

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Weekday Morning Prayer - 9.45am (First Week in Advent)

Sunday 2nd December

6.00pm (*Vigil of Sunday*)
9.00am
10.30am
12.00 noon

First Sunday of Advent

Jim Ahern
Catalina Rosa Rodriguez RIP
Latha Britto – Anniversary of death
Mass in Italian
No 5.30pm Mass

Monday 3rd December

10.00am

St Francis Xavier, Priest, Memoria
Stan Duke RIP

Tuesday 4th December

7.00am
10.00am
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT (& Sacrament of Reconciliation) until 11.00am
7.30pm

Tuesday of the First Week in Advent

Gilbert Tierny RIP
Annamma Pyloth RIP
Taizé Evening

Wednesday 5th December

10.00am
12.00 noon

Wednesday of the First Week in Advent

Sue Mildwater RIP
Grandparents' Mass

Thursday 6th December

10.00am
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT (& Sacrament of Reconciliation) until 11.00am
12.00 noon

Thursday of the First Week in Advent

Departed loved ones of the Regalado and Dalakouras families
Requiem Mass for Tommaso DiFelice

Friday 7th December

10.00am

St Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor, Memoria
Denis and Nellie King RIP

Saturday 8th December

10.00am
6.00pm (*Vigil of Sunday*)
7.45pm

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Solemnity

Chukwunweike Okekearu (Healing)
Elizabeth Kasamaki
Mass in Portuguese

Sunday 9th December

9.00am
10.30am
12.00 noon
1.30pm
5.30pm

Second Sunday of Advent

Desmond Craig Waller RIP
Peter Hewitt RIP
Mass in Italian
Baptisms
All Parishioners

Readings: Cycle C for Sundays & Solemnities

Year 1 for Weekdays

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: After 10.00am and 6.00pm Masses *or by appointment.*

Tuesdays and Thursdays during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

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ST DUNSTAN'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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2nd December 2018 First Sunday of Advent

Please note—there will be no 5.30pm Mass this Sunday, 2nd December

St Dunstan's will be hosting the Woking Hospice annual 'Light Up A Life' Service at 4.00pm. There are Sunday evening Masses at 6.00pm at Christ The Prince of Peace, Weybridge, at 6.00pm St Joseph's, Guildford, and at 5.30pm at Our Lady Queen of Heaven, Frimley.

ADVENT There will be an early Mass at 7.00am on the Tuesdays of Advent. A light breakfast will be available after Mass.

ST DUNSTAN'S SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

Fr Peter, Fr Simon and Fr Elio will be available to sign forms at the following times:
Tuesday 4th December; 5.30 - 7pm
Wednesday 5th December; 5.30 - 7pm

New Parishioners

If you have arrived in the Parish in the last three months you are warmly invited to a 'New Parishioners Evening' on **Friday 7th December** at **7.30pm**. An opportunity to meet the priests and other parishioners. If you have moved into the parish fairly recently but were unable to attend the new parishioners meeting to which you were invited, please do come to this one.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF: Biddy Hickey RIP,

Kiernan Joyce RIP (Brother of Monica and Sylvia)
and **Agatha Nkiruka Okekearu RIP**
*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.
May they rest in peace.*

LIVE STREAMING of services at St Dunstan's will begin after this weekend. There are pictures in the Narthex showing the view which will be seen on the stream. Most Masses and other services will be streamed, but occasionally the view may be switched to the crucifix with only the sound being heard. If you have any questions please speak to Fr Peter or Kevin Wallace. You may like to read this extract by Fr Colin Wolczak from his newsletter describing his positive experience of live streaming in his parish.

"When I arrived in the Parish a year ago I was a little wary of the live streaming over the internet. It felt a bit like "big brother is watching you". However, visiting house bound parishioners and realising how much they appreciate being able to participate in the Mass helped me to realise the valuable service we offer. It is also helpful for relatives who are unable to travel and can't attend funerals, baptisms etc. This week I asked the company who provide the service if they could give me an idea of how many people viewed our services. The results astounded me. During the two weeks 1st -14th October users tuned into our live services 3086 times, these were based in 32 countries, as far apart as Russia, Qatar, Malaysia, India, New Zealand etc. We are truly part of the Universal Catholic Church. With Every Blessing, Fr Colin"

PARISH PILGRIMAGE to Italy March 2019

Could anyone who would like to join this pilgrimage please book in the next couple of weeks. Brochures are still available from the Parish Office.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK especially for **Blair Fiander** and **Helen Warren**

Advent Taizé hour Come and join us prepare for Christmas with a Taizé style service of music and prayer this Tuesday 4th December at 7.30pm, followed by refreshments. An opportunity to gather in prayer around the cross as we begin Advent. All are welcome.

The **December Grandparents' Group meeting** is on **Wednesday 5th December**. There will be Mass at 12 noon followed by a bring and share buffet in the Function Room. All grandparents and honorary grandparents very welcome, and we will also invite grandparents from Knaphill, West Byfleet and Effingham parishes to join us.

Road Wardens

Envelopes containing Christmas cards for delivery around the parish will be available next weekend. Thank you for helping us to keep in touch with all known members of our Parish Community.

We have some areas not covered:

Park Road/Coley Avenue

Station Approach

Roads off Roundthorn Way

Hook Heath Avenue and nearby roads

Roads around Evelyn Close/Old Hill

Maybury Road/Walton Court

If you could help by delivering cards in one of these areas then please get in touch via the Parish Office.

The Passage is raising funds through the Big Give from 12 noon Tuesday 27th November–12 noon Tuesday 4th December to support its work with homeless people this winter. Double your Donation, Double your impact: if someone (a company, individual or trust) gives £10 online, matched giving of £10 will bring the Gift up to £20 (and for individuals to £22.50 with Gift Aid with higher rate tax relief it may cost the donor less than £10). More information from Andrew Hollingsworth 020 7592 1855, andrew.h@passage.org.uk

Woking & District Irish Assoc Christmas Dance Saturday 8th December

At Old Woking Recreation Club, Westfield Rd, Woking GU22 9NG. A great night with music by:- **Pat Hayes (on tour from Ireland)** Come along for a great night. **Admission £10** (incl light supper) at the door Need more info call 01483-764770

CHRISTMAS FAIR A massive "thank you" to you all. The Fair raised £7,787.00 which will be divided and given to our three chosen charities, Woking MIND, Surrey Young Carers and Quest Riding for the Disabled Association (RDA). The money is great, but much more important was the spirit of joy and companionship that such an occasion evidences. To those who spent so much time arranging, setting up, catering, cleaning up etc, a special and heartfelt "thank you". *Fr Peter*

Cafod Christmas cards and Traidcraft goods

These will be on sale after all Masses next weekend, 8th and 9th December, for the last time before Christmas. Last time you bought £556.50 worth of cards and Traidcraft goods. Thank you for your support.

Youth Stall Helpers on the parish fair stall last Saturday raised more than £53 profit from all those 20ps! Many thanks for all your hard work, and please come back next year. *Liz MacIntyre*

Set of keys found within a Jewellery donation for the Christmas Fair. Please call at the parish office.

John Ballam has been **collecting and sorting stamps** for many years, but is now having to stop. If anyone would like to take over this activity, please come the Parish Office for more information.

Still looking for that special gift? More **CAFOD World Gift catalogues** and money collection boxes are available in the Narthex to take away with you until December 14th.

St Columba's House, a retreat centre in Woking, is seeking a part time maintenance person, mornings only. See www.stcolumbashouse.org.uk for more information or contact 01483 766498.

New Name for DABCEC:

The Diocese of Arundel & Brighton Christian Education Centre, 4 Southgate Drive, Crawley, RH10 6RP, is now known as the **St Philip Howard Centre for Education, Formation & Mission**

International Carols, Saturday December 8th

At Christchurch, Woking, 7.00pm, organised by Across Woking. A multi-cultural service of songs and reading in different languages with refreshments to follow. All are welcome.

Youth Alive

'Youth Alive' is being re-launched at St Dunstan's with the aim of providing a safe space for young people to meet, have fun and explore faith issues. It is open to everyone, whether they live in the parish or not. There will be different streams for different age-groups, but the first project to be launched is "Youth Alive Junior", featuring the TV show 'Friends and Heroes', for those in school years 4, 5 and 6. Every **Wednesday afternoon** during term time from 16th January 2019, 4.30-6.15pm. Sessions feature an episode of the series 'Friends and Heroes', activities related to the episode's topic and include a meal. Everyone is welcome, but we need parents to register their children via the parish office. Please contact Fernanda for details and a registration form. For information about Friends and Heroes visit <https://www.friendsandheroes.com/uk/about-us>
Volunteering for Youth Alive Junior: If you are working towards a DofE Award we would love to hear from you

Saltmine Theatre Company are returning to **Christ Church Woking** this year, to perform The Nutcracker, Wednesday December 12th, 6pm. Tickets: Adults £8, Children £5. from the bookshop or <https://christchurchwoking.churchsuite.co.uk/events/cciqdrgh>

Christmas Carols with 'The Cardinals' Jubilee Square, Woking, Monday 17th December any time from 5.30-7.30pm for carols organised by Woking Football Club in association with Woking churches. Free refreshments and a chance to meet the FC players. Do go along, it's a great way to show our Christian witness to the town.

Worth Abbey- Open Cloister Retreats 2019 See the flier with details in the Narthex or visit www.worth.co.uk

Chilworth Abbey Study Day, by Fr John Seddon OSB Saturday December 15th, 9am-4pm. A presentation of part 4 'Mary, the Mother of God' of 'Catholicism - a journey to the heart of the faith', by Bishop Barron. Fr John Seddon OSB will contextualise the episode and then teach and lead discussion. Bring a packed lunch and a friend. Tea and coffee are provided. St Augustine's Abbey, Chilworth, GU4 8QR More information at www.chilworthbenedictines.com

Service of Nine Lessons with Carols Sunday December 16th, 7pm, St George's Chapel, KT15 2QS.

Mass Readings for 2nd December 2018

JEREMIAH 33:14-16

We are often disappointed in our leaders, downcast by their lack of commitment and their bad decisions. We may find ourselves wondering if there is anyone we can trust. The prophet Jeremiah speaks to us of God's steadfast faithfulness to us and the promise of his Son, our ultimate leader in whom our trust is safe, our faith is justified and our hope is fulfilled.

THESSALONIANS 3:12-4:2

'Love one another as I have loved you.' How can we love not only those we are close to, but also those we don't know and, perhaps worst of all, those we do know? We almost feel set up for a fall. St Paul reminds us that we are not on our own, that the strength and patience to love comes from God. As always, we have only to ask.

LUKE 21:25-28, 34-36

The disciples must have been horrified as they listened to Jesus proclaiming war and destruction. But in the midst of these images of fear and dread, he proclaims the coming of the Son of Man. In our own lives, we sometimes feel surrounded by trauma, fear and despair. Sometimes, the past shadows the future and it may seem as though there is nothing to hope for. Jesus urges us to be on watch for him, to feel his power as we face our every challenge, to see his face in the face of every stranger, to pray for his strength rather than lose ourselves to our weakness. We know that we are on a journey to salvation and no one wants us to reach our destination more than him.

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Readings Next Weekend

Baruch 5:1-9 , Psalm 125, Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11, Luke 3:1-6

Thank You for last Sunday's Offertory collection of £3,766.35 (*the cash offertory plus the average of the standing orders*) and £476.60 for the charities supported by the Parish Christmas Fair.

The retiring collection this weekend is for Mary's Meals, and next weekend is for Cafod.