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September 2025

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

Monday 8th FEAST: Our Lady's Birthday

9.30 Celebrant's Int

Tuesday 9th Weekday

9.30 Celebrant's Int

Wednesday 10th Weekday

No Liturgy today

Thursday 11th Weekday

9.30 Holy Souls

Friday 12th Weekday

9.30 Pat Jackson R.I.P

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Saturday 13th Mem. St. John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

9.30 Celebrant's Int

Saturday Evening **Twenty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time**

6.00 Robert Stebbings R.I.P

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Sunday 14th FEAST:- THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS (Also 'Education Sunday')

8.00 Peter Hudson's Int

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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY at the 10.00 am Sunday Mass:- Welcome back! We are delighted to continue offering Children's Liturgy for ALL primary school children in our parish. Please mark your diaries for Sunday 10am Mass on the following dates: September 7th and 21st, October 5th and 19th November 2nd and 16th and throughout the Advent Season! November 30th December 7th 14th and 21st. Join us as we continue this fantastic journey!

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. Even if you are a 'cradle Catholic' you are welcome to come along to find out more.

The '**Assisted Dying Bill**' will have a second reading in the House of Lords this week, both SPUC and 'Right to Life' urge you to write to Members of the House of Lords via a paper (snail mail) letter, as psychologically a paper letter has a greater impact than an e-mail, not least, because it requires more effort both of the sender and the recipient; ask them to oppose the Bill (there are many reasons beyond the moral ones). Evidently, the majority of Peers do not have personal e-mail address (as Fr. Ian has discovered) so an old fashioned letter is a very good way to contact Members

For further encouragement and details see the SPUC video at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hKveyJP_1j0 and the Right to Life link <https://righttolife.org.uk/aspeersletter>

It is encouraging to note that a number of Peers have indicated they will oppose the Bill.

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.

Volunteer assistant at HMP Send: Are you available on Fridays and looking for a meaningful way to serve? The Chaplaincy Team at HMP Send is seeking **Roman Catholic volunteers** to support the RC community during Friday Mass. HMP Send is a women's prison in Surrey. Volunteers attend from **13:15 to 15:00**, joining the women for the Rosary, Mass, and post-service fellowship. Your presence offers spiritual encouragement and connection to the wider Church. No formal experience is needed — just a warm heart, a listening ear, and a willingness to be present. **Security clearance is required** (Level 1 only for this role), and volunteers can attend up to four times while clearance is being processed. If you're interested or would like to learn more, please contact: **Aseel Gilbert – Managing Chaplain** aseel.gilbert@justice.gov.uk 01483 471133

Parish ministries of welcoming and hospitality:- Would you be able to help with 'welcoming' at the weekend Masses? Four or five additional people to help with this ministry would mean those who are already carrying out this ministry would have to do so less frequently. A greeting, a smile, handing out Mass sheets and hymn books, 'pointing people in the right direction' are the essential requirements and being at church twenty minutes before Mass begins! Could you give it a go?

Help with the first Friday lunches and the Tuesday coffee morning (after Mass) is also required, so as to keep this pastoral ministry going; again, if you are able to help, please do let us know. Many thanks.

Latest Vatican Documents from the CTS:- As 'AI' or 'Artificial Intelligence' proliferates with the subsequent impact it is having on both individuals and humanity at large, there is a new document 'Antiqua et Nova' (With wisdom both ancient and new) from the Vatican on the relationship between artificial intelligence and human intelligence available in the church porch. If you are engaged in 'human resources' 'nudge' groups, software design or any form of social construction in the workplace or elsewhere, then you should read this document.

Additionally, from the Vatican's 'International Theological Commission' there is the document 'Sensus Fidei' 'the sense of the faithful' about all the baptised 'bearing witness to the Gospel and to the apostolic faith in the Church and in the world'. *'The sensus fidei in this sense is reflected in the convergence of the baptised in a lived adhesion to a doctrine of faith or to an element of Christian praxis. This convergence (consensus) plays a vital role in the Church: the consensus fidelium is a sure criterion for determining whether a particular doctrine or practice belongs to the apostolic faith.'* Copies of both documents are available, both priced as marked on the back cover.

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](#).