

A New Sunday Mass Schedule

The Context

- ❖ Fr Charles goes on sabbatical in October;
- ❖ Planning for the retirement of priests...
- ❖ 28 Sunday Masses across the Deanery.

The Challenge

- ❖ To work together to face the challenge and share the impact
- ❖ Consider pastoral provision for all in the Deanery
- ❖ Provide a new Sunday Mass schedule

The Journey

- ❖ Three Clergy meetings – prayer and reflection
- ❖ Liaison with the Parish Leadership Team, other Deaneries and the Diocese

Some principles...

- ❖ Two hours between Mass start times
- ❖ No priest celebrates more than three Sunday Masses
- ❖ Value the connection between priest, people and place.
- ❖ Make changes now, not piecemeal.

The sacrifice

- ❖ Not an easy ask.
- ❖ Implications for the elderly, rotas, finance, community identity

The ask

- ❖ Your prayers – for parishioners and clergy in this time of change
- ❖ Your support in making plans

The new Mass schedule

- ❖ Each of the existing nine parishes gives up one Mass
- ❖ 19 Masses can be covered by eight priests; indeed, by seven, allowing sickness and holiday cover.
- ❖ Details – see over...
- ❖ To begin in Advent: 29th Nov 2026

Existing Mass Schedule

	Sat	Sun		
Ashtead	6pm (1 st Sat)	8.30am	10.30am	
Banstead	6pm	8.30am	10am	
Cobham	6pm	9am	11am	
Dorking	6pm	8am	10am	
Eff. & Fetcham	6pm (OLS)	9am (OLS)	11am (HS)	
Epsom	5.30pm	8.30am	10.30am	5.30pm
Ewell	6pm	8.30am	10.30am	
Leatherhead		8.30am	10am	6pm
Tadworth	6pm	8.30am	10.30am	

New Mass Schedule

	Sat	Sun		
Ashtead	6pm	9am*		
Banstead	5pm*	9am*		
Cobham		9am	11am	
Dorking	6pm	9.15am*		
Eff. & Fetcham	6pm (OLS)		11.15am (HS)*	
Epsom	5.30pm		10.30am	5.30pm
Ewell		8.30am	10.30am	
Leatherhead		8.30am	10.30am*	
Tadworth	6pm		11am*	

* denotes new Mass time