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August 2026

Saturday 22nd The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9.30 Celebrant's Int

Saturday Evening Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

6.00 pm Celebrant's Int

Sunday 23rd TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8.00 Celebrant's Int

10.00 Annah, Danieal and Sophia's Int

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Monday 24th FEAST:- St. Bartholemew, Apostle

9.30 People of Orikhiv, Ukraine

Tuesday 25th Weekday

9.30 Ben Watson & Family's well-being

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Wednesday 26th Weekday

No liturgy today

Thursday 27th Mem. St. Monica

9.30 Celebrant's Int

Friday 28th Mem. St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

9.30 Holy Souls

Saturday 29th The Passion of St. John the Baptist

9.30 Celebrant's Int

Saturday Evening Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

6.00 pm Celebrant's Int

Sunday 30th TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8.00 Celebrant's Int

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 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 Bishop's Conference on the 'Assisted Dying Bill': Ahead of the Second Reading and vote in the House of Commons for the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life Bill) on Friday 11 September, the Communications Directorate of the Bishops' Conference has produced a poster to encourage Catholics to write to their MPs. The poster has a scannable QR code, that is linked to the Oppose Assisted Suicide section on the Bishops' Conference website. The page can also be found at: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/>. The page has various resources, copies of statements and guidance on writing to your MP.

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**

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** – This will be a fun and interesting way to raise money for St. Joseph's and other churches in Surrey. All the money we raise goes to the Surrey Churches Preservation Trust and half of it is then returned to St Joseph's for the upkeep of our church. Please support this event.

Sponsorship forms to ride or stride are available at the church entrances, so you can join the fun with a sponsored walk/cycle around our local churches to raise funds for Surrey Churches Preservation Trust.

We will need a few volunteers to be available to assist with water supplies and showing people where the 'facilities' are as they ride or stride from church to church.

The walks:-

Countryside (longer) walk, led by Louise Chenery, seasoned leader of A and B annual pilgrimage walks. Distance: approximately 8 miles. Time: approximately 4 hours

From St. Joseph's, up steeply to St. Barnabas, Ranmore, then down into the valley towards St. John the Evangelist, Wotton. Pause for refreshment at The Wotton Hatch pub. From there, onward to Holy Trinity, Westcott, and across the Nower back to St. Joseph's. This walk requires good footwear and is for regular walkers

Town, shorter and mainly level walk, led by Hazel Fitz-Gibbon. Distance approximately 4 miles return. Time: 2 1/2 -3 hours, with stop for picnic lunch. From St. Joseph's into Dorking to the Friends' Meeting House opposite Waitrose. From there down Junction Road, calling briefly at the Crossways Baptist church. Across West St. to visit URC, before visiting St. Martin's. From St. Martin's along meadow Bank, across A24 to station, taking the footpath under the railway to Pixham, St. Mary. Picnic on the Pixham recreation ground before returning via the former watermill (public path through private garden) to Dorking and St. Joseph's.

Everyone welcome and we hope for the opportunity to have a chat to members of the other churches. Walks to begin at 10 am.

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.**

PUBLIC EXAMS:- Please keep in your prayers those who have received public exam results. We pray that all concerned will have the results they are seeking but are mindful that this will not universally be the case; we pray especially for the guidance and consolation of the Holy Spirit and soundness of mind and heart in situations both of joy and thanksgiving, sorrow and upset.

Will the West Bank's Last Christian Town Survive? Further to the note, care of ACN, in a previous newsletter, about the town of Taybeh, the Bishop's Conference of England and Wales in their 'weekly roundup' inform us that the town has become 'a closed military zone' under the auspices of the Israeli Defence Force (IDF). Being a closed military zone, it means that Israelis, foreign nationals, and journalists are prohibited from entering. *"It is claimed that this is designed to prevent attacks on residents by Israeli settlers, but it is far from clear that this move will achieve that objective. The Israeli government must find a way of protecting the legitimate communities from settler violence whilst allowing citizens to go about their normal business. This ban will lead to a vital loss of income from tourism and pilgrimages and, thereby, international scrutiny on the situation."*

You can read more on the matter at:- <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/bishop-james-curry-on-the-declaration-of-taybeh-as-a-closed-military-zone/> where the Bishop's Conference urge you to write to your MP on the matter.

The 'Aid to the Church in Need' article can be found at: <https://heyzone.com/flip-book/6c13c05d80.html#page/4>

You'll be aware that this week has seen the raising of awareness about the situation in the West Bank.

Wedding of Abigail Dubois: Penelope Dubois cordially invites all parishioners who remember Abigail to join in the celebration of her wedding to Jordan on 26th September 12noon here at St Joseph's. Followed by a toast in the hall to the bride and groom.

A REMINDERS:- If you are going into hospital for elective surgery and having a general anaesthetic then you should celebrate the **Sacrament of the Sick**, or indeed in the case of old age, serious illness or great sickness. Remember also, that going in to hospital you have to **request to see a priest** during your stay. If you would like the Sacrament of the Sick, please speak to Fr. Ian to arrange this. (See also the Catechism of the Catholic Church paragraphs 1514 to 1521)