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October 2025

Saturday 18th FEAST:- St. Luke, the Evangelist

9.30 Michael Vane R.I.P

Saturday Evening **Twenty ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

6.00 Elizabeth Humphrey R.I.P

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Sunday 19th SOLEMNITY:-St. Philip Howard, Martyr & Patron of the Diocese (29th SUNDAY)

8.00 People of the Parish

10.00 Josie McCabe R.I.P

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Monday 20th Weekday

9.30 Willis and Ita Kellaway & daughter Sheila R.I.P

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Tuesday 21st Weekday

9.30 Anne Stone's Int (G. L)

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Wednesday 22nd Weekday

No Liturgy today

Thursday 23rd Weekday

9.30 Fr. Nol Jurgers

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Friday 24th Weekday

9.30 Celebrant's Int

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

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 October 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 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.

This Sunday is designated as 'World Mission Sunday' for which there will be a second collection.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY at the 10.00 am Sunday Mass:-"And it's growing! 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 this term are: **October 19th, 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! "

ADULT FORMATION:- Continues this Monday 20th Oct at 7.30 pm. This week we give consideration to the evidence for God and the following week, that, as human beings, we are made to the image and likeness of God, body and soul, matter and spirit. 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.

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: We are still awaiting the date of the date for the Epsom Confirmations, which inform the date of the first meeting for those who have made application and one of their parents or guardians.

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.

St. Joseph's School Quiz Night:- On Thursday 23rd October 2022 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.

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.

FEAST OF ST. PHILIP HOWARD:- Taken from the 'Diocesan Proper' written by Canon John Stapleton: *Philip Howard, son and heir of Thomas, fourth Duke of Norfolk, was born in the last year of the short reign of Mary Tudor, 1557. A glittering future could be predicted for him; but it was also an uncertain, troubled time. His mother died soon after he was born, and his father married again, twice, his third wife being Elizabeth Dacre, a widow with four children. The Duke, to strengthen his family position arranged the marriage of Philip and his step daughter Anne Dacre when they were still children, and they were married when Philip was fourteen. After her mother's death Anne was strongly influenced by her Catholic grandmother, Lady Mounteagle. Philip was brought up Protestant, although for a time he was tutored by the Catholic Gregory Martin, the future translator of the Douai Bible.*

In 1571 Duke Thomas's ambition involved him in the Rising in the North; he was found guilty of high treason and executed in the following year. Lord Burghley now became Philip's guardian; he dismissed Gregory Martin and sent his ward to Cambridge..... He took the Oath of Supremacy and was introduced to Court. Before his death Philip's father had warned him not to get too involved in Court, and urged him to cherish his wife; but Philip ignored both these pieces of good advice. He became one of the circle of young courtiers vying for the favour of the Queen, he spent money extravagantly, and neglected Anne..... (she) had outwardly conformed as a Protestant, but now (1583) her conscience led her back to the Catholic Church. It was a difficult decision to make..... But unknown to her, Philip himself had for some time had been convinced of the truth of the Catholic Church. Two years before, he had attended the debate between Edmund Campion (Jesuit priest and martyr), a prisoner in the Tower, and some Protestant divines, and had been profoundly impressed by Campion's arguments..... The Queen became aware of the change in Philip, particularly noting his reconciliation with Anne, so when Anne was reported to her as a recusant she seized the opportunity and had her arrested..... Their first child, a daughter, was born while she was in the custody of Sir Thomas Shirley at Wiston in Sussex. Philip had her baptised in the Protestant church. But nevertheless he was very near his great decision, which eventually he came to at Arundel Castle in 1584. He was reconciled to the Church by the Jesuit Father William Weston..... Philip Howard was beatified in 1929 and canonised in 1970, in company with Edmund Campion..... The following year his body was brought a new shrine in Arundel Cathedral, and in 1973..... he became the co-principal patron of the diocese.