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February / March 2026

Saturday 28th of the First Week of Lent

9.30 _Celebrant's Int

Saturday Evening Second Sunday of Lent

6.00 Rob Stebbings R.I.P

Sunday 1st SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

8.00 Evelyn Hennessy R.I.P

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10.00 People of the Parish

Monday 2nd of the Second Week of Lent

9.30 _Celebrant's Int

Tuesday 3rd of the Second Week of Lent

9.30 Caroline Jordan R.I.P

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Wednesday 4th of the Second Week of Lent

No liturgy today

Thursday 5th of the Second Week of Lent

9.30 Private Intention (D.C.)

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Friday 6th of the Second Week of Lent

9.30 Holy Souls

7.00 Stations of the Cross

Saturday 7th of the Second Week of Lent

9.30 _Celebrant's Int

Saturday Evening Third Sunday of Lent

6.00 Deceased Members of the Harvey Family

Sunday 8th THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

8.00 People of the Parish

10.00 Bridie Beirne R.I.P

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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

Peter Hudson R.I.P.:- Many of you will have known Peter, if not by name, probably by sight! It came as somewhat of a shock to hear that Peter died very suddenly and unexpectedly on Thursday 19th Feb. Details of his funeral arrangements will be made known at the earliest opportunity. We offer our prayers and sympathy to his family and friends at this time. May he rest in peace.

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 March, 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 March, 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 next weekend!

MASS AND MEET FOR MARCH:- Will be on Friday 13th March with Mass at 12 mid-day followed by a light lunch in the church hall. Everyone is welcome.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2025 /2026:-Just to keep this in our minds, the programme continues this Thursday 5th March at 7 pm in the small hall. Many thanks for arriving promptly.

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 23rd February, when we give thought to Jesus as our Redeemer, who by His death and resurrection restores us into rightful relationship with God the Father. Another way of addressing this subject matter would be to say that we concentrate our thoughts on the first Holy Week and Easter. **Please note we will begin at the earlier time of 7.00 pm; all are welcome.**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME:- The programme continues this Thursday 5th March 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:- Our thanks to all those who came along and supported the babyfest! People discovered that they had family living in the same far off (from Dorking) villages, enjoyed different foods and discovered more about each other, helping to build friendships and support for their children and for one another. The next babyfest will be in a couple of months time.

THE SEASON OF LENT:- Study Group:- continues this Tuesday, 3rd March from 11 am for about an hour. This Lent we are following the booklet entitled 'We dare to ask' which '*comprises of five sessions which reflect on the Baptismal promises we make or renew at Easter, exploring 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 during Lent

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

Lenten Reconciliation Services across the Epsom Deanery

Fri 20th March, 7.30pm at St Joseph's, Epsom. **Sun 22nd March, 3pm** at St Joseph's, Dorking.

Fri 27th March, 7.30pm at Our Lady of Sorrows, Effingham

CAFOD family fast day was on Friday and there is a second collection this weekend, whether you would like to use envelopes or other electronic means of supporting the work of CAFOD you can donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call **0303 303 3030**. Text **CAFODLENT to 70085** to donate £10 or use the QR code



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.

To support 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

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: A heartfelt thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the survey. We are truly grateful for your thoughtful responses and encouragement. Your input is invaluable as we carefully reflect on the different possibilities and discern the best way forward for our young people. Please continue to keep this initiative in your prayers. We hope to share further information and next steps soon, so do watch this space. With thanks, Kathia, Lucy, Matthew and Denzyl.

Children's Liturgy – Could you help with the leadership? We have so much enjoyed restarting the Children's Liturgy over the past year. 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. 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.