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## May 2026

### Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> after the Seventh Sunday of Easter

9.30 Celebrant's Int

### Saturday Evening Pentecost Sunday

6.00 pm Celebrant's Int

### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> PENTECOST SUNDAY

8.00 People of the Parish

10.00 Celebrant's Int

### Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Mem. Mary, Mother of the Church (Psalter Week 4)

9.30 Celebrant's Int

### Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> Mem. St. Philip Neri, Priest

9.30 Celebrant's Int

### Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> FEAST:- St. Augustine of Canterbury

No liturgy today

### Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> FEAST:- Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest

9.30 am Pierre Poirer R.I.P

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### Friday 29<sup>th</sup> Weekday (Feria) of Ordinary Time (Week 8 after the Seventh Sunday of Easter)

9.30 Mrs. Chris Tuffield R.I.P

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### Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> Weekday of Ordinary Time

9.30 Celebrant's Int

### Saturday Evening The Most Holy Trinity (Trinity Sunday)

6.00 pm Celebrant's Int

### Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (Trinity Sunday)

8.00 People of the Parish

10.00 Andre Lemeux 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.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & the Rosary 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.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS on 17<sup>th</sup> May:-** Our congratulations to the children who made their First Holy Communion last Sunday and our thanks to their parents for continuing to fulfil the promises they made when they presented their child for Baptism; it is an on-going love and work.

Thanks also to Rene and Noel, who have assisted with catechesis of the children since the autumn; our thanks for their commitment, time, skills and energy in ministering for the parish in this way.

**BABY FEST:-** An opportunity for parents with small children to have a shared lunch and to talk about more than sleep or the lack thereof! Takes place **on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June from 12 mid-day**. Any parents with younger children are invited to come along, bring some food etc to share for this very informal opportunity to meet and talk.

**ADULT FORMATION:-** continues Monday week, 1<sup>st</sup> June, our subject being the Vocation and Sacrament of Priesthood'. **We begin at 7.00 pm; all are welcome to attend.**

**Children's Liturgy:** Our sessions are aimed at all primary school children, so they learn about the Gospel in a fun and child friendly way. These are the dates for the rest of this school year when we will have children's liturgy: May 31st; June 14th and 28th and July 12th.

**PUBLIC EXAMS:-** are underway! 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.

**This weekend there is a Second Collection for the 'Missionary Endeavour of the Diocese'.**

**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.

**Gift Aid and the 'card machines':-** Just a reminder that parish and diocesan donations via the card machine can be 'Gift Aided' if the card has been registered on one of the machines for Gift Aid, with the proviso that you, the donor, use the same 'bank card' each time to make any such donation. We will advise in the next couple of weeks of someone being available to assist and help / show individuals wishing to make 'Gift Aided' contributions in this way.

That said, we advise that 'third party donations' such as CAFOD where Gift Aid is encouraged, would require individuals to put their details on the envelopes provided by the charity and indicate '*donation via card payment*', with the amount specified; this will then be forwarded to the particular charity. Very many thanks for your understanding.

**Foundation Governors:-** St Joseph's School is seeking one more Foundation Governors to support the school in its work. This is a fantastic way to volunteer in the community and to apply your skills and experience to help the school improve and flourish. Please contact the school office at: [office@stjosephs-dorking.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:office@stjosephs-dorking.surrey.sch.uk) to find out more, or drop in to the school any time!

**Latest on Parliament and Assisted Dying from 'Right to Life':-** *"The House of Commons Private Members' Bill ballot has now taken place, and your MP needs to hear from you again. A number of the 20 MPs drawn in this morning's ballot voted for the assisted suicide Bill at Third Reading last year. They are now coming under considerable pressure from assisted suicide campaigners, led by Kim Leadbeater MP, to bring back her dangerous Bill. Please take 30 seconds now to send your MP a new email with important new polling that every MP needs to see, whether or not they were drawn in the ballot.*

*New polling from Whitestone Insight has been released following the ballot, and is the largest public poll conducted on assisted suicide since the Leadbeater assisted suicide Bill was introduced.*

*The polling includes seat-by-seat results that show there is no local mandate in your constituency for MPs to revive Kim Leadbeater's failed assisted suicide Bill and bypass the House of Lords to push it into law.*

*This needs to get in front of your MP as soon as possible, so they can see what people in your constituency think.*

*The Other Half, who commissioned the polling, has launched an easy tool that lets you email your MP with the poll results for your constituency and ask them to oppose the Bill being brought back. Please take 30*

*seconds now to [contact](#) your MP, using the simple tool." [Write to your MP - Stop the assisted dying bill being brought back](#)*

**Mass and Meet:-** On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June with Mass at 12.00 mid-day, followed by a light lunch in the hall. Everyone is welcome.

**Youth Group:** Continues on Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> June May for young people from Year 6 to Year 11 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm in the Church Hall. Additional help would be very welcome, especially from older teenagers or young adults who feel called to share their faith and serve the parish. If you or someone you know might be interested, please get in touch at: [sj.youth.dorking@gmail.com](mailto:sj.youth.dorking@gmail.com). We would also like to ask the whole parish community to join us in prayer, so that this initiative can provide a welcoming space where young people can grow in faith and friendship. A minutes prayer each day would be great. Thank you! *Kathia, Lucy, Matthew and Denzyl.*

**Musicians, Singers and Readers:-** There is a lot of quiet talent in the parish, with a lot of youngsters being very proficient readers, as well as musicians and singers of all ages! It would be great if such talents could be used to the glory and praise of God in the liturgy.

To that end, over the next few weeks, we will be making appeals for people to be involved in these things. Don't be concerned if you don't feel too confident, support and help can and will be given and you won't be asked to take on and lead on every front, all these things are shared ministries. There are those who have assisted with these ministries and will help to integrate your talents with those already involved in them. If you find it's not for you, having given something a go, we will be thankful that you made the offer and had a go. Many thanks.