Ruby Fernandes RIP

11am Mass – Vocations

Week 23rd – 28th February

Monday

11.30am Requiem Mass for

Maria Messina R.I.P.

7pm Mass private intentions

Tuesday

N.B. 10am Exposition

Wednesday

10am Mass private intentions

Exposition follows Mass until 10pm

Thursday

10am Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament

Friday

11.15am Stations of the Cross

12 noon Mass Vocations

7pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday

10am Mass for a new Bishop

Exposition & the Rosary follow Mass

Confession (Reconciliation): Friday after Mass, Saturday after morning Mass and at 5.30pm or by appointment

Sunday 1st March

Second Sunday of Lent

Sat 6pm Mass – Parishioners

9.15am Mass – Noel Doherty RIP

11am Mass – Michael Kealy RIP

12.30pm Baptisms

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE UNWELL: John O'Connor, 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, Alban Pentony, 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.

PENELOPE GOODWIN R.I.P. Please pray for Penelope (known as Penny or Pep) and her family and friends. The funeral will be at Our Lady's on Monday 9th March at 12 noon.

WE WELCOME Oluwagbenga and Doyinsola Pedro who were Received fully into the Catholic Church and Oluwadarasimi Pedro who was Baptised. May God Bless them and their family.

DIOCESAN ADMINISTRATOR. Canon Jonathan Martin has been elected the Diocesan Administrator by the College of Consultors. Canon Jonathan will administrate the Diocese until a new bishop is appointed. Please keep him in your prayers during the interregnum.

HOPE CAFÉ on 25th February at 10.45am in the St Thomas More room. If you fancy a cuppa and friendly chat, we would love to see you. Any queries please contact Janet on 07917346287. All welcome.

PARISH WALK on Thursday 26th Feb, meet outside the church at 10am. Any queries please call Gill, 01932343684.

FRUGAL LUNCH on Friday 27th February, CAFOD Family Fast Day, after the 12 noon Mass in the St Thomas More room. Donations in aid of CAFOD. Everybody welcome. Any queries please ring Becky on 07919051344 or Janet on 07917344848.

JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP MEETING. Wednesday 25th February in St Thomas More room 7pm. For anyone interested in re-starting this group. We hope to look at what charities the Parish can further support and raise awareness of social and environmental justice. All welcome.

MASS INTENTIONS. Envelopes are in the porch. Please complete with contact details if you wish to know the date / be notified of any change and return the envelope with a donation for Fr Aaron. Intentions may have to be rebooked if another service is arranged i.e. a funeral.

ALL NIGHT LENTEN VIGIL. Friday 20th March starting at 10pm and finishing on Saturday 21st March at 6am. Please come when you can and pray.

WORLD YOUTH DAY SEOUL 2027 will be from the 3rd – 8th August. There is further information on the website: <https://wydseoul.org/en>. If you're aged between 18 and 35 and would like to go, please register your interest via the parish office or speak to Fr Aaron.

A TAIZE STYLE EVENING of songs, readings and prayer is being hosted by St Dunstan's Church, Shaftesbury Road, Woking GU22 7DT on Friday 27th February at 7.30pm. Less than one hour, with tea/coffee to follow. All are welcome.

EXPLORING CATHOLICISM (RCIA): meeting 7.30pm on Tue 24th Feb in the STM room.

RECONCILIATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MEETING for children is on Saturday 28 February in the church. Group 1 at 3pm and Group 2 at 4.15pm.

For Parish Centre Enquiries or Hall Bookings - contact Chris Geary
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For St Thomas More Preschool Enquiries email Rhoda
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NEW TREASURER needed as soon as possible. Please speak with Fr Aaron if you think you can help in this parish role. The role would suit someone who is retired.

CAFOD RETIRING COLLECTION next weekend for their Lent Appeal – Family Fast Day. Please donate and support communities experiencing the impacts of war, poverty and climate change to find solutions and hope. Online you can see CAFOD'S short Lent appeal film: <https://vimeo.com/1158328359/28326ddf2f>. The CAFOD envelopes are in the church porch.

CHURCHES TOGETHER Ecumenical Lent Group at St Michael's Church, Sheerwater on Tuesdays during Lent. Refreshments 7pm for a 7.15pm start using the Superstar book written by David Wilbourne. We are exploring themes from *Jesus Christ Superstar's* iconic lyrics in the 5 sessions of this course: 25th Feb to 25th March. The sessions are *Who is Jesus, Miracles, The Psalms, The Church* and *Cross Purposes*.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER this year is on Friday 6th March. The service, for all, is written by the women of Nigeria. It will take place in the Methodist Church, Rectory Lane, Byfleet KT14 7LL at 2pm. The theme is 'I will give you rest, come'. Our Lady Help of Christians church is one of the seven local churches who are involved with this service. Please do join us for the service and stay for tea and cakes after.

OFFERTORY. The monthly standing orders plus the weekly cash collections averaged £2,180 per week over 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 donation machine in the porch or online. Full details of the ways you can give to the parish are on the [website](#). This is the QR code for online payments:



THE PARISH OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE, Adur Valley, invite you for a special First Saturday: Sat. 7 March, 9.45 to 16.45 with the National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, along with relics of Saints Jacinta & Francisco. The day includes a procession and mass, prayer, veneration & video presentation. You are welcome to all or part of the day: St Peter's Church, Shoreham-by-Sea, BN43 5WG. Tea / coffee available; please bring a packed lunch. For more information please see the [website](#) or email adurvalley@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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 24th Feb Exploring Catholicism: RCIA, St Thomas More room, 7.30pm
- 25th Feb Hope Café, St Thomas More room, 10.45am
- 25th Feb Justice & Peace group meeting, St Thomas More room, 7pm
- 26th Feb Parish Walk, meet outside the Church, 10am
- 27th Feb CAFOD Family Fast Day lunch, St Thomas More room, 12.30pm
- 28th Feb Reconciliation/FHC Children's Meeting, from 3pm
- 2nd Mar Reconciliation/FHC Parent's Meeting, 7.30pm
- 3rd Mar Exploring Catholicism: RCIA, St Thomas More room, 7.30pm
- 4th Mar Craft Club, St Thomas More room, 10.30am
- 6th Mar World Day of Prayer, Byfleet Methodist Church, 2pm
- 7th Mar Seniors Friendship Lunch, Hall, 12.30 for 1pm
- 7th Mar Confirmation Meeting for Candidates, Hall, 4pm
- 7-8 Mar Woking Foodbank Collection
- 9th Mar Ecumenical Morning Prayer, St John's Church, 9.30am
- 9th Mar SVP meeting, St Thomas More room, 7.30pm
- 11th Mar Catenian Meeting, Hall, 7.30pm
- 20-21st Mar All Night Lenten Vigil, Church, 10pm to 6am.**
- 30th Mar Parish Confession / Reconciliation, Church, 7pm**
- 13th Apr Ecumenical Morning Prayer, Church, 9.30am
- 16th Apr Baptism Preparation Meeting for Parents, STM room, 7.30pm**