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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (year C) - 27th July 2025

Sacramental Preparation Programmes keep an eye on the newsletter and an ear to notices during the Sunday Masses for the start of the programmes of preparation for Holy Communion (those going into school year 4 and above) and Confirmation (those going into school year 10 and above). Naturally, the best preparation for our children is the faith and example of the family, and your prayers as parents are vitally important so get preparing!

Parents, Babies & Toddlers Group meets in St Joseph's PNL Centre, holiday time, Weds 10.30am. All welcome

UCM Meeting: will take place on Wednesday 30th July 2025 at 7:30pm at a member's residence.

The Book + Circle: Our summer reading is a novel by Holly Mitchel "Crooked Lines". We are not meeting until Thursday 4th September 8pm in the Meeting Room at St Joseph's Church. Please come along - all welcome.

The Latest Justice & Peace Newsletter, July 2025 is now available on the Parish website under NEWS. Some copies are available at the back of the churches too.

World Day for Grandparents and The Elderly: 'Blessed are those who have not lost hope' (Sir 14:2) The first Message of Pope Leo XIV for the *World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly*, whose fifth edition will be celebrated today Sunday, 27 July 2025. The theme of the Message is "Blessed are those who have not lost hope (Sir 14:2)" and fits into the context of the Jubilee of Hope 2025. In the Message, the Pope invites us to recognise the elderly not only as recipients of pastoral care, but as witnesses of hope who are active protagonists in the life of the Church.

Cancel the Debt Choose Hope: 54 countries from Kenya to Sri Lanka are facing debt distress. Many are forced to spend more on payments to big banks, wealthy nations and global institutions than they spend on health, education or life-saving climate measures. **CAFOD**, together with the Caritas network is gathering a global church petition to world leaders, who could make a huge difference to this situation. The parish J & P group will be outside all Masses on 2/3rd August to invite parishioners to sign the petition.

Enjoy the school holidays! If you are travelling, safe journeys and safe returns. If you are resting here, maybe come to an extra Mass in the week and rest with the Lord

Diocesan Festival of Hope at Ardingly Showground on 20th September 2025: celebrating the Jubilee Year of Hope, the 60th anniversary of the Diocese, and our renewed call to mission as laid out in Bishop Richard's Pastoral Plan. Guest speakers include Michelle Moran (Sion Community), Dai Woolridge (Bible Society), Christine Allen (CAFOD). The day will conclude with Mass, celebrated by Bishop Richard. Coach transport is arranged with pick up at St Joseph's so that people are collected and dropped back locally. Anyone under 18yrs is to be accompanied by an adult. Please email james.uberoi@abdiocese.org.uk - Tickets are limited, and it is a 'First come first served' basis

New Parish Youth Group for 13-18yrs: We are launching a new youth group in the parish for those aged 13-18 years. The group will meet on the first Sunday of each month at the PNL centre at St. Joseph's Church from 3pm to 5pm. Our first meeting will be **Sunday 7th September** We will be offering opportunities to have fun with new friends, time to explore faith and ask questions and there will definitely be lots of snacks! If your child would like to attend please email pnlyoungpeople@gmail.com so that we can send a parental consent form and further details.

Bereavement Coffee Morning - If you would like to come along to our coffee morning on Saturday 9th August at 10:30am in St Joseph's PNL Centre, Meeting Room, bereaved friends will be there and you will be welcome.

50/50 club: The winner of July's 50/50 Club draw is no. 52

Marriage Anniversaries Mass - On Sat 11 Oct 11.30am at Christ the Prince of Peace, come and join us for our annual celebration of the joys and grace of sacramental marriage. Bishop Richard will celebrate Mass for us at 11.30am. Family and friends are very welcome. If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact Deacon Simon South E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk

Thinking of getting married, congratulations! A reminder that Bishop Richard calls for a minimum of twelve months' notice for Catholic Marriages to allow for the necessary preparation and paperwork.

Head of Finance, full-time, permanent Salary: £60,000 to £65,000 - **Location:** The St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley (on site) **Application deadline:** 18 August 2025 at 5pm **Interviews:** 26 August 2025 The successful applicant will oversee the support of cloud-based reporting for 80 parish sites and the delivery of timely, accurate management accounts for central operations based at our Crawley site. You will have a key role in providing high-quality financial reporting to our Trustees and Diocesan Finance Committee (DFC). To find out more and to apply, go to the Diocesan website: www.abdiocese.org.uk/careers/head-of-finance

Communications Officer, part-time, permanent Salary: £17,500 for 0.5 FTE (Based on a full-time salary of £35,000) - **Location:** Based in Crawley, with hybrid working & travel across the Diocese required - **Application deadline:** 13 August 2025 at 5pm - **Interviews:** 19 August 2025. To find out more and to apply, go to the Diocesan website: abdiocese.org.uk/careers/communications

Collections

Offertory Collection last weekend: £1845.46
Apostleship of the sea £585.41

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EAST SURREY HOSPITAL
The hospital will not inform the Catholic chaplain, Fr Alban (01293 431703), of your presence in the hospital unless a specific request is made by either yourself or your family for a visit. If you would like a visit from him please ask the hospital staff or contact him directly yourself. If you are going in hospital as a 'Planned Admission' you are encouraged to contact Fr Tony to receive the Sacrament of the Sick prior to your Hospital stay.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR
THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND**

Andrew & Mary Wilson, Lucy Smales, Robert Shave, Mary Hopkins, John McGrath, Alison Walker, Annie, Rosa Godlewski, Paul Edwards, Michael Wood, Angela Brett, Mark Dalton, Frankie Harding, Teresa Thorp, Francesco Ambrosio, Steven Biczók-Hardy, Tomasina Harman, Zosia, Shelagh Green, Patricia Blackwell, Chris Bayley, Bridget Steward, Brigid Gow, Anne Grier, Lydia Fagan, Maria Dimaculangan, Marion & Barry Scholefield, Damian Poole, Margaret Byrne, Sarah Healy, Sheilane Barrientos, Kathleen Beckey, Richard Greaves, Claire Chantal, Meli Greaves, and all the sick & housebound of our parish

If you, or someone you know, is sick & housebound and would like to be on our prayer list or to receive Communion please contact the parish office.

The Seventeenth Sunday of the Year

Gn 18:20-32; Ps 138; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13

Response: On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord

Sat 26 July
St Joseph's 17.30 Ernest Atkinson RIP

Sun 27 July
Holy Family 09.00 Dan McCormack RIP
St Joseph's 11.00 The people of the parish
St Teresa's 17.30 Private Intention

Mon 28 July
St Teresa's 10.00 Fr Currivan RIP

Tue 29 July **Sts Mary, Martha and Lazarus**
No Mass

Wed 30 July
St Joseph's 10.00 Amelia de Gamma Int

Thur 31 July **St Ignatius Loyola, Priest**
Holy Family 10.00 Christopher Wheen RIP

Fri 1 Aug **St Alphonsus Ligouri, Bishop, Doctor**
St Joseph's 10.00 Martin & Kate Folan RIP

The Eighteenth Sunday of the Year

Ecc 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Luke 12:13-21

Response: O Lord, you have been our refuge,
from generation to generation.

Sat 2 Aug
St Joseph's 17.30 Sheila and Edward Bentall RIP

Sun 3 Aug
Holy Family 09.00 The people of the parish
St Joseph's 11.00 Guilherme Alves RIP
St Teresa's 17.30 Private Intention

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Following the Saturday evening Mass,
and by appointment, please contact the parish office

REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS IN THE PARISH

Mon	09.30	Morning Prayer	St Teresa's Church
Tues	19.00	Rosary Group	St Joseph's Church
Wed	10.30	Parents & Toddlers	PNL Centre at St Joseph's
Fri	09.00	Exposition before Mass	St Joseph's Church
Sat	15.00	Get Together Group	PNL Cafe at St Joseph's
Sun	10.00	Coffee after Mass	PNL Centre at Holy Family
Sun	12.00	Coffee after Mass	PNL Centre at St Joseph's

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF

Tony Coyle RIP, his funeral has not yet been arranged.

Please remember him and his family in your prayers