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July / August 2026

Saturday 25th FEAST:- St. James the Apostle

9.30 Peace in Iran

Saturday Evening Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

6.00 pm Celebrant's Int

Sunday 26th SEVENTEETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

8.00 Tony & Mary Casey R.I.P

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10.00 People of the Parish

Monday 27th Weekday

9.30 Harold Chenery R.I.P

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Tuesday 28th Weekday

9.30 David van der Lande's well-being

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Wednesday 29th Mem. Mary, Martha, and Lazarus

No liturgy today

Thursday 30th Weekday

9.30 Celebrant's Int

Friday 31st Mem. St. Ignatius Loyola, Priest

9.30 Holy Souls

Saturday 1st Mem. St. Alphonsus Ligouri, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

9.30 Celebrant's Int

Saturday Evening Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

6.00 pm Celebrant's Int

Sunday 2nd EIGHTEETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

8.00 People of the Parish

10.00 Anne Pinches Int

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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 August, 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 August, 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.

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:- This 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](#)

Diocesan events:- Details at: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events>

HOLY HOUR:- We have our monthly holy hour with quiet Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this Thursday (30th) July from 6.00pm - 7.00pm. Being the holy day time, an opportunity to be with our Lord and be re-created (recreation) as the person the Lord wants us to be.

Thankyou: - To all those who helped with the 40th anniversary celebrations last weekend, to the cake maker, those who organised the food and set up the hall and those who assisted with hospitality for our visitors. To the next forty!

EPSOM DEANERY:- 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 nile failtha**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION 2026 /2027:- Application forms for the next academic year's respective programmes are available at the entrances to the church. If you have a child in year 3 or above (First Holy Communion) or in year 9 or above, (Confirmation) then, **provided that you and your children are in regular attendance at Mass you and they will be able to join the programmes.** The deadline for returning application forms is mid-night pm on Sunday 11th October 2026, once this deadline has expired for both programmes, no child will be accepted onto either the First Holy Communion or Confirmation programme until the following year, 2027/2028.

If you know of families where children and young people should be preparing for these sacraments, PLEASE encourage them to be coming along to Mass and practicing their faith by joining with the rest of the believing community! Mass is not as complete as it should be when people are not there.....'I ask you, my brothers and sisters....'

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.

A useful video to watch, from SPUC can be found at:- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mf2OCZ1OrT4>