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October 2026

Saturday 17th Mem. St. Ignatius of Antioch

9.30 _Celebrant's Int

Saturday Evening Twenty Ninth 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

Monday 19th Solemnity: St. Philip Howard, Patron of the Diocese

9.30 Celebrant's Int

Tuesday 20th Weekday

9.30 Celebrant's Int

Wednesday 21st Weekday

No liturgy this morning

Thursday 22nd Weekday

9.30 Celebrant's Int

Friday 23rd Weekday

9.30 Holy Souls

Saturday 24th Saturday Memoria of our Lady

9.30 _Celebrant's Int

Saturday Evening Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6.00 pm In Thanksgiving (M.S)

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Sunday 25th THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8.00 Botcherly Family's well-being

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10.00 People of the Parish

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 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.

EILISH MAENPAA R.I.P.:- Eilish died recently and her Funeral Mass will be here at St. Joseph's on Tuesday 27th October at 10.30 followed by cremation at Randalls Park crematorium. Family members will be coming from all four corners of the globe, so we ask you to make them as welcome as possible. We offer our prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of Eilish. May he rest in peace.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION 2026 /2027:- As our Bishop is new to the Diocese, at present the schedule for the Confirmation Mass has not yet been decided, so, better to begin the programme earlier rather than later!

For the **First Holy Communion programme** there will be an initial parents meeting (which children DO NOT need to attend) on Monday 2nd November at 7.00 pm in the small hall. We will run through what is expected of parents and children and negotiate the best time and day for the classes. As the parish halls are hired out 'commercially' the options for the day and time of meeting are limited, so we will have to be mindful of this.

Confirmation:- There will be an initial meeting for those who have sent in application forms and a parent on Tuesday 3rd November, at 7 pm, again, so that expectations can be explained and an overview of the programme presented.

Children's Liturgy at the 10.00 Mass next Sunday 25th Oct. A calendar of the remaining dates will be available shortly. Our thanks to the parishioners who have undertaken this ministry.

A Message from Bishop-elect Stephen Wang (short film) Fr Stephen has recorded a short message reflecting on the last few weeks, sharing his experience of a new bishop's course in Rome, a recent retreat with sisters in the Verbum Dei community on the Isle of Wight, and the significance of the chasuble he will wear on Monday. You can share the film online or in newsletters using the links below:

- **Vimeo:** <https://vimeo.com/1235744831/5f46c5a181> (you don't need the Vimeo App or account)
- **YouTube:** <https://youtu.be/1YhcB7KL0Y4>

There is QR code below linking to the Vimeo film should you wish to use it; the film is also available to watch at: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/news/message>

Watching the livestream :The Mass of Episcopal Ordination will be livestreamed from Arundel Cathedral here: www.abdiocese.org.uk/livestream, with coverage beginning at 11am. Also, a short guide to the Ordination called "A New Shepherd for Our Diocese" introducing Fr Stephen and signposts the livestream. Further resources, including the Order of Service, can be found on the news page of the diocesan website: www.abdiocese.org.uk/news/episcopal-ordination



Youth Group: Will meet this Thursday 22nd October from 6:00pm to 8:00pm in the Church Hall. 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/sjiouthgp>. 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. **Please note:-** The Diocese put out a note saying the Mass will be at **11 am!** So, we will stick with 11 and NOT 10 am, however, refreshments will still follow in the hall after the Mass. 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.

NEW DEANERY MASS SCHEDULE: - As has been announced, with the decreasing number of priests, the schedule of Masses has been revised with new Mass times coming into effect as of the First Sunday of Advent, 29th November 2026. Mass here at St. Joseph's, Dorking will continue to be at 6 pm on Saturdays, however, on Sundays Mass will be at 9.15. Details of other Mass times and places are listed on the church noticeboard.

Additionally, as of the week beginning 1/11/26 Fr. Ian will be celebrating Mass on Thursdays at 9.30 at Fetcham, so there will be no morning Mass here in Dorking (the date, just to clarify, Thursday 5/11/2026). Various priests will regularly offer a weekday Mass at either Effingham and Fetcham to maintain the parish community and Fr. Ian's day will be Thursdays.

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 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.

HELP NEEDED:- As many of you will be aware, Anne has 'looked after' the sacristy for many years, however some help would now be appreciated. If you can help with the church linen, that is, the altar cloths, purificators, hand towels and corporal! This task requires washing the linen and ironing and creasing it in a particular way; instructions can be given. Occasionally items need repairing and so someone skilled in needle craft is also required.

The church brass, candlesticks etc need polishing on an irregular basis, so help with this would also be appreciated. Thank you for giving consideration to helping with these tasks, and we look forward to hearing from some volunteers.