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Sunday 15th September, 2024 This Sunday is the Twenty-Fourth Sunday of the Year.

In the first reading, from the prophecy of Isaiah, we hear the Song of the Suffering Servant, which speaks of the Messiah as one who is contested and made to suffer, rather than a victorious ruler. In this prophecy we see the Passion of Jesus foreshadowed. In the second reading, Saint James tells us that faith without works is dead; we must, in modern parlance, walk the walk, not just talk the talk. In the Gospel, from Saint Mark, Jesus foretells His suffering and death, much to the chagrin of Saint Peter, and then gives us one of His most important sayings: 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

This Sunday, Fr Graham is celebrating the 10.30am Mass, and afterwards we are having our farewell BBQ for him. During the BBQ, at some suitable moment, we will present him with his leaving present.

Liturgical notes

We are in the month of September, dedicated to the Seven Sorrows of Our Lady, the feast day of which falls on the 15th of this month, which this year is a Sunday. On days when there is no feast, we shall celebrate a Votive Mass of the Blessed Virgin.

Monday is the feast of Sts Cornelius, Pope, & Cyprian, bishop, martyrs. Cornelius was elected Pope in 251, but died in exile in 253. Cyprian was made bishop of Carthage in 249, & was martyred in 258. These two saints are celebrated together as they both boldly worked for the unity of the Church in difficult times and endeavoured to crush heresy.

Tuesday is the feast of St Robert Bellarmine, bishop & doctor of the Church. A Tuscan & a Jesuit, he was born in 1542. He was a leading theologian of the Church in the period known as the Counter-Reformation, through both his teaching and his writings. He died in 1621.

Thursday is the feast of St Januarius, bishop & martyr. He died in the persecution of Diocletian. Twice every year an ampoule containing his congealed blood, kept in the cathedral in Naples, liquefies in response to the prayers of the faithful. This is not a miracle but is described as a 'marvel'. On some occasions it fails to liquefy to the consternation of the faithful. Fr Alexander has witnessed this marvel.

Friday is the feast of St Andrew Kim Taegon, priest, Paul Chong Hasang & Companions, martyrs of Korea. The evangelization of Korea began during the 17th century through a group of lay persons. A strong vital Christian community flourished there under lay leadership until missionaries arrived from the Paris Foreign Mission Society. During the terrible persecutions that occurred in the 19th century (in 1839, 1866, & 1867), 103 members of the Christian community gave their lives as martyrs. Outstanding among these witnesses to the faith were the first Korean priest & pastor, Andrew Kim Taegon, & the lay apostle, Paul Chong Hasang. Among the other martyrs were a few bishops & priests, but for the most part lay people, men & women, married & unmarried, children, young people, & the elderly. All suffered greatly for the Faith & consecrated the rich beginnings of the Church of Korea with their blood as martyrs. Pope St John Paul II, during his trip to Korea, canonized these martyrs on May 6, 1984, & inserted their feast into the Calendar of the Universal Church. According to Wikipedia: 'The Catholic Church in South Korea has seen significant growth in recent years, increasing its membership from 7.9% of the population to 11% over the past twenty years. At the end of 2017 there were 5,813,770 Catholics in South Korea – 11.0% of the population. In 2017, the Church grew by 1.3%, with over 75,000 adult baptisms.' As Tertullian said: 'The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church.'

Hall news. We have placed our Hall under management, and bookings are now being handled by Praetorium, who specialise in this field. We are obviously keen to take bookings. The office number is **01372457651** and the email is **office@lowcosthalls.co.uk**. The office is open 9-5 Mon-Fri. To the left of the Hall door is a key safe, newly installed. (Thanks to Rod.) The code can be made known on application.

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.

Mary's Meals wants to collect all your foreign currency and turn it into cash to feed hungry children in the 17 countries it works in. You will find envelopes at the back of church today, please take one when you leave and put all your foreign coins and notes* into it. Then bring your envelope back into church next weekend. Mary's Meals feeds children for only 10p per meal so a little goes a long way. Thank you for your support. *We will also take UK coins/notes that aren't legal tender

The Dicastery for Divine Worship and Discipline of the Sacraments in Rome has agreed to the request of the English and Welsh bishops to raise the Obligatory Memorial of Our Lady of Walsingham to a Feast in England and Wales. The feast is to be celebrated on 24th September each year. Walsingham is England's Nazareth, where the faithful venerated the Holy House (as in Loreto, Italy), before its destruction by Henry VIII; this devotion reminds us that the Word became flesh and lived among us, as one of us, in an ordinary human home.

Epsom and Ewell Food Bank Still Needs You

It is now over 12 years since the Epsom & Ewell Food Bank encouraged by Churches Together started its work. Sadly it is still needed: now perhaps more than ever. At this time of year when the "Season of Creation" is celebrated world wide by the Catholic Church, in this country there is a tradition of harvest festivals. Many of our fellow Christian Churches use it as a major occasion to donate to Food Bank. An opportunity then to thank you for your year round contributions of food & cash. And to encourage you to continue: the Food Bank welcomes and relies on your ongoing support.
It still operates from its original base in Ruxley Lane.

2025 Is a Holy Year in the Catholic Church; when these were first instituted they were held once every 50 years, and meant to be a once in a lifetime experience. Nowadays they are a lot more frequent. The beginning of the Holy Year is being marked by the celebration of Mass in every Cathedral Church in the world on Sunday December 29th. Accordingly, Bishop Richard will celebrate this Mass at Arundel Cathedral at 10.45am on that day. Please note this in your diaries now, as it might make a nice trip between Christmas and New Year when very little happens. In order to enable everyone to share in the celebration of the Holy Year, the following churches have been designated as "places of pilgrimage", where the Holy Year Indulgences may be gained: the Cathedral, Worth Abbey, and St. Joseph's, Guildford, together with all prison chapels in the diocese. In addition, Bishop Richard will come to our Deanery during Lent 2025, for a Service of Reconciliation, the dates to be published in due course. There is not going to be a Diocesan pilgrimage to Rome during the Jubilee Year, but a pilgrimage to Walsingham is being arranged to take place from Friday 6th to Sunday 8th June.
Further information on this will be sent out in due course.

The Knights of St Columba are holding their Annual Sponsored Walk for St Raphaels Hospice on Saturday 28th September. Over the past 30+ years they have raised close to £100,000. Brian Stone will be walking and if you would like to make a donation (or fundraise with the knights), please find him on www.justgiving.com/tean/ksc328-walk2024 or use the QR code on the poster in the narthex.

Lighthouse

Illuminate your life in Christ with "Lighthouse" 12th October, 2pm at St Joseph's Church, Epsom. Lighthouse is an afternoon of renewal for the A & B Diocese brought to you from the Charismatic Diocesan Service of Communion team. The theme is "These are the signs that will be associated with believers" (Mk 16:17) and during the afternoon we will explore faith and signs with talks from excellent speakers and: * worship together, *receive the sacrament of reconciliation, *be immersed in the Holy Spirit and *receive prayer ministry from our experienced and gifted prayer ministry teams *meet friends both old and new. Mass will end the afternoon at 5.30pm More information at: <https://www.abcharismatic.org/>

Confirmation 2025

If you would like to make your confirmation next year, please complete an application form, available in the narthex in the rack under the newsletters. Candidates should be in at least school year 10 and attending Mass regularly at St Clement's. The closing date for applications is 20th October. Any questions, please speak to or message Ann Hannan Tel no: 07720 254748.

We have two leaflets at the back of the Church. One is about planning funerals, which may be interesting, as we will all have a funeral one day, and it is wise to think of these things in advance. The other is the Novena (that is, a set of prayers lasting seven days) to the Blessed Carlo Acutis, who will be canonised as a saint next year. There are also Holy Pictures of the Blessed Carlo. Please do take one. Do help yourself.

Dates For Your Diary

19 Sept	Core Group meeting. 7.30pm
22 Sept	Macmillan coffee morning
25 Sept	FHC Parents Introduction Meeting. Church 7pm
28 Sept	Refresher day for Extraordinary Ministers 10.30am-1pm
30 Sept	Baptism Course, Tivey Room, 8pm
4 Oct	CAFOD Family Fast Day
5 Oct	FHC session one. 11am-12pm
5 Oct	Refresher day for Proclaimers 10.30am- 1pm
6 Oct	FHC Celebration Mass 10:30am
7 Oct	Baptism Course, Tivey Room, 8pm.
19 Oct	Meeting of the Finance Committee.
19 Oct	FHC Session 2.11am-12pm:
19 Oct	Parish Quiz Night
9 Nov	FHC Session 3.11am-12pm: # Catechists 12pm-1pm
16 Nov	FHC Session 4. 11am-12pm
23 Nov	FHC Reconciliation Services 11am-1pm

Macmillan Coffee Morning Sunday 22nd Sept

We are supporting this cancer support charity by holding a coffee morning after the 8.30 & 10.30 morning Masses. Please come along & enjoy a tea/ coffee & cake & make a donation (by cash or QR code via your phone) to this worthwhile charity. Any donations of cakes would be much appreciated.
Please bring them on the day.

Our Church is open during the hours of daylight, every day, apart from Tuesday, so people can come in and pray or just visit. If the red 'sausage' is in the doorway, this means the door is unlocked.

10:30am Coffee After Mass for September

22 Macmillan Coffee AM **Social Committee**
29 Brownies: **Elaine Briggs**

Mass Intentions September 2024

Sun 15	8:30am	24th Sunday in OT	All Members of the Walker Family RIP
Sun 15	10:30am	24th Sunday in OT	People of the Parish Available
Mon 16	10am	SS Cornelius & Cyprian	Available
Wed 18	10am	Feria in Ordinary Time	Ints of Graham Norton Available
Thu 19	7pm		Available
Fri 20	10am	St Andrew Kim Taegon,	Available
Sat 21	6pm	Vigil Mass	People of the Parish
Sun 22	8:30am	25th Sunday in OT	PP Varghese RIP
Sun 22	10:30am	25th Sunday in OT	DM Walker Family RIP

Recovery and Well Being

Please pray for:

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.