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January 2026

Saturday Evening Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

6.00 Colin Peters Int (A.D.) 4/0012

Sunday 18th SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

8.00 People of the Parish

10.00 Michael Pinches R.I.P. 21/0012

Monday 19th Weekday of Ordinary Time (Feria)

9.30 Anne Marie Howard R.I.P. 20/0012

Tuesday 20th Feria

9.30 Celebrant's Int

Wednesday 21st Mem. St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr

No liturgy today

Thursday 22nd Feria

9.30 Bill Newington R.I.P. 3/0013

Friday 23rd Feria

9.30 Holy Souls

Saturday 24th Mem. St. Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

9.30 Celebrant's Int

Saturday Evening Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

6.00 Olive Tickell, Eileen Mooney & Howard Mortimer R.I.P. 20/0012

Sunday 25th THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

8.00 Tonia Temple R.I.P (P.C.) 23/0012

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

The Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity begins on 18th January and finishes on the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul 25th January

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 January, 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 January, 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 at the 10 am Mass next Sunday, 25th January and then every two weeks until half term. Our thanks to all have supported and helped with this initiative over the last number of months. We look forward to growing this ministry this year!

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.

Having looked at the evidence for God, who we are as human beings, made to the image and likeness of God, the impact of 'Original Sin' or 'the Fall' an overview of where the Bible comes from, we continue this Monday, January 19th looking at the Ten Commandments. We meet at 7.30 in the small hall.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2025 /2026:-Just to keep this in our minds, the programme continues this Thursday 22nd January at 7 pm in the small hall. Many thanks for being so prompt at our first meeting.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME:- The programme continues this Thursday 22nd January at 5 pm. The children should have looked Chapter 4 of their books. entitled 'Being Baptised' and worked their way through it for revision that day.

Oil and Swarfega:- An informal opportunity for those interested in cars and transport to meet, share experiences and perhaps teach and learn something in the university of life. An inaugural meeting for anyone interested will take place on Friday 6th February at 7 pm in the small hall. Francis, a seasoned rallying mechanic will give an audio-visual presentation on rallying across central Europe and North Africa. Light beverages will be available.

BABY FEST:- Having had a wonderfully successful first 'Baby Fest' whereby parents with small children had a shared lunch and an opportunity to talk about more than sleep or the lack thereof, it was agreed that this should be a regular event. To this end, shall we look at Sunday 15th February, from 12 mid-day?

The Pastoral Plan – The Word Who is Life Please take a copy of the Deanery newsletter, which is available separately, in which you will find a detailed explanation of the situation, since Bishop Richard is now the Archbishop Elect for the Diocese of Westminster.

DORKING FOOD BANK:- If you would like to contribute to the food bank, the Food Bank Box is by the side door of the Church and is for contributions of appropriate products as listed, which are gratefully received. The box is emptied regularly and the products are delivered to the local Food Bank Depot, where they are labelled and St Josephs Parish is acknowledged.

Should you wish to help with the Food Bank a few more people are needed to assist occasionally with the weekly collection when the regular collectors are away. Please see our own parish website under the heading 'Churches Together in Dorking at: <https://www.sjcc.org.uk/churches-together-dorking>

Volunteers would need to have their own transport to get the products to the actual food bank depot. Please let Maria know if you're willing to help.

For further details about the foodbank, please see their website at: [Dorking Area Foodbank | Helping Local People in Crisis](#)

PAX CHRISTI:- This weekend there will be a second collection for the work of Pax Christi. Further details of their work can be found at [Peace Sunday 2026 – Pax Christi England and Wales](#)

Could be useful:- While looking for some other literature, a small bundle of A4 leaflets entitled 'Instructions for my Funeral Mass' were 'discovered'. There is a page in which an individual can fill out various details, a sample copy (purple /violet colour) is on the shelf at the side entrance of the church. If you would like to have a copy for your use, please enquire in the sacristy.

From THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE UNBORN CHILD:- After a two-year delay, the Government have finally published the official abortion statistics for 2023.

The results are shocking but not surprising. There were 277,970 terminations recorded, an 11% increase on the year before. These are the highest numbers of abortions in the UK's history, nearly 300,000 per year across all four nations - a figure never envisaged when the legislation was first passed. There is also a rise in [pills by post](#) abortions - 200,745 abortions involved taking both abortion drugs at home, 72% of the total. You can read our full press release [here](#).

These appalling figures come as peers are due to debate the biggest expansion of abortion since 1967 - allowing self-induced abortion up to birth. As you know, the House of Lords will debate Clause 191 to the Crime and Policing Bill in the coming weeks - either on 27th January or 2nd February.

Amendments tabled at Committee Stage include removing Clause 191 from the Bill entirely, ending the [pills by post](#) policy, and mandatory investigations for underage abortions.

Please write to members of the House of Lords and ask them to fight the extreme abortion up to birth amendment. We must work to stop these horrendous statistics rising still higher. If this change goes through, key protections for women and babies will be removed.

Please use our tool to contact members of the House of Lords. It will generate a Peer at random for you to write to, and bring up an editable template. Please edit this template to put it in your own words, and to include your own concerns and experiences. Once you have finished your letter, **it will be emailed to you to print off and send to the Peer by post**. Alternatively, you can opt to send your message by email, though paper letters are always more impactful than emails. The SPUC tool can be found at:-

[Fight the latest attempts to decriminalise abortion - SPUC](#) You can contact as many Peers as you are able to (but send the letters in separate envelopes).

Lenten Study Group:- We hope to have a study group running on a Tuesday morning from 11 am for about an hour. The penitential season of Lent is an opportunity for us to be with our Lord in the wilderness and /or to journey with the people of Israel during their forty-year sojourn. The study group would hope to assist us in our prayer, penance and reflection.