

Our Lady Help of Christians Church



22nd March 2026 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

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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 22nd March – 5th Sunday of Lent

Sat 6pm Mass – Parishioners

9.15am Mass – Ruby Fernandes RIP

11am Mass – Lucia Polverino RIP

Monday 23rd March

7pm Mass Ida and Julio Rodrigues RIP

Tuesday 24th March

10am Mass Rodrigues family RIP

Wed 25th March – The Annunciation

10am Mass Gerard McGirl RIP

Exposition follows Mass until 10pm

Thursday 26th March

10am Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament

Friday 27th March

11.15am Stations of the Cross

12 noon Mass for all the children from
broken families

1pm Baptism

7pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday 28th March

10am Mass Fr Aaron's welfare

followed by Exposition and the Rosary

Confession: Friday after Mass and
Saturday after 10am Mass and 5.30pm

Sunday 29th March – Palm Sunday

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

9.15am Mass – Parishioners

11am Mass – Patrick Riordan RIP

MAUNDY THURSDAY 2nd April

8pm Mass of the Lord's Supper with
washing of feet followed by the Watch,
finishing with Night Prayer at 11pm.

GOOD FRIDAY 3rd April Fast & Abstinence

8.30am Morning Prayer

9am Stations of the Cross

10am Ecumenical Walk of Christian Witness

12 noon Children's Stations of the Cross

3pm Celebration of Our Lord's Passion

HOLY SATURDAY 4th April

9am Morning Prayer

10am Święcone: Blessing of Easter Baskets

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

EASTER SUNDAY 5th April

6am – Ecumenical Service at Newark Priory

9.15am Mass – Clare & Bernard Grady RIP

11.15 am Mass – Gretta McGuire RIP

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE UNWELL: Francis and Ronald Cooper, 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.*

JOHN O'CONNOR R.I.P. Please pray for John and his family and friends. Funeral details to follow.

EASTER FLOWERS. If you would like to make a donation in memory of a loved one, please complete an envelope and return it to the parish office by Tuesday 31st March. The envelopes are in the church porch. There is a general second collection for Easter flowers and decorations this weekend.

HOLY WEEK. Volunteers required: Welcomers / Readers / Extraordinary Ministers for Holy Week and Easter services. Please sign up, the lists are in the porch. Altar Servers please sign up for Holy Week / Easter services, your list is in the sacristy. There will be rehearsals for altar servers on Holy Thursday 2nd April at 11am and on Holy Saturday 4th April at 11am. Leaflets detailing our Holy Week services are in the church porch.

HOPE CAFÉ on 25th March at 10.30am 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.

PALM SUNDAY is next Sunday and for all Masses, 6pm Vigil, 9.15 & 11am, palms will be blessed and distributed in the hall before Mass – please assemble in the hall. No coffee after 9.15 Mass on Palm Sunday. If you can help once a month on the coffee rota, please email westbyfleet@abdiocese.org.uk. Thanks.

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.

LENTEN LUNCHESES at St Dunstan's Church. The SVP are hosting Lenten Lunch on Fri. 27 March, 12.30-2.30pm. Soup, roll and cheese, tea and coffee. A donation of £5 would be appreciated. Parishioners from Our Lady's, West Byfleet, St Dunstan's and St Hugh's are very welcome. Do bring a friend.

THE CRAFT CLUB have been busy knitting rabbit egg cosies, which are in the porch. They can be purchased for a suggested donation of £3 each or £5 for two. The proceeds will go to The Trussell Trust, which provides food banks.

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

CHURCHES TOGETHER Ecumenical Lent Group at St Michael's Church, Sheerwater on Wednesday 25th March. Refreshments 7pm for a 7.15pm start.

LOST PROPERTY – Last chance to collect. Two keys labelled “front door” have been handed in. Please contact the parish office if these belong to you.

OFFERTORY. Monthly s/orders +the wkly cash collections averaged £2,135pw over the last fortnight. If you haven't done so, please consider setting up a standing order, forms are in the narthex / [online](#). Giving can be made via the DONA machine in the porch or via this QR code:



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.

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

24 th Mar	Exploring Catholicism: RCIA, St Thomas More room, 7.30pm
25 th Mar	Hope Café, St Thomas More room, 10.30am
26 th Mar	Parish Walk, meet outside the Church, 10am
30 th Mar	Church Spring Clean for Easter, 10am
30 th Mar	Parish Confession / Reconciliation, Church, 7pm
31st Mar	Exploring Catholicism: RCIA, St Thomas More room, 7.30pm
1 st Apr	Craft Club, St Thomas More room, 10.30am
7 th Apr	Art Club, St Thomas More room, 11am
8 th Apr	Catenian Meeting, Hall, 7.30pm
11-12 Apr	Woking Foodbank Collection
13 th Apr	Ecumenical Morning Prayer, Church, 9.30am
13 th Apr	FHC Parent's Meeting, Church, 7.30pm
16 th Apr	Baptism Preparation Meeting for Parents, STM room, 7.30pm
18th Apr	Welcomers Meeting, Church, 12 noon
18th Apr	FHC Children's Meeting, Church, from 3pm
20 th Apr	SVP meeting, St Thomas More room, 7.30pm
25th Apr	Confirmation Meeting for Candidates, Hall, 4pm
11 th May	Ecumenical Morning Prayer, St John's Church, 9.30am

RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION. Parish Lent Confessions will take place on Monday 30 March 7pm (Mass will be at 6pm). There will also be the opportunity for Confession 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 30th 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 or call 01932342892 and let us know any preference you have for either weekdays or Saturday morning.

THE GENESIS & EPWORTH CHOIRS are joining together to perform Haydn's Creation with a full orchestra at 7.30 on Sat. 28 March at the Welcome Church in Woking. Tickets £25 on the door or online: <https://genesischorale.org.uk/>.

FRIDAY COFFEE in the STM room is at 10.30am before Stations of the Cross.

BAPTISM PREPARATION MEETING for parents on Thursday 16th April at 7.30pm in the St Thomas More 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 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.

FROM DESPAIR TO HOPE an exhibition of digital painting by Ewa Brachel on Sunday 29th March to 12 April 11.30am to 4pm at St John's Church, West Byfleet. Suitable for all ages. Free entry, donations appreciated in support of brain cancer research. For further information, please see the poster in the church porch.

EXPLORING CATHOLICISM (RCIA): meeting 7.30pm on Tue 24th March in the St Thomas More room.

For Parish Centre Enquiries or Hall Bookings - contact Chris Geary
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BRITISH SUMMER TIME

begins on Palm Sunday, 29th March. Remember to 'spring' your clocks forward an hour!

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.