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July 2026

Saturday 18th Saturday memoria of Our Lady	
9.30 Lorenzo Iannucci R.I.P	19/0015
Saturday Evening Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time	
6.00 pm Private Intention (P.F.)	18/0015
Sunday 19th SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	
8.00 People of the Parish	
10.00 Thanksgiving for forty years of Priesthood	
Monday 20th Weekday	
12.30 Funeral Mass: Joan Nicholls R.I.P	
Tuesday 21st Weekday	
9.30 Mike Emmanuel R.I.P	8/0015
Wednesday 22nd FEAST:- St. Mary Magdalene	
No liturgy today	
Thursday 23rd FEAST:- St. Bridget of Sweden, Patron of Europe	
9.30 Liz Green R.I.P	17/0015
Friday 24th Weekday	
9.30 Antoinette Chenery R.I.P	16/0015
Saturday 25th FEAST:- St. James the Apostle	
9.30 Celebrant's Int	
Saturday Evening Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time	
6.00 pm	
Sunday 26th SEVENTEETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	
8.00 Tony & Mary Casey R.I.P	14/0015
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.

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 July, 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 July, 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.

Joan Nicholls R.I.P Please pray for Joan, who died recently and whose funeral Mass will be this Monday, 20th July at 12.30 followed by burial at Dorking cemetery. We offer our prayers and sympathy to her family and friends at this time. May she rest in peace.

Receptions into the Church:- Our congratulations to those who were received into the Church and those who were Confirmed; please do keep them in your prayers as they continue to grow in their faith.

From the Diocese: Assisted Dying Bill: Call to Action (Sussex), Wednesday 5 August, 7pm St Michael's RC Church, Worthing, BN13 3AL. Join **Dr Dominic Whitehouse, Consultant in End of Life Care**, as he explains the current position on the [Assisted Dying Bill](#), which is due to be voted on, for the second time, in the House of Commons on 11 September - it is essential to [contact your MP](#) to urge that they vote against the Bill, even if you contacted them last year. No need to book, all are welcome.

Getting married? Just a line to remind any couples intending to marry that the Diocese requires that 12 months' notice is given to the local priest, so that marriage preparation can be undertaken. At this moment in time, therefore, the end of July 2027 is the earliest any wedding could take place.

The Catenians:- Next weekend, Angus, one of our parishioners will be joined by two other Catenians to talk about the work which they do and to invite others to join. If you would like to know more, before the weekend, do have a look at:- [The Catenians](#)

Deanery Newsletter:- The latest Deanery newsletter is now available at the back of Church / on the website and is an invitation to celebrate so many wonderful things that have been going on in the Deanery. There's also an account of the conversations that clergy have been having about pastoral provision in the times to come and some of the important principles that have been at the heart of their discussions. Please do have a read, and, as we look forward to welcoming Bishop-elect Stephen, let's remember Archbishop Richard's refrain that all is to be rooted in prayer.

As an additional note:- Fr. Charles Howell will be taking a sabbatical as of the autumn and there is no priest to take his place! As a consequence, there will have to be adjustments of Mass times across all of the churches in the existing Epsom Deanery so that Mass will continue to be offered at both Fetcham and Effingham. Various scenarios have been suggested but nothing definite has been decided as yet, however, we do need to be prepared for a change in Mass times at the weekend. This is the 'account of the conversation that clergy have had' mentioned above. Do see the deanery newsletter for further details.

WELCOME TO ALL OUR VISITORS Bienvenue à tous nos visiteurs **Willkommen an alle unsere Besucher** *Maligayang pagdating sa lahat ng aming mga bisita* Witamy wszystkich naszych gości *Dobrodošli na vse naše obiskovalce* *Bienvenidos a todos nuestros visitantes* *Ласкаво просимо всім нашим відвідувачам* Benvenuti a tutti nostri visitatori **Caed mile faillthe**

Music at St Joseph's Church:- We are looking for more people to join us in the music group for the 10am Mass on Sunday's, as well as for the important Church Celebrations and Holy days. We usually play every fortnight (with a break in the summer), but you don't have to be available every week to be involved.

Musicians need to be reasonably confident with their instrument, but please just come and have a chat to explore matters further. Singers too, are very welcome! And are there any organists out there who might want to play sometimes? If you have a teenager doing D of E joining the music group to sing or play can also count as your 'Volunteering task'! We hope to have an informal practice – probably in September as an opportunity to get a sense of things and also have some fun making music together. Please speak to Gabrielle or anyone else in the Music Group after Mass, or email gabrielle.musictherapy@gmail.com. or chat to or email Vinita . vmgoveas@hotmail.com

RIDE AND STRIDE:- Saturday 12th September - Ride & Stride. Join the fun with a sponsored walk/cycle around our local churches to raise funds for Surrey Churches Preservation Trust and St. Joseph's. Full details to follow. Supporting this event will help to raise funds, some of which we, hope, will go towards the recent cost of our own church roof repair.

Admission to Catholic Schools and the Certificate of Catholic Practice:- A reminder to parents of the changes to school admissions policies where schools, such as St. Andrew's, Leatherhead, are over-subscribed. PLEASE SEE THE DETAIL on the parish web-site at: <https://www.sjcc.org.uk/schools> A certificate of Catholic practice, will now, likely be required, such certificate can only be given where there is weekly attendance at Mass for at least two years.

From 'Right to Life' On Thursday afternoon, Lauren Edwards MP published her assisted suicide Bill which is near-identical to Kim Leadbeater's deeply flawed and unsafe Bill from the previous parliamentary session.

It retains dozens of serious flaws identified by Royal Colleges, professional bodies, the Equality and Human Rights Commission, and disability, mental health and domestic abuse charities.

The Bill was published on the day MPs left Westminster for the summer recess, leaving them very little parliamentary time to examine it before its Second Reading on Friday 11 September.

By bringing back the Bill in near-identical form, its supporters are also keeping open the highly controversial possibility of using the Parliament Acts to force it into law if the House of Lords does not pass it again.

This makes the vote on 11 September even more important.

TAKE ACTION

We have just updated our Support Not Suicide campaign email tool. The campaign page will look familiar, but the email your MP receives now explains what has been published today, why the proposed use of the Parliament Acts is so concerning and why MPs must vote NO at Second Reading on 11 September.

Even if you have contacted your MP before, please write to them again using this updated tool. This is new information that your MP needs to see.

Please click the button below to [contact your MP now](#).

Every email helps demonstrate that there is serious and growing opposition to bringing back the same unsafe Bill and attempting to force it into law.