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October 2026

Saturday 3rd Mem. the Blessed Martyrs of Sussex

No liturgy this morning

Saturday Evening Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

6.00 pm Celebrant's Int

Sunday 4th TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8.00 People of the Parish

10.00 Celebrant's Int

Monday 5th Mem. St. Faustina Kowalska

No liturgy this morning

Tuesday 6th Mem. St. Bruno, Priest

9.30 The Liturgy of the Word

Wednesday 7th Mem. Our Lady of the Rosary

No liturgy this morning

Thursday 8th Weekday

9.30 Celebrant's Int

Friday 9th FEAST: - St. John Henry Newman, Priest & Doctor of the Church

9.30 Celebrant's Int

Saturday 10th Weekday

No liturgy this morning

Saturday Evening Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6.00 pm Celebrant's Int

Sunday 11th TWENTY EIGHTH 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

WELCOME to Fr. Kevin, this weekend, he is a missionary priest of the Columban Missionary Society will be making a mission appeal to you on 3rd & 4th October. The **first collection** this weekend will go towards the work of the Columban Mission, so we ask you to be as generous as you can. Please do make him welcome. Many thanks.

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 NEXT 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.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY:- Contributions for the 'fast day' will be taken up in a second collection this weekend. Our thanks for your generosity and support. CAFOD envelopes are available at the church entrances

Ceilidh- the planned event for this Sunday 4 October 2026 has been **CANCELLED** due to unexpected circumstances. People who purchased tickets should approach Maria in the Office to obtain a full refund. We apologise for this disappointing news.

Children's Liturgy We are delighted to see so many of our parish primary school children attending the sessions. Our next session will be at **10.00 am Mass on Sunday 11th of October**. A calendar of the remaining dates will be available shortly. Thank you.

Youth Group: We are looking forward to welcoming back all young people from Year 6 to Year 11 to our second session this term on **Thursday 8th of October, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm in the Church Hall**. Come and join us, dinner will be provided and a contribution of £2.50 helps us to do this. If you or someone you know might be interested, please get in touch at: sj.youth.dorking@gmail.com or register at <https://tinyurl.com/sjyouthgp>. See you on Thursday!

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.**

Open day at St. Joseph's primary school: -the school is currently booking school tours for Reception children starting in September 2027. If you have friends or family that are interested in joining St. Joseph's school, please encourage them to ring the office on 01306 883934 or email: office@stjosephs-dorking.surrey.sch.uk to book a tour.

St. Joseph's School Quiz Night: -Wednesday 14th October 2026 at 7.30 pm at 'The Lounge', Dorking Football Club
Tickets are £10 each, including pizza. All are welcome, (no children) If Parishioners would like to buy tickets please contact the school office. Tickets are on sale now. There will be a raffle also, all funds raised will go towards resources for the children.

DEANERY WIDE: As has been mentioned, Fr. Charles Howell will be leaving Effingham and Fetcham for a sabbatical, and given there are no other priest to take his place, Mass times across all the churches in the Epsom Deanery are having to be adjusted to accommodate the situation, given the shortage of priests.

Work is continuing to make the best provision possible, and it is hoped that details of adjustments will be available by the end of the month, with the new Mass times coming into effect as of the first weekend of Advent.

Two fundamental principles of the adjusted Mass times are that a priest will celebrate a maximum of three Sunday Masses and there will need to be a two hour gap between the start of one Mass being celebrated by a particular priest and the next Mass he would be celebrating. The two hours between the start times affords time for travel from one church to another, but more importantly, for the priest to be available, even though, for only a short time, to speak with people of the parish.

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

St Joseph's Heavenly Honey is available now. Sadly, this year we have a much smaller crop than last year. Therefore, to ensure everyone who wants a jar can get one, we are going to initially limit orders to one per family. You can email/phone/message Bernie Smith at bmsmith2204@gmail.com or 0798 223 2128 to place your order and let me know which Mass you go to. We will then deliver honey to you at your Mass. Jars will be the same price as last year (in fact no increase since we started up) @ £8.00 per jar. Thank you for your support.

Reigate Catenians Parish Charity Event.

LIVE MUSIC, A FREE NIGHT OUT & A BAR- Come and join Larking Crew for a fantastic evening of live music at St Joseph's Church, Ladbroke Road, Redhill, on Saturday 10 October, 7.00–10.00pm. We'll be playing a great mix of classic rock songs you'll know and love. Entry is FREE and there'll be a pay bar throughout the evening. Bring your friends, bring your family and come and make a night of it. And while we're having a great night, the pay bar will be raising money for two wonderful local charities: St Catherine's Hospice and RDA Epsom (Riding for the Disabled Association). So come along, enjoy the music, have a drink and help us raise as much as we can for two very worthwhile causes.

Message from Penny: Thank you to all those wonderful and generous people who joined Abigail and Jordan's wedding celebrations last weekend. A truly joyful and inspiring occasion blessed with beautiful weather. Please keep them both in your prayers. Thank you.

