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April / May 2026

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

9.30 Celebrant's Int

Saturday Evening **Fourth Sunday of Easter**

6.00 pm Celebrant's Int

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

8.00 People of the Parish

10.00 Holy Souls

Monday 27th after Fourth Sunday of Easter

9.30 Celebrant's Int

Tuesday 28th after Fourth Sunday of Easter

9.30 Wendy Vaughan's well-being

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Wednesday 29th FEAST:- St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor of the Church and Patron of Europe

No liturgy today

Thursday 30th Fourth Sunday of Easter

9.30 Celebrant's Int

Friday 1st Mem. St. Joseph the Worker

12.00 Holy Souls

Saturday 2nd Mem. St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

11.00 Fr. Dominic Rolls R.I.P

Saturday Evening **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

6.00 pm Brendan Crosby R.I.P

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Sunday 3rd FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & the Rosary will continue on **9th May** after 9.30 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 May, 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 May, 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.

HOLY HOUR:- This Thursday 30th April from 18.00-19.00 hrs (6 until 7). I time for quiet prayer and reflection before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome.

Mass and Meet on Friday 1st May when Mass will be at 12.00 midday followed by a light lunch in the hall. Everyone is welcome.

CONFIRMATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMMES 2025 /2026:- Will continue this Thursday, 30th April at 5 & 7 pm respectively. The children in the **First Holy Communion** programme should have completed work on chapter 15 'Jesus Rises from the Dead.'.

ADULT FORMATION:- continues this Monday 27th April, when we look at the gift of the Most Holy Eucharist, the Holy Mass. **We begin at 7.00 pm; all are welcome to attend.**

Tenth Anniversary Memorial Mass for Fr. Dominic Rolls:- This Saturday, 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. Please note there will not be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament that morning.

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, so it may be an idea to arrive earlier rather than later.

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.

There is a Second collection this 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 is a sign- up sheets available in all the Epsom Deanery Churches from this 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*

PUBLIC EXAMS:- As the month of May approaches, so do public exams, SATS, GCSE, A.s & A levels, as well as the differing university exams. These can therefore be anxious and tense times, both for those undertaking exams and for their families and friends, so, even if you are not directly involved in such matters, please do keep those concerned in your prayers at this time, that there be 'level heads' patients, discipline, and understanding. Very many thanks.

Youth Group at St Joseph's will continue on Thursday 7th May 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.**

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.

Worth a read:- [The assisted suicide debate is over; parliament now needs to focus on improving palliative care services - The Catholic Network](#)