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20th October 2024 is the Twenty-Ninth Sunday of the Year.

The first reading, from the prophet Isaiah, is the Song of the Suffering Servant, in which we see foretold the sufferings of Jesus, through which He redeems the world. In the Gospel, from Saint Mark, we hear the story of James and John wanting special positions in the Kingdom of God. Jesus teaches us that we must not seek power, and not seek to be important, or to make our authority felt. Rather the Christian way is that of the Saviour himself – humility. He explains that 'the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

This runs clean counter to the world's way of doing things and is a challenge to us all!

This Sunday there is a retiring collection for World Mission Sunday, with a few words about this after Holy Communion. (Offertory collectors, please take this as your invitation to stand at the doors at the end of Mass with the baskets.) **Next Sunday, please be aware, the clocks change. 'Fall back.'**

Liturgical notes

We are in the month of October, dedicated to the Holy Rosary. It is also the month of prayer for the missions.

On days when there is no feast, we shall celebrate either a Votive Mass of the Blessed Virgin or the Mass for the Propagation of the Gospel. On weekdays, we shall recite the Rosary after the morning Mass.

Tuesday is the feast of **Saint John Paul II**, pope, whose life and teaching require no introduction.

Wednesday is the feast of **Saint John of Capistrano** (1386 – 1456). After studying and practising law, he became a Franciscan friar famous for his preaching. At the end of his life he led a crusade against the invading Turks and raised the siege of Belgrade. He died of bubonic plague. He is the patron saint of military chaplains.

Thursday is the feast of **Saint Anthony Mary Claret**, bishop (1807 – 1870). He spent his energy in preaching and propagating the faith in his native Catalonia, and was later made Archbishop of Santiago de Cuba, where he did much to reform and establish the Church. According to Wikipedia: "Claret was an exceptional preacher with incredible charisms: witnesses said his body would become transfigured while preaching or in prayer, he would levitate up to six feet off the ground at times in front of credible witnesses; he stopped a series of earthquakes in Cuba by kneeling on the ground and placing his palms to the earth while uttering prayers; he could calm terrible storms by raising a hand to the sky and blessing the storm clouds; he experienced apparitions of both Jesus and Mary, and was even seen walking on water. In addition, a supernatural light that radiated from his body while he was saying Mass was seen by many. It was so intense at times that one witness said he saw the light radiate from his body behind the altar all the way to the sacristy. Queen Isabella of Spain produced a written statement solemnly declaring that she had personally witnessed this phenomenon."

The results of the count last week are as follows, with the previous three weeks' counts in brackets: 6pm – 108 (82, 89,72); 8.30am – 82 (66, 74,76); 10.30am- 137 (198, 147,143). The total Sunday attendance was 327 (346, 310, 291). Many thanks for allowing yourselves to be counted, and to the clickers for counting you! The resulting number crunching means that our average for the 6pm Mass is **87.75**, for the 8.30am Mass **74.5**, and for the 10.30am Mass **156.25**. Our average Sunday attendance is **318.5**. These figures will now be submitted to the diocese.

James Hugh Delahunt RIP

We have heard the sad news of the death of James Hugh Delahunt, at the age of 90 years. He was born on 27th July 1934 and died on 10th October 2024 at Appleby House Care Home, Longmead Road, Epsom. His funeral Mass will take place here on Thursday 7th November, at 11am. Let us pray for the repose of his soul and for his family at this sad and difficult time for them.

November is coming, the start of which is marked by two very important feasts.

On the first, it is the **Solemnity of All Saints, which is a holy day of obligation**, and which is the commemoration of all those who are saints, and dwelling in the presence of God, though they might not be recognised as such as yet, if ever.

Among them, we hope, are many of our friends and relations who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith.

There will be two Masses for **All Saints: 7pm on Thursday, the Vigil, and 10am on the day itself.**

The following day is the Commemoration of All Souls, otherwise known as the Day of the Dead, when we are urged to pray for the faithful departed, or Holy Souls. It is traditional on this day or close to this day, to visit a cemetery to pray for the dead and to pray at the graves of friends and relations. You are invited, therefore, to gather at the cemetery in Ewell village – the opposite side of the road to the Anglican church – **at 12 noon for prayers**; after which Fr Alexander will at your request visit and bless individual graves. A plenary Indulgence is granted to all those who visit to a cemetery and pray for the Holy Souls, along with Confession and Holy Communion, applicable to a soul in Purgatory, during the first week in November.

Because 2nd November is a Saturday, it is proposed that the Mass on 3rd November be offered for all who have died this year in the parish. All who have lost someone this last year are invited to their commemoration at the altar of God.

On Wednesday 6th November, representatives of the Safeguarding Team from the Saint Philip Howard Centre

will be joining us at 11am to offer the mandatory safeguarding training, face to face, so we do not have to do it online. This session will last about an hour, though if you have questions etc, it may well go on for longer. Please note the date, and please take this announcement as your invitation to attend if you are a parish volunteer, or if you are interested in becoming one, or if you are interested in safeguarding. Please also sign the list in the sacristy.

On Tuesday 12th November, the deanery clergy meet as usual:

but before the meeting there is a Mass for the deceased clergy who have served in this deanery at 11am in St Michael's in Ashted, to which you are all invited. That very same evening, the parish core teams of the whole deanery have been invited to Saint Andrew's school for an evening of prayer and reflection, from 7-9pm.

Daily Mass in the week is on Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays at 10am. On Thursday, Mass is at 7pm.

Confessions are on Saturday mornings at 10.30am, until 11am (at the earliest).

During Confessions, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for silent Adoration.

Fr Alexander has decided to run a course, though that is probably too grand a term.

This is not an introduction to Catholicism or a RCIA course, but rather a series of encounters to which one can dip into and out of at will, and will be 'An A to Z of Catholicism'. The gimmick is to talk about a series of Catholic topics in alphabetical order: this week it is the Body. All are welcome. This will take place after the 7pm Mass on Thursday.

Catholics are urged to contact their MPs today to stop the legalisation of Assisted Suicide.

To find out more about the Bill and contact your MP please visit: www.abdiocese.org.uk/news/act-now.

Thoughts on Assisted Dying/Suicide, part one. Normally, we respect the considered and deliberate decisions of adults. However, if you were at a tube station and saw someone about to throw themselves in front of a train, you would try and stop them, wouldn't you? Similarly, huge efforts are made to 'talk people down' when they are threatening to jump from high buildings. The UK has an organisation, the Samaritans, dedicated to persuading people not to kill themselves.

We have always seen suicide as an evil, something that should be avoided at all costs. We have always believed that there are solutions to all the problems of life, and that there is another way forward to people tempted to kill themselves.

Advent Reflection Course

Fiona Perks will be running an Advent reflection course on Friday 22nd November and the following three Fridays at 2pm at St Clement's school. The course will follow the same Sycamore programme as the Lent group held earlier this year.

All parents and parishioners are welcome. If you are interested please let the school office know. If you would like to have more information on the course content please use the following website link.

<https://www.sycamore.fm/pathways/b-formation-pathways/advent-course/>

If you have a Missio Box can you bring it in so it can be counted please?

Dates For Your Diary

Thurs	24 Oct	A to Z of Catholicism - the Body, 7.30pm
Thurs	31 Oct	Vigil Mass of All Saints, 7pm
Thurs	31 Oct	A to Z of Catholicism - Communion, 7.30pm
Fri	1 Nov	Mass of All Saints, 10am
Sat	2 Nov	Feast of All Souls Blessing of Graves 12 noon
Sun	3 Nov	Parish Open meeting, 11.30am
Weds	6 Nov	Safeguarding Training face to face 11am
Thurs	7 Nov	Funeral Mass of James Hugh Delahunt RIP 11am
Thurs	7 Nov	A to Z of Catholicism - the Devil, 7.30pm
Sat	9 Nov	FHC 3rd Session, 11am-12pm
Sat	9 Nov	FHC Catechists Meeting, 12pm-1pm
Tues	12 Nov	Mass for Deceased Clergy of the Deanery, at St Michael's Ashted 11am
Thurs	14 Nov	Parish Core Group meeting, 7.30pm
Sat	16 Nov	FHC 4th Session, 11am-12pm

CAFOD-DEC Middle East Humanitarian Appeal

The conflict in the Middle East is getting worse & the families affected need our help. Please donate today to the CAFOD-DEC Middle East Humanitarian Appeal & support our local Caritas partners in Gaza & Lebanon as they continue to provide essential food, water and shelter: cafod.org.uk/give

Christmas Card Sale
16th & 17th November in the Narthex

Worth Abbey All Souls Mass

Saturday 2 November at 9am. This special mass is dedicated to praying for our departed loved ones. Parishioners and friends are invited to submit names of their loved ones to be remembered in prayer, visit our website, worthabbey.net to add their names. The mass will be followed by a reception in the Narthex

Recovery and Well Being



Please pray for: Louise Charge, Kitty Cusack, Steve Kamm, Chris Williamson, Jocelyn Bowen, Joseph Ewing, Martina Savage, Mel Alvarez, Shona Dane, Elpedio Travares, Nicholas Ward, Marcia Brancroft and Sally Mason.



Mass Intentions October 2024

Sat	19	6pm	Vigil Mass	Ints: Elizabeth Kasamki
Sun	20	8.30am	29th Sunday in OT	Jacinta Fahy RIP
Sun	20	10.30am	29th Sunday in OT	People of the Parish
Mon	21	10am	Votive Mass	Ints: Clifford Mandry
Wed	23	10am	St John of Captistrano	Vaneitha Toney RIP
Thu	24	7pm	St Anthony Mary Claret	Doreen Charles RIP
Fri	25	10am	Votive Mass	Available
Sat	26	6pm	Vigil Mass	In thanks Norton Lock
Sun	27	8:30am	30th Sunday in OT	People of the Parish
Sun	27	10:30am	30th Sunday in OT	Richard Nicholls RIP