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October 2025

Saturday 25th Saturday Memoria of Our Lady

9.30 Celebrant's Int

Saturday Evening Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

6.00 Julia Barclay's well-being

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Sunday 26th THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

8.00 People of the Parish

10.00 Celebrant's Int

Monday 27th Weekday

9.30 Celebrant's Int

Tuesday 28th FEAST:- St. Simon & St. Jude, Apostles

9.30 Celebrant's Int

Wednesday 29th Weekday

No Liturgy today

Thursday 30th Weekday

9.30 Paul Engelen R.I.P

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Friday 31st Weekday

9.30 Charles van der Lande R.I.P

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Saturday 1st Saturday Memoria of Our Lady

9.30 Celebrant's Int

Saturday Evening All Saints Day

6.00 Albert William Humphrey R.I.P

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Sunday 2nd ALL SAINTS DAY

8.00 People of the Parish

10.00 Holy Souls

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 November 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 November, 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.

ADULT FORMATION:- Continues next Monday 3rd November at 7.30 pm giving consideration to who we are as human beings, made to the image and likeness of God, body and soul, matter and spirit; we'll look at something of what neuroscience has discovered in recent years and consider activities which are uniquely human, not least, that we pray! Everyone is welcome to attend, the programme is aimed primarily at those wishing to know more about the Catholic faith, with a view to making an informed decision to become a Catholic.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY at the 10.00 am Sunday Mass:- We are delighted to see more and more primary school children from our parish taking part in our Children's Liturgy sessions during the **Sunday 10am Mass**. The remaining dates are: **November 2nd and 16th**. And also, please note that it will be held **every week** during the **Advent Season: November 30th, December 7th, 14th, and 21st**. Let's keep growing together in faith and friendship! "

ALL SAINTS DAY:- Ordinarily on the 1st November, the Feast has been transferred to Sunday 2nd November next weekend. It is the feast which commemorates all those saintly souls who are not formerly recognised and canonized by the Church, but who, nevertheless, are also a source of grace and inspiration to all of us to be ordinary people living extraordinary lives for Christ.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION 2025 /2026:- Thanks to the parents who came to parents who came to the meeting for the First Holy Communion programme on Friday evening. For those who were unable to attend, please speak to Fr. Ian after Mass and collect a copy of the timetable for the programme. Both children and parents will meet on Thursday evenings at 5.00pm, with the first meeting being on 20th November.

Confirmation programme: There will be an initial meeting for those who applied for the programme and one parent on Thursday 14th November at 7 pm to outline expectations of candidates and the programme itself. Many thanks.

BABY FEST:- An opportunity for parents with babies and toddlers to meet, eat and chat on Sunday 2nd November from 12.00 lunchtime in the main hall.

Please put your name and number on the list by the side entrance of the church and some food you will bring; it's not the feeding of the multitudes, but something with which to dress a lasagne and provide some kind of desert. Essentially the idea would be to bring a lasagne or two, put them in the hall ovens to cook and have a shared lunch with salad and desert.

Oil & Swarfega:- Again, an informal opportunity for those interested in cars and transport to meet, share experiences and perhaps teach and learn something in the university of life. At the moment this is a work in progress, but we hope to give further information soon. Many thanks.

From Right to Life: Baroness Monckton has now formally tabled her amendment to remove **clause 191** - the abortion up to birth clause - from the **Crime and Policing Bill**. Baroness Stroud has also tabled her amendment to reinstate in-person consultations before abortions take place at home.

We have just launched a new phase of our No To Abortion Up To Birth campaign for the House of Lords. This includes a new online tool that makes it quick and easy for you to contact Peers, asking them to support the amendments.

Please take action now - click the button below to take 30 seconds to [contact Peers](#), urging them to back these two vital, life-saving amendments.

Or use this link to go to the web page: [Write to Peers to stop abortion up to birth - Easy tool - No To Abortion Up To Birth campaign](#) Many thanks.

NOVEMBER, MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS:- During the month there will be the blessing of graves at Dorking Cemetery at 12 pm on Sunday 23rd November. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Aware that we will all die one day, and hopefully get to Heaven, for most of us who are not saints, there will be a time of purgation or purification in Purgatory before we finally attain the vision of God in Heaven, the 'Beatific Vision'. As a part of the Body of Christ, the Church, we should be encouraged to pray for the souls in Purgatory as they are unable to do anything for themselves. A good time to pray for them would be at '**Grace after meals**': *We give thee thanks, Almighty God, for these and all thy benefits, who live and reign for ever and ever.* followed by *'May the Divine assistance remain always with us and may the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.'*

MASS INTENTIONS:- You will see from the 'diary' for this week, Masses are the 'celebrant's intention'; however, if you would like to have Mass offered for a personal or particular intention, please put details on a 'Mass Intention' envelope and hand it to Fr. Ian or drop it through the presbytery letterbox. You might like to have Mass offered for someone's well-being, the repose of their soul, birthday etc. By tradition, the Mass 'offering', (rooted in Leviticus 7:28-34 and Deuteronomy 18:3-8) should be sufficient to sustain a priest for the day. Many thanks.

DIOCESAN PASTORAL PLAN:- A significant amount of work has been undertaken in recent months with individuals from across the existing parishes of the Epsom Deanery working together- as we move towards merging the existing parishes into one. Amongst the concerns identified, finance would obviously be one of them, and just as an assurance, the Diocesan Chief Operating Officer (COO) Sarah Kilmartin, met with parish clergy and Chairs of Finance Committees to address some of these concerns.

The existing parish finance committees will become 'stewardship teams' responsible for the local church and properties, while a 'finance committee' would be constituted to have oversight of all the church buildings and properties within what is currently the Epsom Deanery.

Essentially, local communities, would still be responsible for the financing and upkeep of the local church and properties, while much larger expenditures would be addressed by the newly constituted finance committee. It is proposed that the finance committee consists of individuals from the local 'stewardship teams' ensuring prudent oversight of funds.

In regard to other arenas, we need to be aware of the underlying principles of the pastoral plan which are 'prayer, formation and mission' and that we all need to be prayerful, we need to grow in a knowledge and understanding of our faith and thereby become effective witnesses to Christ in the World.

A useful daily question for all of us, is 'What did I learn today?' and in answering that question, perhaps to be mindful of the adage 'A doctrine a day keeps the Devil away' when it comes to our faith.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church, which gives a summary of Church doctrine can be found at:- [Catechism of the Catholic Church](#)