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November 2025

Saturday 15th Saturday Memoria of Our Lady

9.30 Elizabeth & Michael on their wedding day

Saturday Evening Thirty-Third Sunday of the Year

6.00 William Keating R.I.P

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Sunday 16th THIRTY THRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

8.00 Peter Mulhern R.I.P

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10.00 People of the Parish

Monday 17th Weekday

11.00 FUNERAL MASS:- Cecilia Broughton R.I.P

Tuesday 18th Weekday

9.30 Philomena Le Marquand R.I.P

Wednesday 19th Weekday

No Liturgy today

Thursday 20th Weekday

9.30 Elizabeth & Michael's Int

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Friday 21st Mem. Presentation of the Blessed Virgin, Mary

9.30 Hilda Peters R.I.P

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Saturday 22nd Mem. St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr

9.30 Celebrant's Int

Saturday Evening FEAST:- Christ, the Universal King

6.00 Lewis Horner R.I.P

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Sunday 23rd FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

8.00 People of the Parish

10.00 David Gray R.I.P

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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

CECILIA BROUGHTON R.I.P:- Cecilia was resident in the parish in the 1990's and, having contributed to the life of the parish, wished to have her funeral here, at St. Joseph's and then be buried alongside one of her sons in Dorking cemetery. Cecilia's Funeral Mass is here on Monday 17th November at 11.00, so there will not be Mass at 9.30.

Philomena Le Marquand R.I.P:- On Tuesday Philomena will be buried at Shamely Green cemetery, she too, was briefly resident in Dorking and the family have requested prayerful support. We offer our prayers and sympathy to their family and friends at this time. May they rest in peace.

ROSARY CIRCLE FOR PRIESTLY VOCATIONS:- 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.

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

After Mass on **Friday 28th November** we will have the blessing of those whose remains are in the 'Garden of Remembrance' after the 9.30 Mass.

ADULT FORMATION:- Continues this Monday 3rd November at 7.30 pm. This week we will look at something of where the Bible comes from as the inspired Word of God. Everyone is welcome to attend.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY at the 10.00 am Sunday Mass:- The remaining dates are each Sunday during the **Advent Season: November 30th, December 7th, 14th, and 21st.** Let's keep growing together in faith and friendship!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME:- The children's books and Bibles have now arrived and are available for those who have not yet collected them along with the first 'parent's crib sheet'. Parents need to work through the first chapter of the book with their child/ren before the first meeting **THIS THURSDAY 20th November** at 5 pm. The catechist will review this first chapter with the children, while parents, with Fr. Ian, will look at the next chapter, chapter 2. Donations towards the cost of the books and Bibles would be welcome.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2025 /2026:- Thanks for coming along last Thursday evening; as will be seen from the programme distributed, we will begin on Thursday 8th January. Many thanks.

BABY FEST:- We will have another 'babyfest' in January, discussions will shortly be underway to fix another Sunday lunchtime in the hall to meet and share, later in January. Watch this space.

The intention of the 'babyfest' is to create a spiritual support network for parents with smaller children, so that we are not so 'driven' by the demands of life, but rather supported in identifying what is important and most conducive to helping one another to become saints.

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.

CHARITY CHRISTMAS CARDS:- You may have noticed the commercial world is further hijacking Advent and Christmas by using terms such as 'festive season' 'hosting season' 'winter festivities', all the more reason then, for us to send Christmas cards which reflect the reality, namely, the birth of the Christ child.

Amongst others, various charities, one of which is, 'Aid to the Church in Need' (a charity which particularly supports the persecuted Church) produce beautiful Christmas cards, with both Greek icons and Renaissance images of the Nativity, which are available for you to purchase in the narthex / lobby/ church porch. Purchasing their cards supports the persecuted Church and reminds all of us, that it is the Christmas Season into which we will be entering after Advent.

P.S. when buying stamps for your Christmas cards, do ask for the 'Christmas stamps' in doing so, others, over-hearing your request, will be reminded of the reason for the season.

On the weekend of the 29th November and 6th December, the parish 'Christmas' repository will be selling items in the parish hall after the Masses. If you don't have a Christmas crib for the family this would be an opportunity to buy one to use as a 'centre piece' at home, perhaps adding figures to it, year by year.

BEWARE:- There will be scaffolding around the Remembrance Garden end of the hall for a couple of weeks.

CATHEDRAL MAINTENANCE FUND:- Next weekend there is a second collection to support the maintenance cost of the cathedral church of the diocese, which give the size of the building, is not insignificant.

Terminally Ill (Adults End of Life) Bill From 'Right to Life':-

Last week, the special select committee formed to hear evidence about the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill concluded its proceedings. The Committee did not draw any conclusions, but all of the evidence heard can be seen in their [report](#). If you'd like an easier way to catch up, you can read our highlights of [week 1](#), [week 2](#), and [week 3](#).

Now that the select committee has reported, the normal Committee stage begins. This is where the Bill is examined line by line, and any peer can suggest amendments. Unlike in the Commons, all suggested amendments have to be considered, and members can discuss an issue for as long as they want. The government cannot restrict the subjects under discussion or impose a time limit. The Committee stage will now be held on the following Fridays, with the possibility of additional dates being added later. Currently, the House of Lords will consider the Bill on the following dates: Friday 1st & 21st November and Friday 5th & 12th December.

Incredibly, almost 1,000 amendments have been tabled to the Bill! This is already close to the most amendments ever tabled to any Bill in UK history and, with more likely to come, it is on track to break that record.

This sheer number of amendments demonstrates that Peers, including those who are, in principle, supportive of assisted suicide, are increasingly identifying how flawed this dangerous Bill is. It must never become law.

That's not all – as I write, the Joint Committee on Human Rights is [hearing evidence](#) on the Bill and the potential impact on the Human Rights of disabled people.

Please contact members of the House of Lords, asking them to oppose the Bill. You can find all our resources on our campaign page. You can use our guide to writing to Lords to write a paper letter (always the most impactful option!) or use our webtool. **See:- [Right To Life UK: Pro-life Advocacy on Abortion & Euthanasia | Positive Change on Life Issues](#)**

