

THIS WEEK

Vigil 6 pm (G): Molly Cliff RIP
Sunday: 8 45 am (F): People of the Parish
10 15 am (M): Jesus Lopez RIP
Monday: 9 30 am (M):
Tuesday: NO MASS
Wednesday: NO MASS
Thursday: 9 30 am (M): Jean Essex RIP
Friday: 9 15 pm (M): Requiem for Halina Lada-Walicki RIP

Saturday: 9 30 am (G):
Vigil 6 pm (G):
Sunday: 8 45 am (F):
10 15 am (M): Halina Lada-Walicki RIP

NEXT WEEK

Monday - No Mass; Tuesday - 9 30 am (G);
Wednesday - 6 pm (Elstead); Thursday - 9 30 am (G);
Friday - 9 30 am (M); Saturday - 9 30 am (G)

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Pax Christi—£226.02

CONFESSION

At call and 5 15 to 5 45 pm Saturdays

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WEEKLY

Mon Bump, Baby and Toddler Group
10 30 am (St John's, Farncombe)
Parish Prayer Group *except Bank Holidays*
8 pm (Richard Grey, Old Farmhouse, Elstead - 01252 702230)
TTT WowZa, for Years 3 to 6, from
3 05 pm to 4 05 pm (Godalming Junior School)

Tue Bible Study 10 30 am (St Joseph's Room)
TTT Little Noise faith exploration for Years 7 to 9
from 4 pm to 5 30 pm (Farncombe Community Centre)

Wed TTT "Fuse" Discipleship Group, for ages 12+ to 16, from 8 pm to 9 30 pm (Godalming Baptist Church)

Fri TTT WowZa, for Years 3 to 6, from
3 30 pm to 4 30 pm (St Edmund's School)
Rosary and Benediction 6 45 pm (M)
TTT InFuse, for ages 16+ (fortnightly)
(Godalming Baptist Church)

**ST EDMUND'S SCHOOL -
REGISTER YOUR MASS ATTENDANCE**

All parents/carers with children who will need St Edmund's School Supplementary Information Forms signed by Father Jonathan in the future are invited to sign the Mass Attendance Register every time you attend Mass here.

If you have not yet completed an Initial Registration Form, please do so as soon as possible.

CALENDAR OF FUTURE EVENTS

JANUARY

Wed 29 **Baptism Preparation** 7 45 pm (SJR)

FEBRUARY

Sat 1 **FHC Preparation** 3 pm (S)
FHC Mass 6 pm (G)
KYN + Coffee (F)

Sun 2 **Liturgy Meeting** 8 pm (SJR)

Tue 4 **Elstead Mass** 6 pm (Back Lane)

Wed 5 **Confirmation Preparation** 4 pm (PR)

Sat 8 **Youth Mass** 6 pm (G)
Baby Naming + School Mass 10 15 am (M)
Coffee (M)

Sun 9 **Baptism** 12 noon (M)
Afternoon Tea 2 30 pm (Elstead URC)
SVP Meeting 8 pm (SJR)

Wed 12 **KYN** (G)
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Parish Prayer Evening 7 45 pm (M)
Baptism 12 30 pm (G)
Ash Wednesday
Mass 9 30 am (M); 8 pm (G) - tbc

Sat 15 **Stations of the Cross** 7 pm (M)

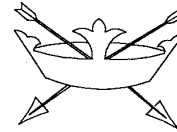
Sun 16

Wed 19

Sun 23

Wed 26

Fri 28



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SUNDAY, 26TH JANUARY 2020
3rd Sunday in Year A : Divine Office Week 4

(Page 127 in Parish Mass Book)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: *O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendor, strength and honour in his holy place.*

FIRST READING: **Isaiah 8:23 - 9:3.**

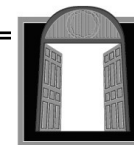
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: **Ps 26:1, 4, 13 - 14.**
 RESPONSE: *The Lord is light and my help.*

SECOND READING: **1 Corinthians 1:10 - 13, 17.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus proclaimed the Good News of the kingdom, and cured all kinds of sickness among the people. Alleluia!*

GOSPEL: **Matthew 4:12 - 23.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: *Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.*



Divine Renovation

Vision Prayer

Heavenly Father, everything we have and everything we are comes from you. Please guide the vision of our Parish to make your Son, Jesus, known. Help us to reach out to all people so that they may come to know the beauty of a personal encounter with Him.

Pour out your Spirit upon your people. Grant each one of us ... a new vision of your Glory; a new experience of your Power; a new faithfulness to your Word and a new dedication to your service, that your love may grow among us and your Kingdom come. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

REFLECTION

PASTORAL MESSAGE for the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 26th January 2020 SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

In his recent letter *Aperuit illis*, Pope Francis has designated today as **The Sunday of the Word of God**. This day takes on a particular significance for us this year here in England & Wales, as we reflect very particularly on the theme: "The God Who Speaks."

The Scriptures are, of course, central to our lives. Our reading and reflection on the inspired texts of Old and New Testaments enable us to encounter the God Who is love; Who sustains His people on their pilgrim way; Who is always faithful to us even when we go our own way; Who calls us back to Him and Who sends His Son, the Word made flesh, to dwell amongst us, to suffer and die for us and enable us to find new life through His resurrection. It is in the Scriptures that we read the account of the early Church as those who first responded to Jesus' call, through their encounter with the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, began the Mission that we continue today.

The practice of Lectio Divina has been spreading in the Diocese in recent years and renewed copies of the leaflet outlining this way of prayer are available in parishes today. Join me in your encounter with the Word Who is Life through this way of prayer.

During this year, we shall have particular opportunities to join with our brothers and sisters in England & Wales in our celebration of "The God Who Speaks", notably at the Corpus Christi Celebration at Arundel Cathedral and – most especially for our school communities – at the Good Shepherd Celebration and the Secondary Schools' Pilgrimage to Arundel.

May we all deepen our experience of God's love for us as we read the Scriptures and hear them proclaimed in our Liturgy, that we may be formed by the Word for the Mission to which we are called.

With every Blessing,



PARISH NEWS

Through the love of the Father, Son and Spirit, our Parish will be the Body of Christ in Godalming

FEASTS/MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

Tue St Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor
Fri St John Bosco

NEXT WEEK

Special Collection for
St John's, Farncombe

ST JOHN'S, FARNCOMBE was subjected to vandalism recently. To help cover the costs of clearing, and cleaning, up the damage the Parish has made a donation of £200 to St John's, and there will be a collection next week for Parishioners to contribute to this payment. Any money collected in excess will be paid to St John's.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOUL of Halina Lada-Walicki whose funeral will take place at St Joseph's on **Friday, 31st January** at 9 15 a.m.

NEW LENT "LOVING THE WORD" COURSES Scripture read in the liturgy and prayerfully in the Christian community is one of the privileged ways in which Christ continues to be present among us, drawing us more deeply into the mystery of his love. As part of getting ready for Easter we are inviting anyone who is interested in a deeply spiritual preparation for Easter or in meeting together to read the bible prayerfully to join one of the Loving the Word groups that will run on weekday evenings from **2nd March**. Due to the success of the Advent programme we would now like to run a fourth (or even a fifth!) group but need a group leader or joint leaders to facilitate these groups. Please contact Adrian Wyn-Griffiths on 07802 445030 if you are interested in helping out. Watch out for fliers at future Masses, and shortly you will be able to register on the Parish website.

DAY OF RECOLLECTION FOR EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION Fr Jonathan will lead a day of prayer and reflection on **Sunday, 8th March** at St Joseph's from 12 noon to 5 p.m. The day is also open to Readers and other liturgical ministers, and to Guilford Deanery. Please let the Parish office know if you plan to attend.

THERE ARE A GOOD NUMBER OF CATHOLIC TEACHERS in the Parish, many with young families. Fr Jonathan would like to give them an opportunity to meet each other over supper at the Presbytery on **Wednesday**,

25th March. Please let the Parish office know if you would like to come and if you have any dietary requirements, or if you are unable to make that evening but would like to be kept informed of any future opportunities.

REDSHIRTS are a group of young people from school years 10 and 11 who share a life changing experience in Lourdes. During their time together, both in Lourdes and back home, there are opportunities for games, building friendships, prayer, discussion, exploring, free time, a lot of laughter and the occasional ice cream! Their aim is to return home as better people and Lourdes is the perfect setting to (re)discover faith and what it is that we believe, both as Catholics and as individuals. The sense of community and openness of the group is commented on every single year – anyone is welcome, and everyone is accepted for who they are. Applications for 2020 are now open. Book early as places are limited. See www.ablourdes.org for details.

ZIMBABWE AND ZAMBIA FOOD CRISIS Crippling drought and failed crops have left 10 million people without food or water. CAFOD's local experts are on the ground responding to the crisis and so far have committed over £160,000 to the emergency response but more is needed to provide food aid and clean water. Please help by donating online at cafod.org.uk/foodcrisisappeal or call 0808 58 588 85.

DOES ANYONE have an unwanted laptop that we can pass to a Parishioner - who needs it for job hunting? Her need is urgent and she would be grateful for the help. Please contact Sarah in the office!

FR JOHN SEDDON OSB will present the sixth episode of '*Catholicism - a journey to the heart of the faith*', by Bishop Robert Barron, on **Saturday, 8th February** at St Augustine's Abbey, Chilworth. The day begins with Mass at 9 a.m., followed by coffee. The film is entitled '*A Body both suffering and glorious: the mystical union of Christ and the Church*.' The Day concludes around 4 p.m. Take a packed lunch and if you can, a friend. Tea and coffee is provided. St Augustine's Abbey, Sample Oak Lane, Chilworth, Near Guildford. GU4 8QR.

'A DAY WITH MARY' This day of instruction, devotion and intercession, based on the message given at Fatima in 1917, takes place at Arundel Cathedral on **Saturday, 15th February**, starting at 10 a.m. with a

procession and Mass at 10 30 a.m. celebrated by Canon David Parmiter.

THE WORLD (FORMERLY WOMEN'S) DAY OF PRAYER, will be held on **Friday, 6th March**. This year's theme is "Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk". The service has been prepared by Christian women of Zimbabwe and encourages us to reflect on the difficulties and unrest that has plagued their country for several years. As we participate in the service we are part of a great wave of prayer encircling the globe which begins as the sun rises over Samoa and ends some 36 hours later back in the Pacific as the sun sets over American Samoa; we will be joining with 130 countries and islands around the world. Richard and Hillary Grey have kindly offered to host this service of prayer in their Barn at The Old Farm House, Elstead. We are inviting all the Churches in Godalming and District to participate in this event. The service, which starts at 2 p.m., will be followed by refreshments. There is ample parking so do put this date in your diary!

The origins of World Day of Prayer date back to the 19th century when Christian women in the USA and Canada initiated a variety of co-operative activities in support of women's involvement in mission, at home and abroad. It is from such roots as these that WDP has taken its present shape – a worldwide ecumenical movement of Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action.

It was not until the reforms of the second Vatican Council that Roman Catholic women were able to take a full part in the day of prayer and in 1967 the day was celebrated at a special service in Westminster Cathedral, by invitation of Cardinal Heenan. In 1969 the World Union of Catholic Women's Organisations encouraged Roman Catholic women worldwide to participate in WDP and to make this possible WUCWO moved their own day of prayer from March to May.

For further information or with any offers of help with both the service and refreshments, and particularly if you have any musical instruments, flags, maps or crafts from Zimbabwe, please contact angelagilmour181@btinternet.com.

LIVESIMPLY Please email the Parish office to sign up to the Parish *livesimply* email, which offers good eco ideas and useful local community information. And our recycling initiative continues: this month we are collecting old cameras, including old film, digital/video. Please bring your items with you and place them in the recycling boxes at church.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

The Holy Father's Intention for January is that Christians, followers of other religions and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world; victims of trafficking and those who work to combat it; the sick and those who care for them especially - Cliff Hutchinson, Alan Berry, Nicolle Ernould, Gerry Newell, Pat Cooke, Ruth de Stefani, Josie Whittle, Barbara Brightman, Nuala Gallagher, Maria Chacaltana, Ann Lloyd, Anita van Rheenan, Moira Goodfellow, George Gelder and Rudolf Dorrepaal; Chrissie Dwyer, Halina Lada-Walicki, Jesus Lopez, Kazimir Kulan, Breda Butterfield and Maryanne Gray recently deceased and Carmine Barbatto, Fred Etsel, Jean Cox, Peter Ellis, David Little, Anita Quinn, Millie Mensah and Leonard Bryant whose anniversaries occur around this time.