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August / September 2026

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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Monday 7th Weekday

9.30 Celebrant's Int

Tuesday 8th The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9.30 Richard Seyd R.I.P

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Wednesday 9th Weekday

No liturgy today

Thursday 10th Weekday

9.30 Celebrant's Int

Friday 11th Weekday

9.30 Holy Souls

Saturday 12th The Most Holy Name of Mary

9.30 Celebrant's Int

Saturday Evening Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6.00 pm David Palmer

15/0016

Sunday 13th TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN 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.

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 September, 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 September, 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.

Children's Liturgy at 10.00 am Mass:- Will resume next Sunday, 13th Sept. If you are bringing your children to the liturgy for the first time, personal details will need to be given for administrative purposes. Thank you for your understanding. A calendar of dates will be available next weekend.

Parish Youth Group: Recommences on Thursday 24th September at 6 pm. Young people of Secondary School age are welcome. Registration will take place and, amongst other things, supper will be provided. Further details available via sj.youth.dorking@gmail.com

NEW INFORMATION Admission to Catholic Schools and the Certificate of Catholic Practice:- We now have available the 'Mass attendance cards' which will be required by parents as a record of weekly attendance at Mass. Initially the card needs to be filled in, a photo of the child attached to the card (c/o parents /guardian) and a parish register created. Once a card has been created for each child, the family will need to present themselves to the priest for the card to be signed and stamped each weekend.

Someone suggested this would be somewhat like a loyalty card for a coffee shop! Well, it is, only you won't get a free coffee after 10 stamps, but you will get a "Certificate of Catholic Practice" provided Mass has been attended weekly for two years, prior to making application to over-subscribed schools, such as St. Andrew's, Leatherhead.

A reminder then, 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 be required, such certificate can only be given where there is **weekly attendance at Mass for at least two years and the 'attendance card' has been stamped by the priest.**

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.

'Assisted Dying Bill':- In light of the Bill having a Second Reading this Friday, 11th September 2026 a very helpful and recent poll indicating the wishes of constituents in Dorking and Horley can be found at:- [Assisted Dying Polling: Dorking and Horley | The Other Half](#) essentially the first question in the poll found that *"Just 8% of constituents in Dorking and Horley included assisted suicide in their top three priorities for their MP if they had the chance to bring forward a law change in the coming year."*

'The Other Half' have produced a simple tool, whereby you can send a message to your MP informing him or her about this development and this new poll at:- [Write to your MP - Stop the new assisted dying bill](#) You are strongly encouraged to do so. Many thanks.

RIDE AND STRIDE:- Many thanks to those who have signed up for the walks next Sat. 12th . There is still time to join us. Please meet in St. Joseph's car park at 10 am .

NB Unfortunately there are likely to be very few spaces in the car park as the hall is in use, please park elsewhere.

Hazel and Louise look forward to seeing you . Contact for any reason- 07854 778836.(Hazel)
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.

90th Birthday:- Anne Pinches who will be celebrating her 90th birthday on Sunday, 20th September, would like to invite you all for cake and fizz in the hall after the 10.00am Mass.

NEW BEGINNINGS:- We think and pray 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, we commend them to the intercession of the Holy Family of Nazareth, that they be consoled, strengthened and inspired by Jesus, Mary and Joseph. To quote 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: All parishioners who remember Abigail are invited 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.

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