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Sunday 16th March is the Second Sunday of Lent

The readings and prayers can be found in the purple books on page 157. The first reading is from the Book of Genesis, which describes the Covenant that God makes with Abraham, and the Promise that accompanies it. We too are in a covenanted relationship with our Lord and have received His promise of eternal life, thanks to our baptism.

The Covenant, like that with Abraham, cannot be broken by God, and is given to us out of love not because we have earned it. This Lent we are trying to live as God's people, joined to Him by the Covenant. In Saint Luke's Gospel, we hear of Jesus being transfigured on Mount Tabor, where His glory is revealed to Peter, James and John.

This reminds us that as baptised people we too are called to share in the glory of the Lord, and we too will be transfigured one day in heaven, and that our call to live out the glory of the Lord starts here on earth.

This Sunday, Fr Ian Vane, who lives in Dorking, will be celebrating all the Masses, and Fr Alexander will be celebrating all the Masses at Ashtead, while Fr Chris goes to Dorking.

This Sunday evening, we are having Altar Servers Training, Pizza and Games, starting in Church at 6pm, and ending at 7.30pm in the Hall. See you all there. New Servers are welcome!

Our next Courtyard of the Gentiles Project is going to be a Book Exchange or Freecycle on 27th April

On the morning of Sunday 27th April, which is the 2nd Sunday of Eastertime, otherwise known as Low Sunday or Divine Mercy Sunday, once more the idea is that you bring into the Hall any books you do not want, and take away anything that takes your fancy. Please note the date and please tell all your book-loving friends.

Fr Graham's 50th Ordination Anniversary

This summer, Father Graham celebrates the important milestone of the 50th anniversary of his priestly ordination, and half a century of service to the people of God, which is surely worth celebrating. He is coming to join us on Sunday

6th July, when he will celebrate the 10.30am Mass. Please note the date. This is a week after the Summer Fair, so the Social Committee will be quite tired out. Would some others like to form a committee to oversee the celebrations?



John (Jack) Alexander Henry RIP

We have heard the sad news of the death of John Alexander Henry (known as Jack) who died on 24th February at Epsom Hospital at the age of 89. His funeral Mass will take place here on

Wednesday 9th April at 10am, to be followed by burial at Epsom cemetery. Let us pray for the repose of his soul and for his family at this sad and difficult time.



Liturgical notes

Lent has begun. You will notice a few differences in the liturgy. When we have an organist, the organ is only used to support the singing. There are no flower arrangements in Church. The Gloria is not said or sung at Mass. Lent lasts

40 days, and Sundays are not part of Lent, and neither are important feast days such as St Patrick (March 17th), St Joseph (19th March), and the Annunciation of the Lord (25th March). Other Saints' days are commemorations in

Lent, in other words, only the opening prayer is used, and the vestments are purple.

On Tuesday morning, at 7am, we have Mass for early risers and those going to work.

On Friday, Stations of the Cross are at 7pm, and will last about 25 minutes.

Daily Mass in the week is on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10am.

On Tuesday Mass is at 7am and on Thursday, Mass is at 7pm.

Confessions this Saturday are at 10.30am, accompanied by Adoration, and last until at least 11am.

Monday is the feast of Saint Patrick, patron saint of Ireland.



Wednesday is the feast of Saint Joseph, patron of the Universal Church, and Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Our new Baptism Course takes place after Easter, and three times a year from now on

The dates for the first season are as follows:

Sunday	27th	April, 11.30am:	Tivey Room, introductory session.
Thursday	1st	May, 8pm:	1st Zoom session.
Thursday	8th	May, 8pm:	2nd Zoom session.
Thursday	15th	May, 8pm:	3rd Zoom session.
Sunday	18th	May, 10.30am:	Rite of Welcome at Mass.
Thursday	22nd	May, 8pm:	4th Zoom session.
Sunday	25th	May, 4pm:	Final session, in person.

If you are interested in taking part, with a child to baptise, please get in touch: ewell@abdiocese.org.uk

 **The Funeral Mass of Marcia Bancroft RIP will take place on Friday 28th March at 11am**
This will replace the 10am Mass on that day. Let us continue to pray for the repose of Marcia's soul
and for her family at this sad and difficult time for them. 

This Thursday A to Z of Catholicism takes place after the 7pm Mass, with 'N is for Nullity of Marriage.'

This subject is often misunderstood, so do come along to find out more if you are in doubt. We shall of course be talking about Henry VIII and more recently Boris Johnson, both of whom sought annulments, one successfully, the other not. **Before Mass we have Junior Catechism for all who want it at 6.25pm.**

As mentioned last week, we need two people from St Clement's to join the **Deanery Pastoral Leadership team**, who are, at this stage to be Fr Alexander and one other. Who could this other be? Let us all have a think! Would anyone like to nominate someone? As with all ecclesiastical office, self-nomination is not allowed!

Baptismal Certificates ready for collection from the Sacristy

If your child was Baptised between 8th September 2024 & 2nd February 2025 please ask one of the sacristan's or Fr Alexander to locate your child's baptismal certificate in the sacristy for you.

Rite of Election

Last Saturday the diocese gathered at Arundel Cathedral for the Rite of Election, where those to be baptised at Easter, who are called catechumens, are enrolled in the Book of the Elect. It was a great occasion, and very good to see the large number of people who are going to be baptised in our parishes at Easter, people of all ages and all backgrounds. Also gathered were the candidates for reception into full communion with the Church, people who are already baptised but who will become Catholics at Easter. Four of us were present Zoe and Tom, who are candidates, and Mia and Jenson who are catechumens. Let us pray for them this Lent as they prepare to be baptised or received into the Church at the Easter Vigil.

The Syrians in our diocese, of whom there are quite a few, are deeply worried by the recent news of massacres and Islamist terror in Syria, and ask for our prayers. This coming Saturday we have Exposition for 30 minutes starting at 10.30am. Could we make this for their intention, and let them know?

Forthcoming Events

Sat	15 Mar	Day of Recollection at Ladywell
Sat	15 Mar	St Patrick's Evening
Sat/Sun	15/16 Mar	Parish priest swap
Sun	16 Mar	6-7.30pm Altar servers' training, games & pizza
Mon	17 Mar	Feast of St Patrick
Tue	18 Mar	7am Mass
Wed	19 Mar	Feast of Saint Joseph
Wed	19 Mar	11:15am/7.30pm : Lent Group
Thu	20 Mar	A to Z of Catholicism : N is for Nullity
Fri	21 Mar	7pm Stations of the Cross
Sat	22 Mar	6 pm Confirmation V, Retreat Day.
Sat	22 Mar	6 pm Confirmation Election Mass
Tue	25 Mar	7am Mass, Feast: Annunciation of the Lord
Tue	25 Mar	7pm Reconciliation: Ashtead, Bishop Richard
Wed	26 Mar	3.20pm Funeral of Angie Thorndale, North East Surry Crematorium.

Our new altar linen has arrived

You may notice the new purificators. Many of the old ones had become threadbare. You may also notice the attempts to beautify the Lady Chapel.

IMPORTANT Petition

Please consider signing the Care Not Killing petition which calls on MPs to vote against legalising assisted suicide in England & Wales. The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill would make vulnerable people - including the elderly and disabled - feel a burden on family or carers resulting in pressure to end their lives. There are Petition forms available in the Narthex for you to sign if you wish to do so.

Mass Intentions from 15th March-23rd March 2025

Sat	15	6pm	Vigil Mass	GE Morris Family
Sun	16	8.30am	2nd Sunday in Lent	People of the Parish
Sun	16	10.30am	2nd Sunday in Lent	Sean McCabe RIP
Mon	17	10am	St Patrick	Ints: Patrick Mitchell
Tue	18	7am	Tues 2nd wk in Lent	George White RIP
Wed	19	10am	St Joseph	DM of the Walker Family
Thu	20	7pm	Thur 2nd wk in Lent	GE Seale & Bancroft Fm
Fri	21	10am	Fri of 2nd wk in Lent	Peter & Mary Morrison Sr
Sat	22	6pm	Vigil Mass	Sammy Jo Watkins RIP
Sun	23	8.30am	3rd Sunday in Lent	People of the Parish
Sun	23	10.30am	3rd Sunday in Lent	Salvatore T. Bellino RIP

200 Club winners for March are:

Tina O'Connor	No.26	£30
Gill Strange	No.219	£20

Recovery and Well Being



Please pray for:
Mary Bruce, Bob Parker,
Kitty Cusack, Steve Kamm, Chris Williamson,
Jocelyn Bowen, 3 year-old Finlay Ewen,
Joseph Ewing, Martina Savage,
Rosa Undasan (Angelina True's Mum)
Sally Mason, Shona Dane, Elpedio Tavares,
Nicholas Ward & Mel Alvarez.



Thank you for your continued support of your parish, the Offertory collection has been calculated from the last 2 weeks Offertory donations & 4 weeks Standing Orders to create a weekly figure. The weekly total for this period is £1,059.34 per week. Many thanks.