

Saint Anne's Chertsey - Parish Newsletter

First Sunday in Advent

3rd December 2023

A Christian community inspired by the Salesian ideals of Saint John Bosco

Sunday Masses 8.30am and 11:30am Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday 10.30am-11.30am
The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Friday 8th December

Last Week

Offertory collection: £349.46 + our usual Standing Orders. Arundel Cathedral Maintenance £100. Thank you all.

Sunday

First Sunday of Advent.

Children's gifts before the altar, which will be presented to Salvation Army Addlestone. Refreshments are served after 8.30 am & 11.30am Mass. Thank you to our servers at the Coffee Bar.

Monday

Fire extinguisher servicing today

9:30am Mass

1.00pm St Anne's school in church with Ms Dimech/Year 4

Tuesday *Blessed Philip Rinaldi*

9:30am Mass

1.00pm St Anne's school in church Reception/ Year 2 & Staff Team

Wednesday *St Nicholas.*

No Mass: Church closed.

7:30pm Legion of Mary in Savio Centre

Thursday *St Ambrose*

9.30am Mass

10.30am Salesian School Mass in Church, with Fr Kevin O'Donnell SDB

1.00pm St. Anne's school in church: Reception/ Year 2 & Staff Team

Friday: Immaculate Conception

9:30am Mass (children in church)

10.30am Salesian School Mass in Church, with Fr Kevin O'Donnell SDB

1pm-3pm Dress Rehearsal for St Anne's school Reception/ Year 2 & Staff

7.30pm Celebration Mass with social evening.

Saturday 10.00am Mass, followed by Adoration & Confessions available.

Next Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent

Mass Intentions: 3rd-10th December

Sun 8.30am People of the Parish

Sun 11.30am Giovanni Maragnoli RIP anniv.

Mon 9.30am Frances & Leslie Johnson RIP

Tue 9.30am David Berglas RIP

Thu 9.30am Landicho Family

Fri 9.30am Veronica Ryan & Ronald Crosson RIP

Fri 7.30pm People of the Parish

Sat 10.00am In Thanksgiving Pereira Fam.Int.

Sun 8.30am People of the Parish

Sun 11.30am Dec. Memos of Fitzgerald Family RIP

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The parish is part of the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton: Registered Charity No. 252878

Your prayers please

for Ray Higgs RIP and Rita and the family: *Funeral Mass 14th December* for Jimmy O'Sullivan RIP and Monica and the family. *Funeral Mass on 15th* for Maureen Furey RIP and for John, and the family. *Funeral on 13th Dec.* May they rest in peace.

Advent Reconciliation in our area

Our local Deanery arrange a series of Evenings of Reconciliation during Advent. **7.30pm Friday evening 1st December**, in St Anne's was the first.

Tuesday 12th December: 6pm:

Christ the Prince of Peace, Weybridge

Wednesday 13th December: c7pm

St Erconwald's Walton-on-Thames

Friday 8th December:

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Morning Mass at 9.30am

Celebration Mass at 7.30pm

followed by a social gathering in the Savio Centre.

In Don Bosco's Basilica in the Valdocco district of Turin, our patron, Saint Anne, and her husband St Joachim have statues either side of the aisle, as parents of Immaculate Mary through miraculous and divine intervention This ancient feast day of the church also links with the proclamation of Our Lady at Lourdes to Sr Bernadette.

At the same time as the apparitions in Lourdes, Fr John Bosco had begun his work with young people in Turin: in his memoirs Don Bosco spoke of

the turning point in his ministry and vocation on the **8thDecember 1841** in Turin. He was moved to support and encourage those young people, often homeless and with no hope of good education of whom he wrote, *For you I give my whole life.*

From that winter day in Turin, which is the birthday of his dedication to work for the young, the Salesian life and mission developed rapidly.

I invite you on **Friday 8th** to come to St Anne's to celebrate Mary's place in both the Charism of our parish and in the Salesian mission to the young at either the morning or evening masses. We hope a class from St Anne's School can join us at 9.30am. There will be a social event in the Savio Centre following the 7.30pm evening mass.

Please celebrate how the Lord has done mighty things, through Mary Immaculate, and praise God for Mary's care of our parish.

Forthcoming Events

Tuesday 12th December: *Bishop Richard meets with the priests of the Diocese: mandatory attendance in Guildford.*

Carol Singing and Evangelisation

Carols outside Sainsbury's tba.

Parish Finance Committee:

Friday evening December 15th *time-tbc*

Plenary Meeting of local Parish Priests

following the Tuesday meeting with Bishop Richard, will be on Friday December 15th at 5pm in Weybridge.

Parish Carol Service in St. Anne's Church Thursday evening 21st December

Confirmation Applications:

Please hand these in at sacristy: Fr Graham has a collecting pillar box for them. Thanks.