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We pray for those who have recently died. We pray for the sick and housebound. We pray for all those and their families in residential homes especially Pat Tunbridge and all the residents and staff at Garth House

Welcome to all those visiting our church or new to the parish. You are welcome to join us for coffee and catch up after the 10am Mass. If you are new to the parish please ask a welcomer for a parish registration form.

Exit church via side door and the hall is opposite. Toilets are available in the parish hall or there is an outside toilet next to the house.

Churches Together in Dorking:

Members of CTD all pray for one church, congregation, organisation or initiative each week on a rota. This week we are praying for the Anglican community of St Martin's shared church, Dorking.

Coming to Mass update: Bishops Conference ask us to look at the prevailing local Covid situation when making changes. There are still a high number of cases and a number of parishioners currently isolating with Covid so ..

- ◆ We ask that face masks are worn at the 6pm Mass on Saturday and 10am on Sunday. Masks do not need to be worn at quieter Masses eg weekday Mass. As a LiveSimply parish we are reluctant to provide single use face masks, however there seems to be a need for them, please dispose of them responsibly and if possible make a donation.
- ◆ Please continue to sanitise your hands.
- ◆ if you wish to receive Communion on the tongue, please join the end of the Communion procession.
- ◆ Your attendance will no longer be recorded. However, please continue to check in with the NHSApp if you are able.

Sunday 21st November Christ the King

Christ the King : The Church's Year comes to fulfilment this weekend celebrating the Feast of Christ the King. It reminds us both that His Kingdom is not of this world – to the poor, the disposed, those who have no voice belong first place. And that Christ will return in His fullness at the end of all human history. As we try to place Christ at the heart of our lives we will become more so the people of His Kingdom and discover that the Kingdom is not so very far from us at all!!!

Weekly Timetable

*Event streamed via Zoom, contact us for joining details

Sat 20th Nov Our Lady on Saturday	Mass 9.30am Exposition/confessions 10-11am Confessions 5-5.45pm 6pm Mass	<i>Peter Mulhern RIP</i> <i>For all Parishioners</i>
Sun 21st Nov Christ the King	8am Mass 10am Mass*	<i>Fr Robert Ellis RIP</i> <i>George Cook RIP</i>
Tues 23rd Nov	Mass 9.30am	<i>David Gray RIP</i>
Weds 24th Nov St Andrew Dung-Lac & companions.	Mass 9.30am	<i>Holy Souls</i>
Thurs 25th Nov	11am Funeral Mass*	<i>Margaret Vincent RIP</i>
Friday 26th Nov	9.30am Mass	<i>June Comyn RIP</i>
Sat 27th Nov Our Lady on Saturday	Mass 9.30am Exposition/confessions 10-11am Confessions 5-5.45pm 6pm Mass	<i>Valerie Norman Ints</i> <i>Mass for all those in the book of Remembrance</i>
Sun 28th Nov First Sunday of Advent Yr C	8am Mass 10am Mass*	<i>For all Parishioners</i> <i>Joseph Potter RIP</i>

Margaret Rolhfig RIP

Margaret's funeral will take place on Tuesday 7th December at 10.30am, here in Dorking. My vivid memory of Margaret is as a fiercely independent lady who insisted on dragging her shopping trolley up and down the church steps rather than walking round to the side door! Her legacy to us is the beautiful tapestry in the Lady Chapel, designed and hand made by Margaret in 1993.



SYNOD: A two-year 'synodal' process is taking place in the Catholic Church beginning October 2021. It will culminate in the final Synod Gathering of Bishops in Rome in October 2023. . . This is an important moment in the life of the world Church, with Pope Francis calling us all to reflect on the theme For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission. The Pope is inviting us to take this journey together. As the Preparatory Document for the Synod expresses, "This path of walking together is the most effective way of manifesting and putting into practice the nature of the Church as the pilgrim and missionary People of God."

The Participant's Guide for responding to the Synod questions is now available, at <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/synod>. The Guide offers three sessions to look at the questions and are based on the Synod principles of Mission, Participation and Communion. Each session will be 2 hours long, with discussion, prayer and scripture. The questions asked of each and everyone are challenging and thought provoking. As an individual or group of friends you can discuss and answer the questions yourselves, you do not have to be part of a formal group to participate. The most important thing is that people make a response. Some people prefer meeting in groups (Covid rules permitting) to pray, reflect, discuss and agree on the responses to the questions proposed. We will be providing opportunities to meet up twice before Christmas and once in January. Dates/times etc to be confirmed next week.

November: a month where we remember our deceased family and friends.

During the month there will be Masses for the Holy Souls.
Please write names in the book in the Remembrance chapel.

Saturday 27th November 6pm Mass for all the Holy Souls and all those in the black book.

Diary Dates:

W/end 27th/28th November : Recommissioning of Eucharistic ministers, see details to the right.

Saturday after 6pm Mass 27/11 :Mulled wine/mince pies , Advent cards and gifts. Help needed for refreshments.

Friday 10th Dec Christmas Mass and Meet.

Bookings now open!, book via the parish office.

Social Saturdays: Fr Simon would like to invite all those who have recently moved into the parish to an open house on Saturday 11th December 2pm-4pm. Just pop into the presbytery, Fr Simon says there will be mince pies and other festive snacks!!!!

Young Adults' (18-30's) Advent Retreat: 3rd-5th December

This weekend retreat will provide an opportunity to start your preparations for the Advent season, including talks, small group discussions, opportunities for reflection and prayer. All this revolving around the rhythm of prayer of the Benedictine community of Worth Abbey. This retreat is offered by The Open Cloister, Worth Abbey in collaboration with The Wellspring Community, Brighton.

For more information visit www.worth.co.uk/retreats or contact our youth adviser liz-zie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk

- ◆ **Christmas Shopping: Advent calendars (including chocolate ones!), Christmas cards, assorted gifts** all on sale next Saturday and Sunday in the hall. Saturday evening after Mass with mulled wine and mince pies, a mini celebration to start Advent with . Sunday morning from 8.30am with coffee and cakes after the 10am Mass. If you are able to help with Saturday evening refreshments please contact the parish office. Payment by card will be available.
- ◆ **Altar servers:** practice for all existing servers after the 10am Mass THIS Sunday.
- ◆ **Extraordinary minister of the Eucharist (AKA EM's): Eucharistic Ministers: Normally** Extraordinary ministers attend an Annual Day of reflection and are re-commissioned in their role. There may be a day of Reflection in 2022 but Fr Simon would like all the current Eucharistic ministers in the parish to be recommissioned at all Mass on the First Sunday of Advent (27/28th November) Please come along to your usual Mass.
- ◆ **Christmas Mass and Meet:** There will be a Parish Mass & Meet Christmas Lunch on Friday, 10th December 2021 following midday Mass. All ages welcome. It is important to book as numbers are limited. Whilst there is no charge, donations are welcome. Please let us know if you are Vegetarian. To book contact the Parish Office: 01306 882433 or email: dorking@abdiocese.org.uk
- ◆ **Advent reconciliations:** Fr Simon will be available after all Masses Saturday 4th/Sunday 5th December to hear confessions.

This weekend: there will be a second collection after all Masses for the Arundel Cathedral Maintenance Fund. Your donations can be gift aided via yellow or green envelopes.

SUNDAY PLUS

King and centre of hearts



His love changes everything

by Sr Janet Fearnis
FMDM

Who loved him and whom did he love – really love? What did he think as he travelled from country to country, longing for former friends to offer a compassionate refuge instead of rejecting a powerless ex-monarch? The Shah of Iran, Mohammad Reza Pahlavi, died in exile in a foreign land on 27

July 1980, aged sixty, apparently with a bag of Iranian soil beneath his bed.

Like us, he had reflected on his successes and failures. He commented, “I calculated the amount of time I spent with my father during my entire life... the total amount of time I had with him, if you add up the hours, was about two months. My father was a busy man... we had very few opportunities to really sit down and talk as father and son.”

The feast of Christ the King reminds us of the crucified Jesus, agonisingly suspended between heaven and earth but dying without

regrets. Jesus and his Father were and are inseparable. He declared, “Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father... I am in the Father and the Father is in me”.

Jesus returned to the Father marked by the wounds of love which Pilate was unwilling to earn. He recognised Jesus’ innocence but wanted earthly power and Caesar’s approval. He asked, “Truth?... What is that?” but

failed to see the answer: unstinting, all-consuming, uncompromising love.

Countless millions of people, past, present and to come, regard Jesus as the king and centre of their hearts. To give and receive his love has been, is and will be their goal. His love changes everything.

Sr Janet Fearnis is a Franciscan Missionary of the Divine Motherhood.

On children

by Kahlil Gibran, *The Prophet*

Your children are not your children.
They are the sons and daughters of Life’s longing for itself.
They come through you but not from you,
And though they are with you yet they belong not to you.

You may give them your love but not your thoughts,
For they have their own thoughts.
You may house their bodies but not their souls,
For their souls dwell in the house of tomorrow,
which you cannot visit, not even in your dreams.
You may strive to be like them,
but seek not to make them like you.
For life goes not backward nor carries with yesterday.

You are the bows from which your children
as living arrows are sent forth.
The archer sees the mark upon the path of the infinite,
and He bends you with His might
that His arrows may go swift and far.
Let your bending in the archer’s hand be for gladness;
For even as He loves the arrow that flies,
so He loves also the bow that is stable.

Feast of the week
Monday 22 November

St Cecilia (200-230)

Christians found life tough during the reign of the Roman Emperor Marcus Aurelius Severus Alexander. Christians talked about the kingdom of God at a time when the emperor and the State were paramount. Dangerous!

Cecilia? Many of the stories surrounding her life are very unlikely. What seems to be true is that she was a young Christian woman who suffered two botched attempts to execute her. She didn’t drown


and the executioner not only failed to decapitate her with a sword: he also ran away in shame.

Critically injured, Cecilia survived for three days, but used the time before her death to give all she had to the poor. She apparently died singing hymns.

Cecilia was initially buried in Rome’s Catacombs of San Callisto but, in 821, was exhumed and her body moved to the church of Santa Cecilia in Trastevere, built above what is thought to have been the location of her home. She subsequently became the patroness of music and musicians.

“Truth, according to the Christian faith, is God’s love for us in Jesus Christ. Therefore, truth is a relationship.”

Pope Francis

Lord God, watch over children and young people. Be with them in their moments of happiness and sadness, enthusiasm and friendships. Let their hopes and dreams inspire and lighten the world in which they live.  Amen.

Today:
Daniel 7:13-14
Apocalypse 1:5-8
John 18:33-37

Monday:
Daniel 1:1-6, 8-20
Luke 21:1-4

Tuesday:
Daniel 2:31-45
Luke 21:5-11

Wednesday:
Daniel 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28
Luke 21:12-19

Thursday:
Daniel 6:12-28
Luke 21:20-28

Friday:
Daniel 7:2-14
Luke 21:29-33

Saturday:
Daniel 7:15-27
Luke 21:34-36

Next Sunday:
Jeremiah 33:14-16
1 Thessalonians 3:12 – 4:2
Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*How worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and divinity,
and wisdom and strength and honour.
To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.*

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,
whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of the universe,
grant, we pray,
that the whole creation, set free from slavery,
may render your majesty service
and ceaselessly proclaim your praise.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

FIRST READING Daniel 7:13-14

A reading from the prophet Daniel.

I gazed into the visions of the night.
And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven,
one like a son of man.
He came to the one of great age
and was led into his presence.
On him was conferred sovereignty,
glory and kingship,
and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his
servants.
His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty,
which shall never pass away,
nor will his empire be destroyed.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 92

RESPONSE: *The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed.*

1. The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed;
the Lord has robed himself with might,
he has girded himself with power. **R.**
2. The world you made firm, not to be moved;
your throne has stood firm from of old.
From all eternity, O Lord, you are. **R.**
3. Truly your decrees are to be trusted.
Holiness is fitting to your house,
O Lord, until the end of time. **R.**

SECOND READING Apocalypse 1:5-8

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse.

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the First-born from the
dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He loves us and

has washed away our sins with his blood, and made us a line
of kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to him, then,
be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen. It is he who is
coming on the clouds; everyone will see him, even those who
pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over
him. This is the truth. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega"
says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the
Almighty.

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Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!
Alleluia!*

GOSPEL John 18:33-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

"Are you the king of the Jews?" Pilate asked. Jesus replied,
"Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to
you about me?" Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? It is your own
people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me:
what have you done?" Jesus replied, "Mine is not a kingdom
of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would
have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But
my kingdom is not of this kind." "So you are a king then?" said
Pilate. "It is you who say it," answered Jesus. "Yes, I am a
king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear
witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen
to my voice."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

As we offer you, O Lord, the sacrifice
by which the human race is reconciled to you,
we humbly pray
that your Son himself may bestow on all nations
the gifts of unity and peace.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*The Lord sits as King for ever.
The Lord will bless his people with peace.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Having received the food of immortality,
we ask, O Lord,
that, glorying in obedience
to the commands of Christ, the King of the universe,
we may live with him eternally in his heavenly Kingdom.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.