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August / September 2026

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

Monday 31st Weekday

9.30 Celebrant's Int

Tuesday 1st Weekday

9.30 Celebrant's Int

Wednesday 2nd Weekday

No liturgy today

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

9.30 Celebrant's Int

Friday 4th Weekday

9.30 Holy Souls

Saturday 5th Saturday Memoria of Our Lady

9.30 Celebrant's Int

Saturday Evening Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

6.00 pm Lewis Horner R.I.P

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Sunday 6th TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8.00 People of the Parish

10.00 Marian Byrnes 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 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.

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....'

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.**

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.

RIGHT TO LIFE:- Have created a new letter with more recent findings, with which you are encouraged to contact your MP regarding the 'Assisted Dying Bill' which has a 'Second Reading' on Friday 11th September. Amongst the findings presented is the following:- *"Recent polling has found widespread support for the Prime Minister's view. A landmark Whitestone Insight MRP poll commissioned by The Other Half, the largest poll on assisted suicide since the introduction of the assisted suicide Bill in the last session, found that 60% of the public believe, like the Prime Minister, that Parliament "should prioritise fixing the NHS and improving palliative, social and end-of-life care..."* If you have not already done so, please contact your MP regarding this most serious of matters via:- <https://righttolife.org.uk/Sept11vote>
Many thanks.

PARISH SOCIAL EVENT:- Join us for a lively CEILIDH on **Sunday 4 October**, 3pm to 6pm. Come for an afternoon of Live Music, Dancing, Fun and Community with Teas and Wine provided. Tickets are just £10 per adult, while children under 16 are free. Everyone is welcome, so bring the whole family and enjoy an afternoon of music and dancing for all ages! Tickets available at Church Masses from Saturday 12 September 2026 with payments ideally via Card.

DIOCESAN EVENTS:- For details, please see:- <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events>

NEW BEGINNINGS:- As the new school year approaches, 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 to, 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 gate 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 sunshine 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.

Also, to quote Padre Pio "Pray, hope and don't worry."

and St. Teresa of Avila "Let nothing disturb thee, nothing affright thee, all things are passing, patients gains all. He / She who serves God wants for nothing, for He alone is sufficient."

Wedding of Abigail Dubios: 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.