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December 2025

Saturday 6th Mem. St. Nicholas, Bishop	
9.30 Josie & Edward Mooney R.I.P	1/0012
Saturday Evening Second Sunday of Advent	
6.00 Celebrant's Int	
Sunday 7th SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	
8.00 People of the Parish	
10.00 Charlie Goldsmith's well-being	17/0011
Monday 8th SOLEMNITY:- The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin, Mary	
9.30 Christian Hocking's Int	18/009
Tuesday 9th Tuesday of the Second Week of Advent	
9.30 Philomena Bince's well-being (HFG)	2/0012
Wednesday 10th Wednesday of the Second Week of Advent	
No Liturgy today	
Thursday 11th Thursday of the Second Week of Advent	
9.30 Holy Souls	
Friday 12th Friday of the Second Week of Advent	
9.30 Geraldine Hunt's well-being	22/0011
Saturday 13th Mem. St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr	
9.30 Celebrant's Int	
Saturday Evening Second Sunday of Advent	
6.00 Celebrant's Int	
Sunday 14th THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Gaudate Sunday)	
8.00 People of the Parish	
10.00 Charlie Goldsmith's well-being	18/0011

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:- 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 December, 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.

ADVENT STUDY GROUP:- Our Advent Course begins this Tuesday at 11am in the main hall. "ILLUMINATE" looks at Christ coming as the Light of the World and asks us to reflect on what this means for us and for the world. Meetings will last about an hour for four weekly sessions.

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

ADULT FORMATION:- The programme will continue in the New Year, do check the newsletter for updates.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME:- The programme will continue on Thursday 8th January at 5 pm.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2025 /2026:- The programme will begin on January 8th but remember the expectations of you, one of which is that you be at Sunday Mass, whether you come on Saturday evening or Sunday morning is entirely up to you; if you are going to be elsewhere at the weekend, to make sure you get the priest to sign the 'attendance card' you were given. Thank you. Many thanks.

Christmas cards & cribs:- This weekend, 6th December, the parish 'Christmas' repository will be selling items in the parish hall after the Masses. Your purchases will support the work of 'Aid to the Church in Need', their work in the Holy Land and those parts of the world where the Church is suppressed.

THE SEASON OF ADVENT:-To help us in our spiritual preparation to celebrate the birth of our Saviour we will have a **Penitential Services on Sunday 21st December at 3.00 pm**. Additionally, there are Penitential Services on 16th Dec at Epsom at 7:30 pm; 19th Dec in Cobham at 7:30 pm.

We should remember and be reminded that in this Sacrament, it is the grace and mercy of our Lord which is being offered, and that it is through His priests, both worthy and unworthy, that He chooses to minister His Life and Love to us.

Diocesan Pastoral Plan:-The Word Who is Life - ***You're Invited!*** Bishop Richard's Pastoral Plan is an invitation to everyone in the Diocese to live out the call, given to us in baptism, to spread the Good News of God's love in Jesus Christ. How do we best do this in the world of today? What are the unchanging treasures of the faith we bring to this mission? What changes will help us respond to the circumstances of our time and place? What gifts can you offer in all of this?

Over the last few months, a team drawn from the nine existing parishes of the Epsom Deanery have been reflecting on how best to encourage and involve all parishioners in this task, which includes YOU. To that end, in the New Year, there will be a meeting in each of our parishes (St Joseph's, Dorking: Sunday 25th Jan, 11.30 am) to reflect on the journey so far and going forward. To help you, and us, prepare for these meetings, if you have not already done so, please pick up a "You're Invited!" postcard and flyer. These give some sense of what we hope the Pastoral Plan will achieve as well as some consideration to how you might contribute to the changes getting underway. Please return the 'postcards' by Sunday 14th Dec. 2025 and make a note of the date for the meeting with Fr. Chris on Sunday 25th January after the 10 am Mass.

Although the Pastoral Plan is light on the detail of how we go about fostering the Mission of the Church, this is because it leaves space for individual communities to decide on what their particular priorities are and how best to achieve them.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:- Are as follows: Monday 22nd Dec 9.30 am Tues 23rd 9.30

Christmas Eve: Wednesday 24th Vigil / Children's Mass 6 pm – 11.30 Carols & Reading

CHRISTMAS DAY: Mid-night Mass: 12.00 mid-night

Dawn Mass at 8.00 am ~~~~10.00 am Mass of Christmas Day

Friday 26th December: 10.00 for the parish altar servers

Saturday 27th 9.30 am, Vigil for Sunday 6 pm

Sunday 28th 8.00 am & 10.00

Decorating the church for Christmas sometime between lunchtime on Sunday 21st Dec and 12 mid-day on 23rd Dec. We need a co-ordinator and some volunteers, please; especially those who can make Christmas trees look amazing!

There will be a second collection for flowers for the church at Christmas on Sunday 14th Dec, any contributions would be much appreciated, especially given the recent overheads repairing the hall chimney and replacing failed units for the heating system. Many thanks.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING:- We take the opportunity to remind you that the collection at the Christmas Masses is your personal offering to Fr. Ian. This collection, along with the Easter Offering, is his major source of income for the year, through which he has to finance car depreciation and replacement, clothes, books, holiday etc. etc.

As we now live in a 'cashless society' (**most people using bank cards and BACS**) any offering you might make in this way would be additional to any weekly or monthly standing transaction you have for the parish and would need to be clearly annotated 'Christmas Offering' or 'Fr. Ian, Christmas' for the parish bank statements and bookkeeping purposes.

That said, there are 'Christmas Offering' envelopes available for cash or cheques as well, which are just as graciously accepted.

In case you are going to be away over Christmas, you might like to use the 'Christmas Offering' envelopes which are readily available at the entrances to the church, these can be returned at any time. In whatever way you are able to contribute, we ask you to be as generous as you can. Many thanks.

Hyacinths for the housebound :To all who have kindly agreed to distribute the annual bowl of flowers to the housebound and others :The bowls of hyacinths will be available from Saturday 13th December after 11 am. They will be at the front of the church, together with a Christmas card for each person, signed by Fr. Ian.

Please take them as soon as you can. If you have any concerns, please contact Hazel on 01306 711562 leaving a message if necessary. Thank you very much.

December First Friday:- A very big 'thank you' to all those who prepared and helped out with a very sumptuous buffet lunch this last Friday, it was far more of a feast than had been suggested. Again, thank you.