

Our Parish Liturgy . . . . .

This Week (02 A)

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| <b>DIVINE OFFICE</b>             | <b>WEEK 2</b>   |
| <b>ENTRANCE HYMN</b>             | 18.00 875<br>09.00 875<br>11.00 Musicians   |
| <b>PENITENTIAL ACT</b>           | Spoken  |
| <b>GLORIA</b>                    | 18.00 New Celtic Mass<br>09.00 New Celtic Mass<br>11.00 Musicians   |
| <b>FIRST READING</b>             | Isaiah 49:3, 5-6<br><i>'I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.'</i>   |
| <b>PSALM RESPONSE</b>            | <i>Behold, I have come, Lord, to do your will.</i>  |
| <b>SECOND READING</b>            | 1 Corinthians 1:1-3<br><i>'Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.'</i>   |
| <b>GOSPEL ACCLAMATION</b>        | <i>Alleluia, alleluia!</i><br><i>The Word became flesh and dwelt among us; to all who did receive him, he gave the authority to become children of God. Alleluia!</i> |
| <b>GOSPEL READING</b>            | John 1:29-34<br><i>'Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.'</i>  |
| <b>PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS</b> | 18.00 749<br>09.00 749<br>11.00 Musicians   |
| <b>SANCTUS</b>                   | 18.00 New Celtic Mass<br>09.00 New Celtic Mass<br>11.00 Musicians   |
| <b>MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION</b>      | 18.00 New Celtic Mass<br>09.00 New Celtic Mass<br>11.00 Musicians   |
| <b>GREAT AMEN</b>                | 18.00 New Celtic Mass<br>09.00 New Celtic Mass<br>11.00 Spoken  |
| <b>OUR FATHER</b>                | 18.00 Spoken<br>09.00 Spoken<br>11.00 Musicians   |
| <b>AGNUS DEI</b>                 | 18.00 Spoken<br>09.00 Spoken<br>11.00 Musicians   |
| <b>COMMUNION ANTIPHON</b>        | <i>You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.</i>  |
| <b>THANKSGIVING</b>              | 18.00 423<br>09.00 423<br>11.00 Musicians   |

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| <b>RECESSION</b>   | 18.00 874<br>09.00 874<br>11.00 Musicians  |
| <b>Next Week (03 A)</b>  |  |
| <b>DIVINE OFFICE</b>   | <b>WEEK 3</b>  |
| <b>FIRST READING</b>   | Isaiah 9:1b-4<br><i>'In Galilee of the nations the people have seen a great light.'</i>                                |
| <b>PSALM RESPONSE</b>  | <i>The Lord is my light and my salvation.</i>  |
| <b>SECOND READING</b>  | 1 Corinthians 1:10-11, 17<br><i>'I appeal to you that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you.'</i> |
| <b>GOSPEL READING</b>  | Matthew 4:12-17<br><i>'Jesus went to Capernaum so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled.'</i>  |
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MARRIAGE MATTERS

In his Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*, Pope Francis offers a profound insight into the joy of Christian marriage and reminds us of its place at the very heart of the Church's life. Christian marriage, he observes, 'is a sign of how much Christ loved his Church in the covenant sealed on the cross, yet it also makes that love present in the communion of the spouses. By becoming one flesh, they embody the espousal of our human nature by the Son of God.'

As we know, the Holy Scriptures feed and nourish our faith and help us to grow in our relationship with God and one another. It is for this reason that these scriptural reflections are offered. They should help enable married couples to focus on the richness of God's Word that we hear proclaimed each Sunday of the Year and to experience the deep joy of God's love expressed in the great Sacrament of Marriage.

WE NEED POWER FROM ON HIGH



Were Jesus' fears eased when he heard the Father was 'well pleased'? He was empowered by the Holy Spirit to begin his mission: to bring to the world the Good News of God's compassion, mercy and forgiveness for our sins. By daily dialogue about concerns and issues and by seeking 'help from on high', we can overcome our fears.

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THIS WEEK:

BIBLE READING PLAN

**Mo** Genesis 19-24  
**Tu** Genesis 25-29  
**We** Genesis 30-31  
**Th** Genesis 32-34  
**Fr** Genesis 35-37

Financial News . .

**Weekend of 11/01/26**

**1<sup>st</sup> Plate** £ 244:30  
**Standing Orders** £ 755:00  
**Contactless** £ 142:00  
**1<sup>st</sup> Total** £ 1,141:30  
**2<sup>nd</sup> S.P.U.C** £436:22

Thankyou for your continuing generosity to your Parish.

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection . . .

**This Weekend 18/01/26**

**Pax Christi**

Gift Aid Members are not able to make this collection tax efficient.

**Next Weekend 25/01/26**

**Parish Buildings Fund**

Gift Aid Members are able to make this collection tax efficient by using the Yellow Envelope.

Bite Size . . .

It is the greatest of all mistakes to do nothing because you can only do little - do what you can.

**Sydney Smith**

Its not me. Its him . . . . .

All four gospels give us an account of Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist. This story by the author of John's gospel (who was not the same person as John the Baptist) is perhaps the most puzzling of the four. John speaks in somewhat odd and cryptic language, beginning with 'Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.'

As Catholics today, we recognise that phrase from the Mass when the priest holds up the consecrated host before Communion. However, readers and hearers of John's Gospel would have understood it as a reference to their Jewish heritage. In Jesus' day, Jews would take a lamb to the Temple in Jerusalem to be sacrificed as an atonement for their sins. When John stated that Jesus was the Lamb of God, he was making quite a claim - that Jesus was taking the place of a sacrificial lamb and that he was taking on the sins of the entire world!

There are suggestions in several of the gospels that some people were beginning to think John the Baptist was the long-awaited Messiah. In this Gospel, John says everything he can to convince people that it isn't him, but Jesus, who deserves that recognition. Clearly, he had a profound experience after baptising Jesus when the Spirit came "down like

a dove from heaven," leaving him without a doubt that Jesus was the Messiah, not him.



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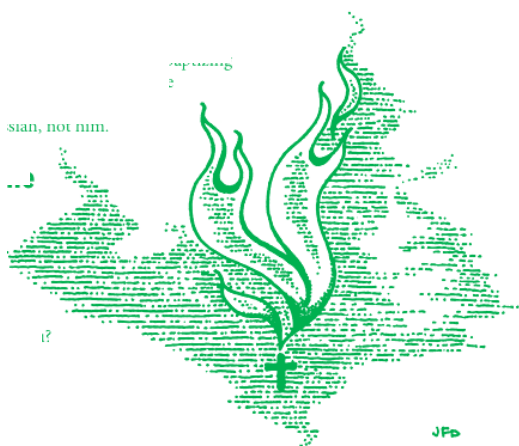
"In the written scroll it is prescribed for me, to do your will, O my God, is my delight."

**Sheepish Question:**

What living offering will I make for Jesus' purposes this week?

Questions of the week

- 1 If you have either children or godchildren who were baptised, what was that experience like for you?
- 2 Jesus is given many different titles in the Gospels: Lamb of God, Lord, Saviour, Teacher, Christ, Messiah, etc. What title do you relate to the most? Why?



**Before Mass** - Talk to God **During Mass** - Listen to God **After Mass** - Talk to your friends



## Parish Office . . . . .

**Normal Office Hours :** Monday to Friday 09.30 - 12.30.

**Parish Secretary :** Sarah Cox (01932) 860244  
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**Newsletter Editorial :** Items for possible inclusion in the Parish Newsletter (if there is room) need to be received (in writing please) at the Parish Office by midday on Wednesday.

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## General Parish Information . . . . .

**Parishioner Registration :** Every household within the Parish is requested to complete a 'Parishioner Registration/Census' form so that our Parish records may be kept up to date. These forms can be obtained from the Parish Office and should be completed fully before being returned to the Parish Office.

Should you move address within the Parish at any time please complete a new form and write 'AMENDMENT' across the top of the form. Thank you.

**Hospital :** If you are going into hospital as a 'planned admission' you are strongly encouraged to make contact with Fr Daryl well beforehand so that, if appropriate, the Sacrament of the Sick can be celebrated beforehand.

**Infant Baptism :** Infant Baptisms are intended for the children of practising parishioners only and are celebrated on five occasions during the year after parents and godparents have completed a course of preparation. There can be no celebration without this important course. The dates of the courses for the current year can be found in the application form available from the Parish Office. Baptisms do not take place during the seasons of Advent or Lent.

**Sacramental Preparation :** Notice of the availability of Application Forms for preparation for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist will be made via the Parish Newsletter between the school Summer Half Term and 31<sup>st</sup> August each year. Possible candidates for Confirmation should respond to the announcements made via the Parish Newsletter at the beginning of the Autumn school term.

Parishioners are advised that it is very difficult to imagine that any family or individual who is not regularly practising the Faith as members of our community could possibly be ready to celebrate a Sacrament of the Church.

**Marriage Preparation :** Marriages are celebrated by appointment with the Parish Priest. It should be remembered that in the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton twelve months minimum notice is required before a marriage may take place; this is a requirement of the Church for all marriages that involve a Roman Catholic (even if they are not taking place in the Catholic Church). It is also necessary that one of the parties must have a meaningful connection with the Parish. Marriages do not take place during the seasons of Advent or Lent.

**Parish Car Park :** All Parishioners attending Mass and using our Car Park need to make sure that they have fully completed our 'Parishioner Registration/Census Form' (available from the Parish Office) before using the Car Park; this ensures that your current vehicle registration is lodged in the system. Registering only needs to be done once (unless you change your car or if you use another car in the family that is not registered on the system).

**Important :** if you are not registered on the system and you use the car park you will receive a parking notice.

Registered Parishioners and pre-registered visitors are able to park whilst they attend our Masses/liturgies without fear of a charge notice.

(Car Park queries - parking@shpcobham.com)

**NOTE :** the Car Park does not use QR codes any found are **scams!**



## Church Mouse (cub reporter). . .

The musings of one of God's smallest creatures on events in and around the Parish over the past seven days . . . .

Normal service is now resumed around The Presbytery and Parish . . . . .

With the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord last weekend Christmastide came to an end, the crib, wreath, tree, and decorations were removed and packed away until next year, and the Church entered into the first section of what is called Ordinary Time. During Ordinary Time green is the prevailing colour of the season up until Ash Wednesday which this year falls on 18<sup>th</sup> February - slightly earlier than last year.

On Tuesday, having celebrated Morning Prayer, Mass, and Exposition, Fr D was off down to Crawley in the car 'on a mission' to prepare another judgement for next month. When he came back home in the late afternoon he was preparing for the launch meeting, with parents, of this year's First Eucharist Programme. Having celebrated their First Reconciliation at the beginning of Advent our candidates and their parents are now embarking on preparations for the reception of the Eucharist (on June 14<sup>th</sup> this year).

After Morning Prayer and Mass on Wednesday Fr D was dealing with some letters and then started work on this week's newsletter before going off for lunch with Fr Ruslan (Walton-on-Thames). They do this once a month generally as a support to one another. When he got back in the afternoon Fr D was able to catch up on some reading that he has got behind on, before going upstairs for an early night.

Thursday morning, after celebrating Morning Prayer and Mass, Fr D was back down to the diocesan offices at Crawley once more where he had a few queries to answer before continuing to finish one of his judgements for next month and doing the reading before beginning another. On the way home Fr D stopped off at one of the nursing homes in the Parish where he was able to anoint a parishioner. In the evening he finished 'his parts' of the newsletter so that Sarah could have them in the Parish Office on Friday morning to complete 'her parts'!

Getting up a little earlier on Friday Fr D started the Notices and Universal Prayers for the weekend Masses before he had his breakfast. After celebrating Morning Prayer and Mass he went back to these to finish them and hand them over to Sarah to complete and print off along with the newsletter . . . . .



## CHILDREN'S WORD SEARCH 2<sup>ND</sup> ORDINARY YEAR A

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A SAVIOUR FOR THE WORLD

**John 1:29-34**  
<sup>29</sup>The next day John saw Jesus coming to him, and said, "There is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" <sup>30</sup>This is the one I was talking about when I said, 'A man is coming after me, but he is greater than I am, because he existed before I was born.' <sup>31</sup>I did not know who he would be, but I came baptising with water in order to make him known to the people of Israel."  
<sup>32</sup>And John gave this testimony: "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and stay on him. <sup>33</sup>I still did not know that he was the one, but God, who sent me to baptise with water, had said to me, 'You will see the Spirit come down and stay on a man; he is the one who baptises with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>34</sup>I have seen it," said John, "and I tell you that he is the Son of God."

Other Readings: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6; Psalm 40:1, 3, 6-9; 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

**LECTIO:**  
These verses in the very first chapter of John's Gospel present John the Baptist bearing clear witness that Jesus is the long awaited Messiah. John the Baptist was a prophet and his mission was to prepare the way for the Messiah. He preached the need for repentance from sin and a turning back to God. This was demonstrated publicly by baptism in the river Jordan. The apostle John doesn't describe the details of Jesus' baptism like the other Gospel writers. Instead he chooses to focus on one key detail and its significance. The key point is John the Baptist's statement, 'I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and stay on him' (verse 32). John the Baptist goes on to explain the significance of this. God had told him that the person he saw this happen to is the 'one who baptises with the Holy Spirit', the one he was preparing the way for – the Messiah. It was this special mark of the Holy Spirit that marked Jesus out from everyone else. God also inspires John the Baptist to proclaim that Jesus is the 'Lamb of God'. This gives us a hint that Jesus might be a rather different sort of Messiah to the one most people at the time were expecting. This Messiah was not coming to deliver the Jewish people from the Romans but to deliver them from sin and empower them to live in a new kingdom. And his mission was not just to rescue God's people in Israel but was to include the whole world. So John points us to Jesus as the fulfilment of Isaiah's prophecy about the Suffering Servant in Isaiah 53, where in verse 7 the Suffering Servant is compared with 'a lamb about to be slaughtered'. Part of Jesus' ministry is that of the sacrificial lamb offered to God for the forgiveness of sins. In verse 30 John the Baptist also makes another revealing comment, 'he existed before I was born'. In physical terms John was born before Jesus. In Luke 1:36 the angel Gabriel told Mary that she would give birth to Jesus and that Elizabeth, John's mother, was six months' pregnant. But the apostle John opens his Gospel by stating that Jesus existed in the Godhead before the world was created (John 1:1-3).



**MEDITATIO:**

- If the presence of the Holy Spirit was essential for Jesus' ministry, what does this tell us about our need for the Holy Spirit's presence?
- What is your experience of the work of the Holy Spirit in your life?
- What can we learn about Jesus from his description as the 'Lamb of God'?

**ORATIO:**  
Pray through Psalm 40 and see what insights it gives you about Jesus. Then pray it again and put yourself into the psalm. Let God speak to you through it. Give thanks that Jesus came to take away your sin so that you can enjoy fellowship and peace with God. Thank God that Jesus is 'a light to nations so that the whole world may be saved' (Isaiah 49:6). Pray for those that Jesus lays on your heart.

**CONTEMPLATIO:**  
Read through Isaiah 53 and reflect on the image of God's Son as a lamb. Spend a little time with God and allow the wonder of what you are reading about Jesus to sink deep within you. Let it be a source of hope for this coming week.

| Day  | Date                     | Time | Service / Intention  | Donor                     |
|------|--------------------------|------|--|---------------------------|
| Sat. | 17 <sup>th</sup> January |      | St Antony, Abbot   |                           |
|      |                          |      | <b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>                               |                           |
|      |                          |      | 18.00 Pat Stuttle †  | J. & N. Begley            |
|      |                          |      | <b>2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A</b>            |                           |
| Sun. | 18 <sup>th</sup> January |      |  |                           |
|      |                          |      | 09.00 Timothy Flanagan's Intention                               | M. Redmond                |
|      |                          |      | 11.00 For the Parishioners                                       |                           |
|      |                          |      | <b>18.00 CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK - UNITED SERVICE</b>               | Cobham United Church      |
| Mon. | 19 <sup>th</sup> January |      | Ferial Weekday   |                           |
|      |                          |      | <b>No Service Today</b>  | Mass 10.00 at Leatherhead |
| Tue. | 20 <sup>th</sup> January |      | Ferial Weekday   |                           |
|      |                          |      | 09.00 Morning Prayer of the Church                               | [p.p. 116 & 493]          |
|      |                          |      | 09.30 Genny Delrio   | I. Ferreira               |
|      |                          |      | 10.00 - 11.00 Exposition of Blessed Sacrament for Private Prayer |                           |
| Wed. | 21 <sup>st</sup> January |      | St Agnes, Virgin & Martyr  |                           |
|      |                          |      | 09.15 Morning Prayer of the Church                               | [p.p. 126 & 493]          |
|      |                          |      | 09.30 In honour of St Joseph                                     |                           |
| Thu. | 22 <sup>nd</sup> January |      | St Vincent, Deacon & Martyr                                      |                           |
|      |                          |      | 09.15 Morning Prayer of the Church                               | [p.p. 137 & 493]          |
|      |                          |      | 09.30 Sue Cornwell   | M. Drury                  |
| Fri. | 23 <sup>rd</sup> January |      | Ferial Weekday (Day of Abstinence)                               |                           |
|      |                          |      | 09.15 Morning Prayer of the Church                               | [p.p. 148 & 493]          |
|      |                          |      | 09.30 Jenny Fishlock †   | M. Drury                  |
| Sat. | 24 <sup>th</sup> January |      | St Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church               |                           |
|      |                          |      | 17.00 - 17.30  |                           |
|      |                          |      | <b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>                               |                           |
|      |                          |      | 18.00 Rita Snow  | M. Drury                  |
| Sun. | 25 <sup>th</sup> January |      | <b>3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A</b>            |                           |
|      |                          |      | 09.00 For the Parishioners                                       |                           |
|      |                          |      | 11.00 Charlie McNairn †  | C. Hannan                 |

Mass may be offered for both the living and the dead and also for most other intentions. We do our best to try and accommodate specific dates but this can be especially difficult on weekends and at less than three months notice.

St Agnes . . . . .

Almost nothing is known of this Agnes except that she was very young - 12 or 13 - when she was martyred in the last half of the third century. Various methods of death have been suggested for her demise - strangulation, burning, beheading . . . Legend has it that Agnes was a beautiful girl whom many young men wanted to marry. Among those she refused, one reported her to the authorities for being a Christian. She was arrested and confined to a house of

prostitution. The legend continues that a man who looked upon her lustfully lost his sight and had it restored by her prayers. Agnes was condemned, executed, and buried near Rome in a catacomb that eventually was named after her. Afterwards the daughter of Constantine built a basilica in her honour.

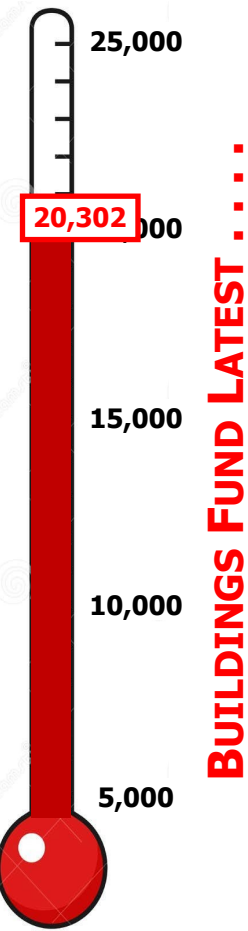
Like that of St Maria Goretti in the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the martyrdom of a virginal young girl made a deep impression on a society enslaved to a

materialistic outlook. Also like St Agatha, who died in similar circumstances, Agnes is a symbol that holiness does not depend on length of years, experience, or human effort. It is a gift which God offers.



| DATE / MASS                  | WELCOME MINISTERS            | READERS   | EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS  | REPOSITORY AFTER MASS   |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| SATURDAY 03 A 24/01/26 18.00 | Still Required; please offer | G. Alby   | N/A at present           | P. Hunt<br>A. Essien    |
| SUNDAY 03 A 25/01/26 09.00   | Still Required; please offer | J. Arreza | Sr Maria<br>P. Carello   | B. Harris<br>M. Jethwa  |
| SUNDAY 03 A 25/01/26 11.00   | Still Required; please offer | P. Jukes  | P. Mascolo<br>D. Yearley | I. Heims<br>S. Williams |

PLEASE REMEMBER : If you are unable to complete your particular ministry then it is **your responsibility** to arrange cover with another minister. In this way our Sunday Liturgies will run in a smooth and prayerful way.



OUR PARISH SUPPORTS THE COBHAM AREA FOODBANK



UPDATED LIST OF WANTED ITEMS

Please can you help local people in crisis by purchasing items on the list below and placing them in the Foodbank's collection point in the narthex when you come to Mass at the weekend? Thank You!

- ♦ UHT Semi Skimmed Milk
- ♦ UHT 1l Fruit Juice
- ♦ Pasta Sauce
- ♦ Fruit Squash
- ♦ Hot Chocolate
- ♦ Sponge Puddings
- ♦ Tinned Spaghetti Hoops
- ♦ Tinned Meat
- ♦ Tinned Custard
- ♦ Sanitary Pads
- ♦ Sugar (500g pack)
- ♦ Savoury Snacks
- ♦ Laundry Powder
- ♦ Male Deodorant
- ♦ Laundry Capsules
- ♦ Shaving Foam + Razors
- ♦ Shampoo
- ♦ Conditioner

Prayers Please . . . . .

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| <b>FOR THOSE UNWELL AT THIS TIME:</b><br>Jay Adams, Sr Anne Bayley, Jim Begley, Maggie Dongray, Tom Delbridge, Fiona Frank, Maureen Garner, baby Naomi Hunt, Michael Nutter, Fr Sebastian Paul, Pascal Smyth and Anne Sproul. | <b>ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:</b><br>Frank Jensen †<br>Ralph Robinnag †<br>Evelyn Dix †<br>Frances Kelly †<br>Martin Kelly †<br>David Kelly †<br>Canon Francis Harrington †<br>Fr Martin Jakubas †<br>Mgr William Westlake † | <b>HOLY FATHER'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION:</b><br>". . . that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church. . . ." | <b>For those who are unwell.....</b><br><br><b>those who have died recently....</b><br><br><b>those whose anniversaries occur.....</b><br><br><b>the Holy Father's Prayer Intention....</b> |
| <b>THE RECENTLY DECEASED:</b><br>None   |   |   |   |

UPCOMING EVENTS

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY** - This takes place each year from 18<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> January, providing an opportunity to focus our prayers on Christian unity and to join with our brothers and sisters in Christ. This year the Week of Prayer takes Ephesians 4:1-13 as its central text; this includes the words "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling" (Ephesians 4:4). Here in Cobham we are joining with the other Christian communities of the area in a United Service at 18.00 this Sunday (18<sup>th</sup>), at the United Church in Oxshott Road.

**DAY OF REFLECTION FOR MINISTERS OF THE WORD** - 24<sup>th</sup> January, 11.00-16.00 at St Michael's Church, Worthing BN13 3AL. Led by Bishop Richard and Catherine Christmas, diocesan Liturgy & Music Adviser, this day will include talks on the Scriptures, the Lectionary and its use in the Liturgy, the Liturgy of the Word, and preparing to minister as a reader.

To register (required) for your free place:  
[abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/xqparvc5?ct](http://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/xqparvc5?ct)

**MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR BISHOP RICHARD'S MINISTRY IN ARUNDEL & BRIGHTON** - 30<sup>th</sup> January, 18.30, Arundel Cathedral. People across our diocesan family are invited to join a special Mass of Thanksgiving celebrated by Bishop Richard, followed by a reception in the Baron's Hall, Arundel Castle, by kind permission of His Grace, the Duke of Norfolk. All are welcome.

**CATHOLIC UNION PUB TALK: FORGIVENESS, PEACE & HOPE** - 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 18.00, London, SW1V 1AU. Join Margaret and Barry Mizen, parents of Jimmy Mizen, in conversation with Catherine Pepinster, about the role of education, early intervention and engagement, in striving to address the root causes of violence.

To book your place (required):  
[www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/catholic-union-pub-talk-forgiveness-peace-hope-tickets-1974650924070?aff](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/catholic-union-pub-talk-forgiveness-peace-hope-tickets-1974650924070?aff)

**MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS TRAINING** - 7<sup>th</sup> February, 10.00-15.00, The St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley, RH10 6RP (£40). The number of people experiencing poor mental health in our society is rising. This course will help attendees understand the impact and reality of poor mental health, enabling them to identify the early signs and symptoms and signpost people to help effectively.

To book your place (required):  
[www.abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/ibgv7xjz?c](http://www.abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/ibgv7xjz?c)

**EMBRACING NEW LIFE : PREGNANCY, BIRTH & MOTHERHOOD IN FAITH** - 24<sup>th</sup> February, 19.00-20.00, online. This National Board of Catholic Women webinar will discuss the spiritual significance of pregnancy and motherhood; Catholic teachings on life and parenting, and finding strength in the sacramental life.

To register (required):  
[www.nbcw.co.uk/event/embracing-new-life-pregnancy-birth-motherhood-in-faith/?ct](http://www.nbcw.co.uk/event/embracing-new-life-pregnancy-birth-motherhood-in-faith/?ct)

**PRAYING WITH ICONS IN LENT** - 28<sup>th</sup> February, 10.00-16.00, The House of Prayer, Molesey, KT8 0PB. (Cost: £35). An opportunity to consider the place of icons in our spiritual discipline and learn about the iconographic tradition. The day will include guided reflections on praying with icons and time in God's presence.

To book your place (required):  
[www.christian-retreat.org/our-programme/icons-in-lent?ct](http://www.christian-retreat.org/our-programme/icons-in-lent?ct)

**DEANERY NEWSLETTER** - The latest edition of our Deanery Newsletters is now available on our own Parish website ([www.sacredheartcobham.org.uk](http://www.sacredheartcobham.org.uk)). It includes an encouragement to pray for Bishop Richard as he prepares to take up his new ministry in Westminster and an encouragement to all of us to continue in 'prayer, formation, and mission' for the good of our communities and the people amongst whom we live and work.

**FRANCISCAN JUBILEE YEAR** - The Order of Franciscan Friars Minor has announced that 2026 will be a Franciscan Jubilee Year, with a Plenary Indulgence linked to the Jubilee. Francis of Assisi was born in Italy in 1181 or 1182. After a carefree youth, he amended his ways and the Order of Friars Minor - commonly known as the Franciscans - began. A young woman, Clare of Assisi, wanted to share St Francis' choice of life, with the Order of the Poor Clares originating from her.

Francis received the stigmata on the mountain of La Verna in 1224. The following year he composed the famous Canticle of Brother Sun, a poetic prayer of praise to God the creator of everything; this prayer and his attitude of respect for creation inspired his proclamation in 1979 as the patron saint of ecologists.

Francis died on 4<sup>th</sup> October 1226 in Assisi and was declared a saint in 1228. In a letter to the Franciscans, Pope Leo writes: "In this age, marked by so many seemingly interminable wars, by internal and social divisions that create mistrust and fear, [St Francis] continues to speak. Not because he offers technical solutions, but because his life points to the authentic source of peace."

"The Franciscan vision of peace is not limited to the relations between human beings, but also embraces the whole of creation. Francis, who calls the sun "brother" and the moon "sister," who recognises in every creature a reflection of divine beauty, reminds us that peace must be extended to the entire family of Creation. This insight resonates with particular urgency in our time, when our common home is threatened and cries out under exploitation. Peace with God, peace among human beings and with creation are inseparable dimensions of a single call to universal reconciliation."

