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## February / March 2026

### Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> after Ash Wednesday

9.30 \_Celebrant's Int

### Saturday Evening First Sunday of Lent

6.00 Celebrant's Int

### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

8.00 People of the Parish

10.00 Celebrants Int

### Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> of the First Week of Lent

9.30 John Ingelbrecht R.I.P

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### Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> of the First Week of Lent

9.30 Celebrant's Int

### Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> of the First Week of Lent

No liturgy today

### Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> of the First Week of Lent

9.30 \_Celebrant's Int

6.00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

### Friday 27<sup>th</sup> of the First Week of Lent

9.30 Holy Souls

7.00 Stations of the Cross

### Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> of the First Week of Lent

9.30 \_Celebrant's Int

### Saturday Evening Second Sunday of Lent

6.00 Celebrant's Int

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

8.00 Evelyn Hennessy R.I.P

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10.00 People of the Parish

## The Sacrament of Reconciliation / Confession

is available after the Saturday morning Mass and from 5.15 to 5.45 Saturday afternoon.

Each Saturday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & the Rosary follow on from Mass until 11.00 am

**ROSARY CIRCLE FOR PRIESTLY VOCATIONS:-** If you haven't already done so, but would still like to commit to praying a decade of the Rosary each day during February, then please do put your initial or a tick in one of the boxes on the 'Rosary Circle' chart in the church porch.

The 'Chart' lists the 20 decades of the Rosary and a number of columns for people to put their initial or a tick in a box to indicate they will commit to praying the particular decade each day for the month of February, and hopefully, this will create a number of 'circles' praying for this intention. This is a very simple spiritual exercise many of us could join in with; at least 20 people praying one decade of the Rosary each day, so the whole of the Rosary is prayed for this particular intention, thus creating a 'Rosary Circle'. Let it be said, however, that anyone can join the Rosary Circles at any time.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY at the 10.00 am Sunday Mass:-** The children's liturgy continues this weekend!

**Eucharistic Adoration:** We have the monthly Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February from 6.00 to 7.00pm everyone is welcome to come along.

**ADULT FORMATION:-** The programme is open to everyone, but especially those who wish to know more about the Catholic faith with a view to becoming a Catholic.

Our programme continues this Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February, when we give thought to Jesus as Saviour, which is distinct from His work and Mission as Redeemer. We begin at 7.30 and all are welcome.

**CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2025 /2026:-**Just to keep this in our minds, the programme continues this Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the small hall. Many thanks for arriving promptly.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME:-** The programme continues this Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 5 pm. The children should have looked Chapter 8 of their books, entitled 'Preparing for your First Confession' having worked their way through it for revision that day.

**BABY FEST:-** An opportunity for parents with small children to have a shared lunch and to talk about more than sleep or the lack thereof! Takes place **this Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, from 12 mid-day**. Any parents with younger children are invited to come along, bring some food etc to share for this very informal opportunity to meet and talk.

**THE SEASON OF LENT:- Study Group:-** Will begin this Tuesday morning from 11 am for about an hour as of 24<sup>th</sup> Feb. This Lent we will follow the booklet entitled 'We dare to ask' which '*comprises of five sessions which reflect on the Baptismal promises we make or renew at Easter. Accompanied by beautiful sacred art, the sessions include passages of Holy Scripture, prayer and reflective meditations to explore how our baptism is not only rooted within God's plan of salvation but also a calling to a new way of life.*'

**Stations of the Cross** on Friday evening at 7 pm (using the Stations composed by St. Alphonsus Liguori's)

**Lenten Reconciliation Services across the Epsom Deanery**

Fri 20<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30pm St Joseph's, Epsom  
Sat 21<sup>st</sup> March, 11am Sacred Heart, Cobham, Children's Service  
Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 3pm St Joseph's, Dorking  
Fri 27<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30pm Our Lady of Sorrows, Effingham

The Lent **CAFOD family fast day** is this February 27th. Envelopes are available at the church entrances or donate online at [cafod.org.uk/envelope](http://cafod.org.uk/envelope) or call **0303 303 3030**. Text **CAFODLENT to 70085** to donate £10 or use the QR card



**HCPT Pilgrimage to Lourdes** – Martin Stebbings, on behalf of Group 17 writes:- "*This Easter, I will be travelling to Lourdes with HCPT Group 117, whose helpers come from across A&B, including Crawley, Reigate, Merstham and Horley. I would be very happy to take prayer petitions or intentions from parishioners.*

*If you would like me to carry an intention to the Grotto on your behalf, please feel free to pass it on.*

*This year our group includes several sponsored pilgrims whose needs are considerable, and for whom the Lourdes experience can be profoundly healing and joyful. They include Daniel who is 8 and is recovering from leukaemia, Alex who is 9 and is autistic, George, who is 26 and has cerebral palsy and Jemil who is 24 who has a congenital condition meaning he requires 24-hour care.*

*To support these pilgrims in being able to get to and access all Lourdes has to offer, with Fr Ian's permission, I have set up a JustGiving page. Any contribution—no matter how small—would be received with real gratitude.*

*I completely understand that times are tough, and our own parish already does so much, so please know that there is no expectation whatsoever—your prayers are what we need most of all. However, if anyone does feel able to help, the link to the page is here:*

[https://www.justgiving.com/page/martin-stebbing-2?utm\\_medium=FR&utm\\_source=CL](https://www.justgiving.com/page/martin-stebbing-2?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL)

*Please keep all our pilgrims in your prayers, and be assured of mine for you when I travel to Lourdes at Easter.*

*Thank you. Martin Stebbings*

**Youth Group at St Joseph's:-** We are currently exploring the possibility of starting a Youth Group for teenagers at St Joseph's. Our hope is to create a safe, welcoming, and engaging space where young people can build friendships, develop a sense of community, and grow spiritually. To help shape this initiative, we kindly invite parents of teenagers to complete a short survey (approximately 5 minutes). Your input will help us understand interest, age groups, and the most suitable meeting times. Survey closes at 10 pm on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. Thank you very much for your time and support. <https://forms.gle/wbcb6vMi1wZ89BJx8>

**Children's Liturgy – Could you help with the leadership?** We have so much enjoyed restarting the Children's Liturgy over the past year. It has been fantastic to see the enthusiasm of children and parents for these sessions, and rewarding for us to see the children enjoying growing in the knowledge of their faith. It would be lovely to have more leaders so that we can increase the number of sessions. Besides a love of God, no formal qualifications are needed to assist other than be happy to have a DBS check and enthusiasm. We work as a team, supporting one another in working with the children in all the sessions. So, if you are interested in finding out more, please do speak to one of us after Mass or contact us through the church office. God bless, *Kathia, Matthew, Elizabeth and Monika*

**MASS INTENTIONS:-** You will see from the 'diary' for this week, Masses are the 'celebrant's intention'; however, if you would like to have Mass offered for a personal or particular intention, please put details on a 'Mass Intention' envelope and hand it to Fr. Ian or drop it through the presbytery letterbox. You might like to have Mass offered for someone's well-being, the repose of their soul, birthday etc. By tradition, the Mass 'offering', (rooted in Leviticus 7:28-34 and Deuteronomy 18:3-8) should be sufficient to sustain a priest for the day. Many thanks.