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October 2026

Saturday 10th Weekday

9.30 Celebrant's Int

Saturday Evening Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6.00 pm Elizabeth Humphrey R.I.P

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Sunday 11th TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8.00 People of the Parish

10.00 Dorothy Nolan R.I.P

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Monday 12th Mem. St. Wifrid, Bishop and Secondary Patron of the Diocese

9.30 Celebrant's Int

Tuesday 13th Mem. St. Edward the Confessor, King

9.30 Cahil Henry R.I.P

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Wednesday 14th Weekday

No liturgy this morning

Thursday 15th Mem. St. Teresa of Avila

9.30 Celebrant's Int

Friday 16th Weekday

9.30 Celebrant's Int

Saturday 17th Mem. St. Ignatius of Antioch

9.30 Celebrant's Int

Saturday Evening Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6.00 pm People of the Parish

Sunday 18th TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8.00 Michael Vane R.I.P

10.00 Noel McGovern R.I.P

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 6 to 7 pm this Thursday 15th October; an opportunity to spend some quiet time with the Lord. All are welcome

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 October, 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 October, 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.

David Goldhawk R.I.P., husband of the late Patricia Goldhawk, died unexpectedly early in September. David's funeral will take place at St. Mary Magdalene's, South Holmwood on Tuesday 20th October at 11 am. Anyone who knew David will be very welcome to attend the funeral. May he rest in peace.

COLUMBAN MISSION APPEAL:- Fr. Kevin thanks you for your kindness and hospitality and on behalf of the Columban Missionaries thanks you for your generous response to his appeal, which realised £710.60.

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 THIS Sunday evening, 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.

Bishop Elect Fr. Stephen Wang will be ordained to the Episcopate and installed as the new Bishop of the Diocese on Monday 19th October at Arundel Cathedral at a Mass which is by invitation only. There will be a Mass of welcome at Worth Abbey the following Saturday, 24th and representatives of all the parish will be invited.

Please keep Fr. Stephen in your prayers as he prepares to undertake this Office and Ministry in the Church.

Children's Liturgy at the 10.00 Mass today. A calendar of the remaining dates will be available shortly. Our thanks to the parishioners who have undertaken this ministry.

Youth Group: Will next meet on Thursday 22nd 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!

An Induction Mass for Mrs Lize Claassen to welcome her as the new Headteacher at St. Joseph's School, will be on Sunday 8th November at 10 am followed by light refreshments in the hall. Do come along and say 'Hello'. We will also welcome members of the Diocesan Schools Commission

PARISH MEETING:- The meeting for the parish, which was postponed for various reasons, will take place on Sunday 1st November after the 10 am Mass, around 11.30; coffee will be available before hand, but we should like to begin promptly.

The agenda will consist of a financial report for the year 2025, the work which our 'core team' have undertaken with the 'Epsom Parish Leadership Team' (which consists of 'core team members' from the existing parishes of the Epsom Deanery) and an explanation about the new deanery (super parish) Mass schedule.

As the shortage of priests impacts more and more on the life of the Church, we should all pray daily for vocations in the broadest sense of the word, that is, for marriage and family, as well as for religious and priestly vocations, mindful that any and every vocation is nurtured first and foremost in the family home.

Fr. Stan Fortuna was very happy to be in the parish again and thanks you for your kindness, hospitality and generosity during his stay. He's glad to say he arrived home safely for the celebration of the 8th centenary of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi on 4th October. Many thanks.

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 and the 'Mass attendance card' has been consecutively stamped prior to making application to over-subscribed schools, such as St. Andrew's, Leatherhead.

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.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY:- Our thanks for your contribution, which through the parish finance system realised £424.60. Our thanks to those of you who contributed by more direct methods, too!

RIDE AND STRIDE:- Our thanks to all those who organised and ministered for the 'Ride & Stride' and to all those who took part! Amongst other things, some walkers evidently enjoyed garden teas in a number of locations, so a special thanks for such hospitality. Walkers from St. Joseph's raised £1,470, a tremendous effort and our thanks to all those who sponsored them.

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: - This Wednesday 14th October 2026 at 7.30 pm at 'The Lounge', Dorking Football Club. An event for grown-ups which includes a pizza supper at a tickets price of £10 each. All are welcome. 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.