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We continue to pray for the people of Ukraine.

For more information and ways to support them see
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Thank you

to all who helped make the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day liturgies such wonderful celebrations. Thanks to those who prepared the churches (flowers, decorations, cribs, trees), the welcomers, sacristans, readers, etc. Thanks to Fr. Paul for celebrating the 11am Mass. A particular thanks goes to James, who played at all four Masses (and so did one more than me!), and to his choir at the 6:30pm Mass.

Thank you for all your cards and gifts, and particularly for the Christmas Collection, as well as your prayers and support both over this period and throughout the year.

I also take this opportunity, on behalf of the whole parish, to thank everyone who serves the parish in one way or another throughout the year.

I wish you all continued blessings of the Christmas season, and a new year filled with joy and grace.

Fr Tony

1st January 2023: Mary Mother of God Weekdays: 2nd Week of Christmas

Bishop Richard writes

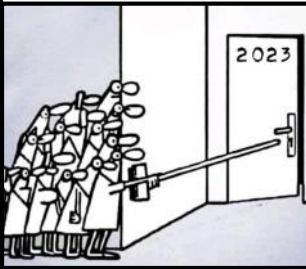
We are deeply grateful for the life and service of Pope Emeritus Benedict. While we mourn his loss, we are thankful for his steadfast witness and legacy.



His firm resolve during eight years of papal ministry saw the Pope Emeritus broaden opportunities for dialogue with people and groups outside of the Catholic Church. More locally, many in our community will have been touched by his gentle presence during his visit to these shores in 2010, not least in his meeting with Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, the time of prayer in Hyde Park and the Beatification of St John Henry Newman.

Masses for the repose of the Pope's soul will be offered across the churches of our Diocese in the coming days. We entrust Pope Benedict to the Father of all mercies and pray for the repose of his soul.

Please remember Pope Francis in your prayers also, in his continuing Petrine Ministry.






Happy New Year!

Often we see the New Year as a time to put the past behind us and start afresh. But given the various traumas and uncertainties of the past few years, many still ongoing, we might be forgiven for looking to 2023 with some trepidation. Nonetheless, as Christians, we are called to the virtue of hope, placing our trust in the Lord.

Today's Gospel tells of the circumcision of Jesus. Indeed at one time that was the name of today's feast, happening, as it did, 'on the eighth day'. What was the meaning of circumcision for the Jewish people at that time? At its heart it was an act of trust in the covenant offered to Israel. It was an affirmation of their belief that, whatever happened, God would not abandon them. This trust must have been important to Mary and Joseph given the unusual circumstances of his birth and the uncertainties ahead.

Is the coming year full of uncertainty for you and your family? The example of trust and love provided by the Holy Family can be a source of inspiration and hope. But maybe you are looking to the new year with a sense of optimism. Maybe it promises good things for you. Then don't forget to share your good fortune with others, especially those who are struggling, whether near or far.

Whatever the New Year may hold for you, may you know the presence of the Lord and the prayers of Mary and Joseph. And in all things you experience may you know the blessing of God.

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| <p style="text-align: center;">Please Pray For:</p> <p>All who are sick in the parish, particularly those on our regular prayer list, including Chris, Vince, & Phil Neal, Maria Parente, and Philip Porritt.</p> <p>Please also pray for those who have died recently, including Pope Benedict, Gulio Porfirio and Kevin Lloyd, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time.</p> <p>A full list of sick parishioners can be found on the parish website, as well as those whose anniversaries occur this month.</p> | Weekly Timetable | | |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Day of Reflection for Ministers of the Word led by Bishop Richard</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> 21st January, 11am-4pm St Bernadette's Church Crawley</p> <p>The day will include talks on the Scriptures, the Lectionary and its use in the Liturgy, the Liturgy of the Word, preparing to read, using microphones, Lectio Divina, and Mass. To register your free place contact our Liturgy & Music Adviser:</p> <p>catherine.christmas@abdiocese.org.uk</p> | <p>Saturday 31st December</p> | <p>4:45- 5:15pm Confessions 5:30pm Mass, St Theresa's</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Guilu Pires RIP</i></p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Annual Diocesan Justice & Peace Assembly, 'Hungry for Change'</p> <p style="text-align: center;">28th January, 9.30am-1.30pm The St Philip Howard Centre, RH10 6RP</p> <p>Our annual Justice & Peace Assembly will explore how war contributes to world hunger with speakers from CAFOD, Pax Christi, and the Ecological Conversion Group. For information about booking email tessa.ricketts@abdiocese.org.uk</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday 1st Jan <i>Mary, Mother of God</i></p> | <p>9am Mass, St Theresa's 11am Mass, St George's</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><i>All Parishioners</i> <i>Benedict XII RIP</i></p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Day of Reflection for Ministers of the Eucharist led by Bishop Richard</p> <p style="text-align: center;">18th February, 11am-4pm Christ the Prince of Peace, Weybridge</p> <p>The day will include theological and practical talks, Eucharistic Adoration, and Mass. For further info or to book contact: formation@abdiocese.org.uk</p> <p style="text-align: right;"></p> | <p>Tuesday 3rd</p> | <p>10am Mass, St George's</p> | |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Choir Practice will resume in February</p> <p>After the success of Christmas Eve, we hope more will be encouraged to join our fledgling choir when it resumes after a break for January to prepare for Lent and Easter!</p> | <p>Wednesday 4th</p> | <p>9:30am Ecumenical Prayer 7:30pm Mass, St Theresa's Adoration to 9pm</p> | <p>St Michael's, Southwick</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Upcoming Parish Events</p> <p>Sunday 12th Feb: Mass for the sick, with anointing 2pm, St Georges. This will be followed by a light tea. We will endeavour to find transport for those who need it.</p> <p>Saturday 18th Feb: Mass to celebrate Wedding Anniversaries 5:30 pm, St Theresa's, followed by bubbly and nibbles.</p> <p>Friday 3rd March: World Day of Prayer A women led, global, ecumenical movement . we are hosting this at St Theresa's. More details to follow.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Thursday 5th</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">7:30pm Vigil Mass of the Epiphany, St George's <i>NB no Choir Practice</i></p> | |
| | <p style="text-align: center;">Friday 6th Epiphany</p> | <p>10am Mass, St Theresa's</p> | |
| | <p style="text-align: center;">Saturday 7th</p> | <p>4:45- 5:15pm Confessions 5:30pm Mass, St Theresa's</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Cosme & Conception Rodrigues RIP</i></p> |
| | <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday 8th <i>Baptism of the Lord</i></p> | <p>9am Mass, St Theresa's <i>With Children's Liturgy</i> 11am Mass, St George's</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><i>All Parishioners</i></p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Charisms, gifts or talents? An Online Talk for Young Adults</p> <p style="text-align: center;">9th January, 7:30pm</p> <p>The Diocese are delighted to welcome Sr Margaret Atkins, an Augustinian Sister from Boarbank Hall in Cumbria to discuss Gifts & Charisms. What can the Holy Spirit do? What can he not do? What are the ordinary gifts of the Spirit and how might they lead us into a particular state of life and/or apostolate.</p> <p>This is the in a series of talks designed to take you on a journey exploring God's call on your life. We all desire to do God's will, but sometimes it can be tricky to discern what that is! Don't worry if you missed the previous talks - you are still extremely welcome!</p> <p>We look forward to you joining us for this interactive, informative and enjoyable session. To book go to:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/yhkte17e</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><small>A Call to Holiness: A Series of online talks for young adults</small></p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><small>Next talk 9 January</small></p> | | |