

St Cuthbert's Parish

Advent and Christmas 2017

Runnymede • Englefield Green • Egham • Egham-Hythe
Thorpe • Virginia Water • Sunningdale • and Surrounding Area

Travelling Nativity

We pray for all the families who will be hosting
our 'Travelling Nativity' during Advent.

Advent Reconciliation

Saturdays 10:30am (except 9th Dec) and 5:15pm - St John of Rochester

St John of Rochester, Friday 8th Dec: 7:00pm Mass
Exposition for an hour
(Sacrament of Reconciliation)
Sung Benediction

Our Lady of the Assumption, Saturday 9th Dec: 10:30am Mass
Followed by opportunity for the
Sacrament of Reconciliation

**Some further opportunities will be provided after the weekday Masses before
Christmas subject to Fr Chris' availability.**

By appointment in the *early part of Advent* please.

Advent Reflection

Sunday 10th December, 4:00pm - Our Lady of the Assumption

This simple service is one of Carols and Readings; some known, some new. We hear the familiar Christmas story in songs and words which lead us to Benediction: a short time to pray for peace, hope and joy to the world. Join us afterwards for social time, enjoying mulled wine or warm drinks and mince pies.

St Cuthbert's Christmas Fayre

Friday 15th December, 3:30pm to 6:00pm - St Cuthbert's School

Please support our Parish School with a glass of mulled wine, gifts, raffle and auction.

Raffle

2nd & 3rd / 9th & 10th December members of our Parish 'Knit and Natter' will be selling Raffle Tickets for the White Lodge Appeal - www.whitelodgecentre.co.uk
Winners will be drawn at the school Christmas Fayre.

Second Collections in Advent

16th / 17th December - Christmas Flowers (Parish Gift Aid envelopes can be used)

Gaudete Sunday – Blessing of the Baby Jesus (16th / 17th December)

The blessing of the Bambinelli has been a tradition in Rome for many years. On the Third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday, we are reminded to rejoice (Gaudete) as we anticipate the birth of Jesus. The children of Rome bring the Christ Child from their family manger to St Peter's Square for the Holy Father to bless. This year our parish too, will participate in the Blessing of the Bambinelli. Children and others are invited to bring the Christ Child from their family nativity sets to any of our three Masses for the blessing. Children who do not have a nativity set at home are welcome to bring a drawing or home-made Baby Jesus!

**At the 11am Mass, Our Lady of the Assumption, on Sunday 17th,
we will also bless the new Baby Jesus for our Crib in the Church.**

Fourth Sunday of Advent – Mass Times

Saturday 23rd	Vigil Mass	6:00pm	St John of Rochester
Sunday 24th	Day Mass	9:15am	St John of Rochester
		11:00am	Our Lady of the Assumption

There will be the one regular Parish Collection.

Christmas Mass Times in the Parish

Sunday 24th	Family First Mass of Christmas	6:00pm	St John of Rochester
	Liturgy of Midnight Mass	10:00pm	Our Lady of the Assumption
Monday 25th	Christmas Mass	9:15am	St John of Rochester
		11:00am	Our Lady of the Assumption

Collection: For the Priest of the Parish (Fr Chris), forming a part of his annual income. This collection may be Gift Aided, and the additional revenue will benefit the Parish.

Crib Collection 2017 - During the Christmas Season

Bishop Richard, The Diocesan Education Service and our Diocesan Trustees, encourage us to support the ***Catholic Children's Society Crisis Fund*** (to assist with emergency grants to local children and families with nowhere else to turn).

Tues 26th	11:00am	Mass of St Stephen	Our Lady of the Assumption
Wed 27th	10:00am	St John the Evangelist	Our Lady of the Assumption
Thur 28th	10:00am	The Holy Innocents	St John of Rochester
Fri 29th	10:00am	St Thomas Becket	Our Lady of the Assumption
Sat 30th	10:00am	6 th day of the Octave	St John of Rochester
Sat 30th	6:00pm	The Holy Family	St John of Rochester
Sun 31st	9:15am	The Holy Family	St John of Rochester
	11:00am	The Holy Family	Our Lady of the Assumption
Mon 1st	11:00am	Mary, Mother of God	St John of Rochester

Fr Chris' Christmas break will be from 11th – 19th January 2018