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August / September 2025

Saturday 30th Weekday

9.30 Liz & Rob Potter's Int

Saturday Evening Twenty Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

6.00 Celebrant's Int

Sunday 31st TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

8.00 People of the Parish

10.00 Celebrant's Int

Monday 1st Weekday

9.30 Celebrant's Int

Tuesday 2nd Weekday

9.30 Celebrant's Int

Wednesday 3rd FEAST:-St. Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church

9.30 Celebrant's Int

Thursday 4th Mem. St. Cuthbert of Steyning

9.30 Celebrant's Int

Friday 5th Weekday

12.00 Holy Souls

Saturday 6th Saturday Memoria of our Lady

9.30 Celebrant's Int

Saturday Evening Twenty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

6.00 Celebrant's Int

Sunday 7th TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

8.00 People of the Parish

10.00 Celebrant's Int

The Sacrament of Reconciliation / Confession

is available after the Saturday morning Mass and from 5.15 to 5.45 Saturday afternoon.

Each Saturday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & the Rosary follow on from Mass until 11.00 am

ROSARY CIRCLE FOR PRIESTLY VOCATIONS:- As we enter into the month of August there is a new 'Rosary Circle Chart' on the noticeboard, to encourage us all to pray for vocations to the Priesthood.

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION 2025 /2026:- Application forms for next 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 5th October 2025, 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, 2026/2027.

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.

First Holy Communion catechist for 2025/26:- We need at least two people to help as catechist for First Holy Communion for the next academic year; a weekly commitment from late October to June is required to help our children to prepare for this wonderful Sacrament. If you are willing and able to help, please speak to Fr. Ian

* The Mass and Meet lunch will be on Friday 5th September at 12:00. All are welcome.

Diocesan Festival of Hope at Ardingly Showground on 20th Sept 2025: Firstly, celebrating the Jubilee Year of Hope designated by the late Pope Francis, secondly the 60th anniversary of the Diocese, and thirdly our renewed call to mission as laid out in Bishop Richard's Pastoral Plan.

As a parish we have been allocated 12 tickets for the event, coach transport is being organised so that people are collected and dropped back locally, anyone under the age of 18 is to be accompanied by an adult who will take responsibility for them across the day. If you would like to attend, mindful of the small number of tickets, please speak to Fr. Ian, who will be able to advise further.

Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill:- There are reports that the Bill will begin scrutiny in the House of Lords on September 12th. Baroness Hollins, President of the Catholic Union, has, from the outset, urged everyone to engage with their local representatives, community and media on this issue.

Amongst other things, the Catholic Union have provided [21 suggested points](#) to put in your own words in letters to your local newspaper, or newsletters of organisations that you belong to.

To give you some idea of the suggested points, this is point 5, by way of an example:

"5. Do we really want this in our NHS? This Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill mandates the creation of free of charge "Voluntary Assisted Dying Services" in England and Wales, while palliative care is still not properly funded or available to many dying patients."

Do have a look at the document and use it to write to members of the House of Lords, engage with those whom you know and do all you can to prevent the Bill from succeeding. (See: [21 Questions by the Catholic Union 2.08.25.pdf](#))

As this Bill has progressed, one notices there has been an increased agitation and silencing of Christian voices contributing to 'the public discussion' and at the same time, the family as the fundamental unit of society as well as any stand for traditional marriage, that is, between a man and a woman, has come under increasing attack. (See:- [Coalition For Marriage Home - Christian Concern](#) and [CitizenGO](#))

We cannot be silent in the face of these things, so by prayer, engagement and example we can and should do all we can to promote a Christian society. Just look at the Latin text on any UK coinage, whereby, the Monarch, as Supreme Governor of the Church of England is 'Defender of the (Christian) Faith'. If the Christian basis and roots of our society are not to be eroded, we cannot be silent. 'Bad things happen when good people do nothing.'

ADULT FORMATION:- A number of people have made enquiries about becoming a Catholic, so we would hope to begin the adult formation programme again in the not so distant future.

Initially then, to meet with those who would like to know more on Monday 15th September in the small hall at 7 pm. This would be an opportunity to meet, outline something of the developmental nature of the programme and answer any questions. Everyone is welcome to come along to find out more.

NEW BEGINNINGS:- As September approaches and with it, the new school year, we pray for those who will be in receipt of public exam results at this time and for their families. We pray for those who have achieved all, if not more than they aspired too, that they will be humbly thankful, and for those who are perhaps upset and saddened at not doing as well as they had hoped, that they will not become despondent and over-awed. Whatever the circumstances, may all remain steadfast in the love of God, whether at the thrones of Heaven or the foot of the Cross.

We think and pray too, for those who are making new beginnings, maybe leaving a first born at the school for the first time, for those starting at secondary school and the not so familiar surroundings, those going off to tertiary education and for those who are leaving their last born at an educational establishment.

These are times of change, concern, even worry, upset and apprehension, both for youngsters and for their parents in these new circumstances, and so we commend them to the intercession of the Holy Family of Nazareth, that they be consoled, strengthened and inspired by Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

May the road rise up to meet you.

May the wind be always at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your face;

the rains fall soft upon your fields

and until we meet again,

may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

Lifts to Church I am hoping to create a small group of volunteers to assist those with mobility issues in getting to church. Please do get in touch either if you think you can help provide the occasional lift by car, or if you yourself need occasional help to get to church due to mobility issues. Please get in touch on 07393814255. Benjamin Morrell.

Mole Valley District Council is running the first stage of a Community Governance Review (CGR). As part of this, we are inviting existing parish councils, residents' associations, neighbourhood organisations, individual residents, people who work in our district and other interested parties, to put forward suggestions for areas in Mole Valley and have their say on how they should be represented.

The consultation will finish at 5pm on the 17 October. Further information and the survey can be viewed here [Community Governance Review - Mole Valley District Council](#).