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April 2026

Saturday 18th after Second Sunday of Easter

9.30 Celebrant's Int

Saturday Evening

6.00 pm Third Sunday of Easter

Sunday 19th THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

8.00 People of the Parish

10.00 Holy Souls

Monday 20th after Third Sunday of Easter

9.30 Susan Eastaugh's Int

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Tuesday 21st after Third Sunday of Easter

10.00 Funeral Mass:- Peter Hudson R.I.P

Wednesday 22nd after Third Sunday of Easter

No liturgy today

Thursday 23rd SOLEMNITY:- St. George, Patron of England

9.30 Family well-being (S. Sweeney)

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Friday 24th after Third Sunday of Easter

9.30 Holy Souls

Saturday 25th FEAST:- St. Mark, the Evangelist

9.30 Celebrant's Int

Saturday Evening Fourth Sunday of Easter

6.00 pm

Sunday 26th FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Good Shepherd Sunday)

8.00 People of the Parish

10.00 Holy Souls

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:- Peter's funeral is this Tuesday 21st April at 10.00 am followed by burial at Dorking Cemetery, to which all are invited. There will also be a light reception in the hall, where members of Peter's family would hope to meet with parishioners upon their return from the burial.

Brendan Crosby R.I.P:- Who returned to Ireland earlier this year to be with family and friends in the last weeks of his life, died on Good Friday. May they rest in peace. We offer our prayers and sympathy to their families and friends at this time.

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.

CONFIRMATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMMES 2025 /2026:- Will continue this Thursday, 16th April at 5 & 7 pm respectively. The children in the First Holy Communion programme should have completed work on chapter 14 'Jesus dies upon the Cross'.

ADULT FORMATION:- continues this Monday 20th April, when we look at the sacrament of Baptism. We begin at 7.00 pm; all are welcome to attend.

Tenth Anniversary Memorial Mass for Fr. Dominic Rolls:- On May 2nd we have a memorial Mass for Fr. Dominic Rolls, some ten years since his death; Mass will be at 11.00 am followed by a reception in the main hall. We welcome members of Fr. Dominic's family and other friends that day.

CONFIRMATION MASS 9th May, St. Joseph's, Epsom:- Young people from our parish will be Confirmed at a Mass celebrated by Canon Bill Davern and Fr. Gary Carter at 2.30 that afternoon. Candidates, parents and sponsors are required to be at the church no later than 2.00 pm. Candidates need to ensure they have their 'Confirmation Card' with them. Although there is parking, it is somewhat limited

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS on 17th May:- Will be an additional Mass at 12.00 mid-day, given there are nearly 20 children making their First Holy Communion with extended family visiting, it would be wise not to have coffee after the 10.00 am Mass, because of car parking!

The **rehearsal for the Mass** will take place the day before, Saturday, at 11.15 and should last little more than an hour, it is important that all the children attend with at least one parent. Many thanks.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES 2026/2027:- As always, our grateful thanks to all those who are able to make financial contribution to the parish via the 'Gift Aid' scheme. For those who do so via the envelope system, we are pleased to tell you the envelopes for this tax year 26/27 are available in the sacristy, please collect your box with your name on a printed label on it at the earliest opportunity. Very many thanks.

If you are a tax payer and are not already in the 'Gift Aid' scheme, might we encourage you to 'join' as we are able to get a further 25p in every £1.00 you contribute from the Inland Revenue, so, your £4.00 becomes £5.00. Do please give consideration to this. Again, very many thanks.

EASTER OFFERING :- Many thanks for your Easter Offering, which realised £3,435.10; thanks also for the cake, chocolate, wine and Easter cards, the latter not having been consumed, but the others are a work in progress.

Thanks also to all those who helped with the Holy Week liturgies in various ways! Thanks to those who prepared things in the sacristy, the flower arrangers, who made the church look so beautiful. Our thanks to our altar servers, who gave their time not only for the liturgies, but the rehearsals as well! A lot of time on their feet! Thanks to those who did the readings each day and to those who assisted with the music.

Also, to take the opportunity to thank all those of you who help in the life of the parish in so many varied and different ways; particular thanks to those who look after the church linen, the flower arrangers, to the Special Ministers of Holy Communion, especially those who go out to the sick and housebound with Holy Communion; thanks to the gift aid organiser, the money counters, the finance team, the sacristans, the readers rota organisers, those who tidy up both in and around the church, attending to the plants, drains etc. the cleaners, the 'Core Team' and the roles they have undertaken, those who look after the coffee after the Masses on Sunday and Tuesday, those who organise and prepare the 'First Friday lunch' and of course the people that I will have forgotten to mention. Again, my thanks, *Fr. Ian*

There is a Second collection next weekend for the training of the future priests of the Diocese.

24 HOURS ADORATION WITH THE LORD:-As we prepare for Pentecost Epsom Deanery will be holding an extended time of prayer - 24hr round the clock. This will be held at **St Joseph's Church, Epsom**, commencing with **10am Mass on Friday 22nd May** and concluding with **Mass at 10am Saturday 23rd May**. It is a graced moment for us to gather in prayer around the Eucharistic Lord - to pray, to adore, to be silent, to hold the brokenness of our world before the healing presence of Christ.

The day and night will be divided up into 1hr slots which we would invite you to commit to coming to St Joseph's and spending 1hr in prayer. We need two people to commit to each hour so that is 48 people across the Deanery. If you are unable to offer 1hr you can come at any time for as long or short a time as you can manage during that 24hr time - and of course more than two people can sign up for a particular hour.

Those who are sick or housebound and unable to attend are invited to send their prayer intentions via their local parish office and they will be placed before the Blessed Sacrament.

There will also be opportunities to pray the Rosary, Reconciliation, communal prayer at specific times - more information to follow (and these will be Live Streamed).

There will be sign-up sheets available in all the Epsom Deanery Churches from next weekend, **Saturday 25th & Sunday 26th April 2026**.

For those who would like to attend but do not have transport, we hope to coordinate lift-sharing through the parish offices of the church where you registered. Once we have a clearer picture of who requires assistance and who is able to offer a lift, we can help make the necessary arrangements.

As St Theresa of Avila said in the 16th Century, 'the world is on fire' - how much more so today. May the Lord bless all our efforts and desires to bring His Peace into the world. *Fr Simon Hall, Epsom, on behalf of the Deanery*

Youth Group at St Joseph's will begin this Thursday 23rd April and will meet **fortnightly from 6:00-8:00pm in the Church Hall** (dinner provided). The group is open to **young people in Years 6 to 11**, offering a welcoming space to build friendships, have fun, and explore faith and life together.