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March 2026

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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Monday 9th of the Third Week of Lent

9.30 _Celebrant's Int

Tuesday 10th of the Third Week of Lent

9.30 Celebrant's Int

Wednesday 11th of the Third Week of Lent

No liturgy today

Thursday 12th of the Third Week of Lent

9.30 Florence & John Mortimer R.I.P

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Friday 13th of the Third Week of Lent

12.00 Holy Souls

7.00 Stations of the Cross

Saturday 14th of the Third Week of Lent

9.30 _Celebrant's Int

Saturday Evening Fourth Sunday of Lent

6.00 Peter Hudson R.I.P

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Sunday 15th FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT 'Laetare Sunday'

8.00 Fr. Francis Ahern 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

Peter Hudson R.I.P:- At the time of composing the newsletter, we had no further information about Peter's funeral as matters seem to be somewhat complex. The details of his funeral arrangements will be made known at the earliest opportunity. We continue to 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 this weekend!

MASS AND MEET FOR MARCH:- Will be this 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 11th 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 8th March, when we look at the foundations of the Church, built on Peter and the Apostles. **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 11th March at 5 pm. The children should have looked Chapter 10 of their books, entitled 'Jesus does wonderful things' having worked their way through it for revision that day.

THE SEASON OF LENT:- Study Group:- continues this Tuesday, 9th 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

HOLY WEEK LITURGIES are follows: Palm Sunday Mass times are as usual, as are the Masses on Monday 30th and Tuesday 31st March are anticipated to be at the usual time of 9.30.

Maundy Thursday 2nd April: 7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by watching at the Altar of Repose until midnight.

Good Friday 3rd April: 3.00 pm Solemn Liturgy of the Passion.

7.00 pm Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday 4th: 8.30 pm **THE EASTER VIGIL** (Sunset is at 19.49)

Easter Sunday 5th April: Dawn Mass at 8.00 Mass of the Day at 10.00 am.

BLESSING OF EASTER BASKETS The blessing of the Easter Baskets will be on Easter Saturday, 5th April at 10.30a.

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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

GRANT FOR CHURCH REPAIR: You are invited to help make a special coffee morning. After the 10am Mass on Sunday 22nd March you'll not just enjoy coffee, tea and cake as usual, but you could help us raise £50 (or a little more) to support the wonderful work of the Surrey Churches Preservation Trust. In so doing, we may be eligible for a grant toward our much needed church repairs! Winning a grant is not guaranteed, but an enjoyable occasion is. Please do come along!

As you may recall, we had unexpected expenses on repairing the chimney stack on the hall and the replacement of water pumps on the church heating system. Having reduced the debt on the installation of the new heating system, getting some financial assistance in repairing the leak into the church, would be a great help, so 'speculating £50 to accumulate somewhat more' sounds like a good proposition. Please support the effort on Sunday next to raise the £50. Many thanks.

CAFOD Family Fast Day Collection:- Thanks to all those who supported the Fast day last weekend.

Life in the Spirit Seminars from each Tuesday from 14th April to 2nd June 2026 at St. Joseph's, Redhill, each week at 7.30. Further details available from the poster on the noticeboard.

Youth Group at St Joseph's:- Thanks to all those who responded to the survey, the responses are being collated to find a way forward for this activity; details will follow. Please keep this initiative in your prayers. Many thanks.