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Sunday 12th October is the Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The readings and prayers for today can be found on page 149 of the vermillion books. The first reading is from the second Book of the Kings and is the story of how Naaman the Syrian is cured by the intercession of the prophet Elisha. Naaman is not Jewish but chooses from now on to worship the God of Israel in gratitude for his cure. The Gospel is from Saint Luke. Ten lepers come to Jesus asking to be cured, but only one comes back to thank Him for the cure he receives. The message seems clear: are we grateful for all the blessings we have received from God?

Today is the fourth of four Sundays on which the congregation will be counted. This will happen in the middle part of the Mass. Last Sunday the numbers were as follows, with the previous two Sundays' figures in brackets: 6pm: 72 (73, 83); 8.30am: 82 (79, 83); 10.30am: 251 (156,179). That gives a total for the Sunday of 405 (308, 345).

Today is Prisoners' Sunday, The day on which we pray for those in jail and their families and those who work with them as Prison Chaplains. There will be a retiring collection for this at the end of each Mass. (Collectors, please take this as your notification).

Today, after the 10.30am Mass, Tina O'Connor will be in the Tivey Room to guide interested parties thorough Mother's Prayers.

Next Sunday is the feast of Saint Philip Howard, our diocesan patron saint, which takes precedence over the twenty-ninth Sunday of the Year. It is also World Mission Sunday and there will be a collection to support the Church's missions.

Liturgical Notes

This is the month of October, which is dedicated to the Rosary and also to prayer for the Missions. This week, please note, there is **no Mass** on Wednesday or Thursday evening, But Mass is as normal on Monday and Friday. The former will be celebrated by Father Peter Andrews and the latter by Father Chris Bergin.

Monday is the feast of Saint Edward the Confessor, King (1003–1066). Saint Edward reigned for twenty-four years over England and is the only English king to be a canonised saint. He built Westminster Abbey where his tomb is still to be found. He was revered soon after his death as a pious and dutiful king. Historians, however, still debate many aspects of his reign. He was childless, quite possibly because he had taken a vow of celibacy.

Wednesday is the feast of Saint Teresa of Avila, virgin and doctor of the Church (1515–1582). She was instrumental in the reform of the Carmelite order, which has been very lax, and her writings have been very influential; she is credited with being one of the leading figures in the Golden Age of Spain, typical of the new energy of the Catholic Church as it faced the challenge of the Reformation.

Thursday is the feast of Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque (1647–1690). She was a nun and a mystic who had ecstatic visions of Our Lord and His Sacred Heart. These were recorded in obedience to her Jesuit spiritual director, and when published led to the great popularity of devotion to the Sacred Heart.

On Saturday, the feast of Saint Luke the Evangelist, there will not be Adoration or Confessions.

Our Parish Leadership team (which represents local communities from all over the Epsom deanery) is meeting on Monday 20th October, from 7.30pm-9.30pm and again on Wednesday 19th November, from 7.30pm-9.30pm. Both these meetings will be at St Peter's Catholic Primary School, Grange Road, Leatherhead, Surrey KT22 7JN.

Confirmation in 2026

If you would like to make your confirmation next year and will be aged at least 15 by 31st August 2026 and are attending Mass regularly at St Clement's, application forms are available in the narthex (under the newsletters) for you to complete. **The closing date for applications is Sunday 26th October**, but if you have completed your form, please submit it as soon as possible so that we may begin to get an idea of numbers this year.

We have heard the sad news of the death of Father Alan Sharpe, priest of this diocese, which occurred on the 25th September. He was eighty-five years old. Father Alan retired in 2020, and before that served in the parishes of Guildford and Billingshurst with Pulborough. Prior to his ordination, Fr Alan had been Vicar of the Anglican parish of Saint Patrick's in Brighton. His funeral will be this Tuesday at the Towers Convent, Upper Beeding at 11am. His son, Stephen, is a deacon in our diocese. Let us be grateful for his service as a priest and pray for his eternal repose. We shall be offering a requiem mass for him on **Thursday 13th November at 7pm.**

Diocesan Run Events/News

Marriage Anniversaries Mass – Saturday 11 October 11.30am at Christ the Prince of Peace, Weybridge, Surrey KT13 8JD. Whether you are celebrating a special anniversary or simply giving thanks for your marriage this year, 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. There will also be a wonderful opportunity to renew your wedding vows during Mass. This will be followed by a small drinks reception in the Parish Hall. Family and friends are very welcome. The church and hall are wheelchair friendly, with a number of disabled parking spaces available. If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact Deacon Simon South. E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk

Ministry of Consolation. Do you have a good listening ear? Do you feel you could support those who are struggling with loss or bereavement? We are recruiting for our training course to become a member of the Ministry of Consolation team of volunteer befrienders. The course runs online for a total of 7 weeks on each Wednesday throughout January and February 2026 (9.30am-1.30pm). To find out more contact E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk
Application process ends on 15th November 2025.

Catholic Radio Station “Radio Maria England” is holding its annual Mariathon from 15–17 October, with special programming focused on the “Quiet Revival”. Inspiring guest speakers will share how they have witnessed the growth of faith, church attendance, and ministries in this country over the past decade. You can listen on a DAB radio or smart speaker, the Radio Maria App, or online at www.radiomariaengland.uk

Our next social event will be our **Parish Quiz Night at 7pm on Saturday 25th October**. Entrance is just £1 which includes nibbles, tea, coffee and biscuits. There will, of course, be the obligatory raffle. Please come along for an evening of fun, laughter and ridiculously easy questions. Sign up sheets are located in the usual spot in the narthex. Any questions to our quiz master Robin Hannan or his glamorous assistant Ann Hannan.

This notice was a little obscured last week, so here it is again. Well done to all those coffee-lovers after the 8.30am Mass. The organisers recently banked the sum of £283.14. £100 was given to the Epsom Foodbank, £100 went to the Epsom Pantry and £83.14 was given to Cafod.

Do you have any old wood that can be donated to our parish bonfire which is coming up on Saturday 8th November? You might like to check out your garage or shed and see what you can really do without. In addition, if you wish to bring refreshments of any sort to the Bonfire Party, please feel free. The same goes for fireworks, though if you bring these, please ensure you are able to set them off safely and appropriately. Children are very welcome, but need to be accompanied by an adult. If you do have any old wood, please leave it by the presbytery garage.

Richard's Tech Café: If you have any laptops, phones or other Tech that are not working properly or are really slow, please bring them to the church hall between the Masses on Sunday 2nd November. If I get it working, a small donation to the church would be welcome (but not necessarily).

A Word Of Thanks

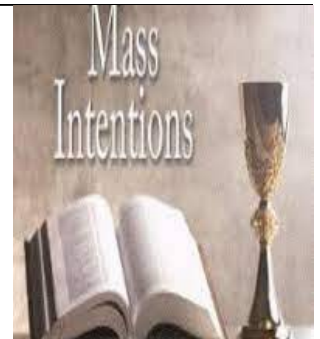
Lil Ryan and her family would like to thank everybody who gave them sympathy or Mass cards (over 60) following the death of Mick. Their thanks also to Fr Alexander and Fr Simon for a beautiful requiem Mass. May God bless you all.

Forthcoming Events

Sunday 12th October Mass Count IV.
Sunday 12th October, after 10.30am Mass: Mothers' Prayers intro, in the Tivey room.
Monday 13th October 7.30pm - 8.30pm Inter Church Prayer at Worcester Park Baptist Church.
Saturday 18th October 11am-12pm FHC Session 3.
Saturday 18th October 12pm-1pm FHC Catechists meeting.
Monday 20th October 7.30pm-9.30pm Parish Leadership team meets, in Leatherhead.
Saturday 25th October 7pm Quiz night.
Saturday 25th/26th October Food Bank appeal all Masses.

Mass Intentions from 13th-19th October

Saturday	11th	6pm	Vigil Mass	People of the Parish
Sunday	12th	8.30am	28th Sunday in OT	Michael Haigh
Sunday	12th	10.30am	28th Sunday in OT	Tricia Ives Recovery & Wellbeing
Monday	13th	10am	St Edward the Confessor	GE Lil Ryan
Wednesday	15th	10am	St Teresa of Jesus	Mass cancelled
Thursday	16th	7pm	St Hedwig	Mass cancelled
Friday	17th	10am	St Ignatius of Antioch	Kay Higgs RIP (100th Birthday)
Saturday	18th	6pm	Vigil Mass	GE Morris Family
Sunday	19th	8.30am	St Philip Howard	People of the Parish
Sunday	19th	10.30am	St Philip Howard	Clifford Mandry RIP



Recovery and Well Being
Please pray for: The Zilkha Family, Elpedio Tavares, Nicholas Ward, Anne O'Connell, Mel Alvarez, Bea O'Reilly, Bob Parker, Steve Kamm, Chris Williamson, Mary McGinn, Rui de Norbega, Jocelyn Bowen, Shona Dane, Joseph Ewing, Martina Savage, Rosa Undasan, Anne-Marie Evans & Martin Crisp.



Thank you for your continued support of our parish