

# Our Parish Liturgy . . . . .

## This Week (2 Lent A)

<b>DIVINE OFFICE</b>	<b>WEEK 1</b>
<b>ENTRANCE HYMN</b>	18.00 860 09.00 860 11.00 Musicians
<b>PENITENTIAL ACT</b>	Spoken
<b>FIRST READING</b>	Genesis 12:1-4a <i>'The call of Abram, the father of the People of God.'</i>
<b>PSALM RESPONSE</b>	<i>May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O Lord.'</i>
<b>SECOND READING</b>	2 Timothy 1:8b-10 <i>'God calls and enlightens us.'</i>
<b>GOSPEL ACCLAMATION</b>	<i>Glory to you, O Christ, Wisdom of God the Father. From a bright cloud, the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my beloved Son, listen to him.' Glory to you, O Christ, Wisdom of God the Father.</i>
<b>GOSPEL READING</b>	Matthew 17:1-9 <i>'His face shone like the sun.'</i>
<b>PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS</b>	18.00 209 09.00 209 11.00 Musicians
<b>SANCTUS</b>	18.00 Missal Tone 09.00 Missal Tone 11.00 Musicians
<b>MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION</b>	18.00 Missal Tone 09.00 Missal Tone 11.00 Musicians
<b>GREAT AMEN</b>	18.00 Missal Tone 09.00 Missal Tone 11.00 Spoken
<b>OUR FATHER</b>	18.00 Spoken 09.00 Spoken 11.00 Musicians
<b>AGNUS DEI</b>	18.00 Missal Tone 09.00 Missal Tone 11.00 Musicians
<b>COMMUNION ANTIPHON</b>	<i>This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.</i>
<b>THANKSGIVING</b>	18.00 792 09.00 792 11.00 Musicians
<b>RECESSION</b>	18.00 725 09.00 725 11.00 Musicians

## Next Week (3 Lent A)

<b>DIVINE OFFICE</b>	<b>WEEK 2</b>
<b>FIRST READING</b>	Exodus 17:3-7 <i>'Give us water to drink.'</i>
<b>PSALM RESPONSE</b>	<i>O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts.'</i>
<b>SECOND READING</b>	Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 <i>'Love has been poured into our hearts through the Spirit who has been given to us.'</i>
<b>GOSPEL READING</b>	John 4:5-42 <i>'A spring of water welling up to eternal life.'</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.

### TRANSFORMED BY OUR LOVE



Sometimes life is hard and we can get lost in the daily grind of making ends meet, of getting things done. Then, suddenly, a change occurs through a simple show of affection: a kiss, a touch, a loving glance from my beloved! In little gestures like these, we reveal again our love for each other and our relationship is transformed!

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### THIS WEEK:

#### BIBLE READING PLAN

Mo Num. 14-17; Ps. 90  
Tu Numbers 18-20  
We Numbers 21-22  
Th Numbers 23-25  
Fr Numbers 26-30

### Financial News . . .

**Weekend of 22/01/26**  
Plate £ 306:25  
Standing Orders £ 755:00  
Contactless £ 116:00  
1<sup>st</sup> Total £ 1,177:25  
Thankyou for your continuing generosity to your Parish.  
2<sup>nd</sup> £ 179:51  
**Parish Buildings Fund**

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

**This Weekend 01/03/26**  
**CAFOD Lenten Fast Day**  
Gift Aid Members are able to make this collection tax efficient using the CAFOD envelope.  
Next Weekend 08/03/26  
None

### Bite Size . . .

Between the great things we cannot do and the small things we will not do, the danger is that we shall do nothing.

Adolphe Monod

## Human or divine? . . . . .

In this week's reading from Genesis, God makes a "big ask" of Abram, asking him to leave the only place he knows to travel to an unknown land and start over. The ask comes with a promise, and because Abram takes the risk, God rewards him with descendants who multiply and eventually become the Jewish people. The three disciples who climb the mountain with Jesus in today's Gospel reading have Abram to thank for their existence as worshipers of the Lord.



While last week's reading about Jesus' temptations in the desert showed us how fully human Jesus was, this week's reading of Jesus' Transfiguration shows us an other side of him, his more-than-human side. These different sides of Jesus that show up in the Gospels can, at times, seem confusing or even contradictory. Is Jesus human, or is he divine? Which is it? We can make ourselves crazy trying to figure this out intellectually. Instead, if we allow it to be a mystery that we don't have to explain, we can more readily accept the gift in the mystery.

Sometimes we need a Jesus who knows what it was like to be human like us. We need to be able to relate to him as someone who knew physical hunger, thirst, and fatigue, and someone who, at times, cried, was filled with fear, got impatient, and even became angry. The Gospels tell us Jesus felt all of these things. At other times, we need a Jesus who is more than human to save us. We need a Jesus who can turn a few fish and loaves into enough food to feed thousands, who can calm a raging storm on the sea, and who can cure someone who has been sick, blind, or paralyzed for years. The Gospels tell us Jesus did

all those things too. When Peter, James, and John saw Jesus transfigured on the mountain top, along with two of the greatest people from their history, they couldn't have understood what they were seeing. They could have spent the rest of their lives trying to "figure out" what happened up there, and what it all meant. Instead, they are told to let the intellectual debates go. Simply enough, the voice from heaven instructs them to listen to Jesus. With that, they get up, go down the mountain, and spend the rest of their lives studying him closely and trying to live out his teachings.

### Questions of the week

- 1 Can you relate to Jesus more as a human or more as God? How so?
- 2 Have you had an experience of being asked to trust Jesus/God even though you couldn't understand something with your mind?



"This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

**Sheepish Question:**  
Where, recently, have I seen or experienced the glory (Godliness) of Jesus? How can that bolster me when times get tough?

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.

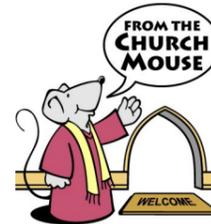
**Marriage Preparation :** Marriages are celebrated by appointment with the Parish Priest. It should be remembered that in the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton twelve months minimum notice is required before a marriage may take place; this is a requirement of the Church for all marriages that involve a 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 . . . .

Last weekend was the first of our Lenten Season - liturgical colour change, no flowers, no Gloria, Apostle's Creed . . . . .

Also we began this year's 'Lenten Devotions,' extra opportunities for prayer with Friday's Way of the Cross (followed by a bread and soup lunch in aid of CAFOD) and Sunday Evening Prayer and Benediction. The opportunities to mark the Lenten Season within the Parish are many.

Whilst on this Lenten journey towards the great Easter festival there are sign-up lists at the rear of the church looking for the various ministries we need covered over the Easter period, please have a look at what is needed and fill in your name if you are able to help (early sign-up is preferred to save Fr D's stomach acid!).

On Tuesday evening Fr D met with the parents of this year's Eucharist candidates to take them through the next section of the preparation course, ready to pass this on to their children at their Saturday session. This time they were looking at that part of the Mass known as 'the preparation of the gifts.' Whilst the parents were meeting our singers and musicians were continuing with their practices for our Easter liturgies.

After Morning Prayer and Mass on Wednesday Fr D was showing the church to members of the 'Little Acorns Nursery.' The pre-schoolers were fascinated by the size of the building and enjoyed being able to 'strike the gong' on the sanctuary!

At midday the lighting engineers arrived in the church to conduct a full survey of the building and present lighting situation with a view to recommending a major updating of the system. As it turns out this is just in time - when Fr D went into the church in the morning and turned the lights on as he normally does they all came on but by the time he reached the sanctuary there was a popping sound and all the lights went out and the emergency lights came on. On looking in the electricity cupboard he discovered that a trip switch had activated and on re-setting it the lights came on again. Walking back up the church he noticed that one lamp was out and so assumed the bulb blowing had caused the trip, thinking no more of it. However, the engineers discovered that a module in the 'brain' of the lighting system under the stairs had died. The engineers stayed until 18.00 to complete their survey and show Fr D some possibilities for the upgrade. They will now 'write-up' the results and recommendations from their survey and get back to Fr D.

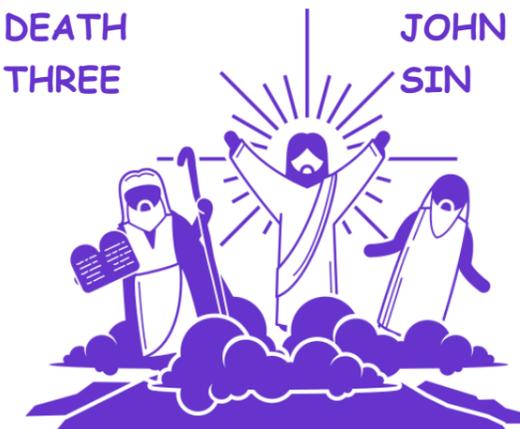
In the evening Fr D was meeting with our Confirmation candidates and looking at the role of Mary in the life of the church . . . . .



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

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## GOD'S CHOSEN ONE

### Matthew 17:1-9

<sup>1</sup>Six days later Jesus took with him Peter and the brothers James and John and led them up a high mountain where they were alone. <sup>2</sup>As they looked on, a change came over Jesus: his face was shining like the sun, and his clothes were dazzling white. <sup>3</sup>Then the three disciples saw Moses and Elijah talking with Jesus. <sup>4</sup>So Peter spoke up and said to Jesus, "Lord, how good it is that we are here! If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

<sup>5</sup>While he was talking, a shining cloud came over them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my own dear Son, with whom I am pleased - listen to him!"

<sup>6</sup>When the disciples heard the voice, they were so terrified that they threw themselves face downwards on the ground. <sup>7</sup>Jesus came to them and touched them. "Get up," he said. "Don't be afraid!" <sup>8</sup>So they looked up and saw no one there but Jesus.

<sup>9</sup>As they came down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Don't tell anyone about this vision you have seen until the Son of Man has been raised from death."

*Other Readings: Genesis 12:1-4; Psalm 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; 2 Timothy 1:8-10*

### LECTIO:

Jesus chooses only his first three disciples - Peter, John and James - to climb a mountain with him for a prayer time. And the disciples witness something remarkable.

The first thing they notice is Jesus' face shining. Then they spot his clothes have turned dazzling white. Next, he is talking with Moses and Elijah.

The appearance of these two men, both major figures in Israel's history, is significant. Moses led the exodus of God's people out of slavery in Egypt. And many Jews expected the prophet Elijah to return before the coming of the Messiah.

In Luke's account (Luke 9:31) the prophets talk with Jesus about how he will soon fulfil God's purpose through his death (or 'exodus', the literal meaning of the word Luke uses) in Jerusalem. Jesus will fulfil God's salvation plan for humankind, bringing everlasting deliverance.

This breath-taking experience may have strengthened Jesus. He faced many testing days ahead, days that ended with his death on the cross. The shining cloud reveals God's presence and veils his glory. As at Jesus' baptism, God speaks. He affirms Jesus as his Son whom he has chosen. And this time God adds the instruction to the disciples to 'listen to him'.

This event, together with the other miracles and teaching that surround it, should have enlightened the disciples. But they needed to travel much further with Jesus. In fact, it wasn't until they met him after the resurrection that they really understood who he was and his God-given mission on earth.



### MEDITATIO:

- What range of feelings or emotions do you think the disciples experienced?
- God says of Jesus, "This is my own dear Son, with whom I am pleased - listen to him!" What do you think the three disciples would have made of this?
- Why do you think Jesus told them not to discuss this vision with anyone until after they saw the Son of Man raised from the dead?
- Where has God appeared veiled by a cloud before?

### ORATIO:

'The words of the Lord are true, and all his works are dependable. ... May your constant love be with us, Lord, as we put our hope in you.' Psalm 33:4, 22

How easy do you find it to listen to God? Read through Psalm 33. You may simply want to focus on a few verses like the two above. Ask God to speak to you. Then make your response to him in prayer.

### CONTEMPLATIO:

'He saved us and called us to be his own people, not because of what we have done, but because of his own purpose and grace.' 2 Timothy 1:9

In the reading from 2 Timothy 1:8-10 the apostle Paul encourages us not to be ashamed of witnessing for our Lord or suffering for the Good News. Consider your response to this.

Day	Date	Time	Service / Intention	Donor
Sat.	28 <sup>th</sup> February	Lenten Weekday 17.00 - 17.30	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>	
		<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Live-Stream / Recorded</b> 18.00	Keith & Annemie Bisgood †	K. Bisgood-Smith
Sun.	1 <sup>st</sup> March	<b>2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT, YEAR A</b>		
		<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Live-Stream / Recorded</b> 09.00	Godfrey Ogwu †	M. Ogwu
		<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Live-Stream / Recorded</b> 11.00	For the Parishioners	
		<b>15.30</b>	<b>Lenten Evening Prayer &amp; Benediction</b>	
Mon.	2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Lenten Weekday		
			<b>No Service Today</b>	Mass 09.30 at Walton
Tue.	3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Lenten Weekday		
		09.15	Morning Prayer of the Church	[p.p. 41 - 493]
		<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Live-Streamed</b> 09.30	Lori & Family	M.
		10.00 - 11.00	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament for Private Prayer	
Wed.	4 <sup>th</sup> March	Lenten Weekday		
		09.15	Morning Prayer of the Church	[p.p. 51 - 493]
		<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Live-Streamed</b> 09.30	Olive Price	J. & E. Yates
Thu.	5 <sup>th</sup> March	Lenten Weekday		
		09.15	Morning Prayer of the Church	[p.p. 60 - 493]
		<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Live-Streamed</b> 09.30	Norah Moran †	M. Redmond
Fri.	6 <sup>th</sup> March	Lenten Weekday (Day of Abstinence)		
		09.15	Morning Prayer of the Church	[p.p. 71 - 493]
		<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Live-Streamed</b> 09.30	Anthony Farino †	D. & P. Meehan
		<b>12.30</b>	<b>Way of the Cross</b>	followed by CAFOD Fast Lunch
Sat.	7 <sup>th</sup> March	Lenten Weekday 17.00 - 17.30	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>	
		<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Live-Stream / Recorded</b> 18.00	Diella Vuksani †	M.
Sun.	8 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT, YEAR A</b>		
		<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Live-Stream / Recorded</b> 09.00	For the Parishioners	
		<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Live-Stream / Recorded</b> 11.00	Anne Bell †	S. & C. Hannan
		<b>15.30</b>	<b>Lenten Evening Prayer &amp; Benediction</b>	

## What is the Easter Duty? . . . . .

The Easter duty was conceived in the 6<sup>th</sup> century as a way to ensure that the Sacrament of Holy Communion wouldn't be neglected by the faithful. Early church councils enforced the duty, which mandated receiving communion 3 times annually: at Christmas, Easter, & Pentecost. The Fourth Lateran Council (1215) reduced the mandate to once annually around Easter time. The Council of Trent and the Code of Canon Law restated this obligation. Ironically, the attempt to safeguard reception of the Eucharist by insisting on minimal participation had the opposite effect. Clergy preached

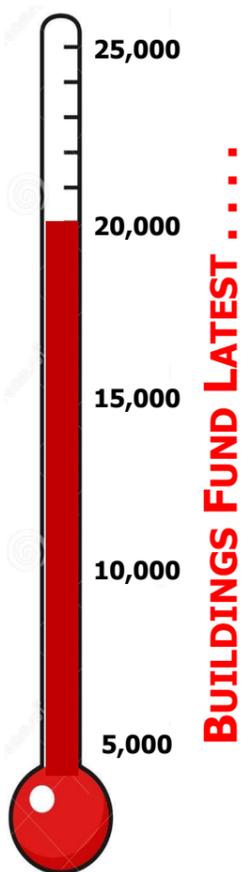
on the evils of taking communion in a sinful state just a little too effectively. People developed a fear of receiving the Eucharist "unworthily." Many thought they could never be in a proper state of grace to merit the privilege. Add to that the phenomenon of what we might call "mortal-sin creep": in the hands of a number of confessors, venial sins got an automatic upgrade to fatal status. It wasn't until the 20<sup>th</sup> century arrival of Pope Pius X, "the pope of frequent communion," that people returned to Communion more regularly. The Easter duty is again viewed properly as a

minimal requirement rather than a recommendation. In the UK, the Easter Duty can be fulfilled from the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent until Trinity Sunday. This gives us all 14 weeks of the Church year to fulfil our Easter duty. Many Catholics are under the impression that the Easter duty also requires going to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. While receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation annually is certainly a good idea, it's not part of the requirement.



DATE / MASS	WELCOME MINISTERS	READERS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	REPOSITORY AFTER MASS
SATURDAY 3 Lent A 07/03/26 18.00	Still Required; please offer	Sr Patricia	N/A at present	P. Hunt A. Essien
SUNDAY 3 Lent A 08/03/26 09.00	Still Required; please offer	Sr Maria	P. Carello G. Fisher	B. Harris M. Jethwa
SUNDAY 3 Lent A 08/03/26 11.00	Still Required; please offer	C. Hourquebie	J. Sztakics J. Vizzini	I. Heims 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.



## Lent at the Sacred Heart

**Remember Easter Duties** - ALL Catholics are expected to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday (31<sup>st</sup> May).

<p><b>FRIDAY'S OF LENT</b> 6, 13, 20, &amp; 27 March</p>  <p><b>Way of the Cross 12.30</b> Why not commit to joining in this traditional Catholic Lenten Devotion. We are looking for volunteer parishioners willing to lead on one Friday.</p>  <p><b>CAFOD Fast Lunch</b> After the Way of the Cross why not attend a Fast Lunch of bread and soup in aid of CAFOD. We need volunteers (teams of two) to make, serve, and clear up each Friday.</p>	<p><b>SUNDAY'S OF LENT</b> 1, 8, 15, 22, &amp; 29 March</p>  <p><b>Evening Prayer &amp; Benediction 15.30</b> Take the chance to step aside from the 'hustle and bustle' of modern life to spend some time with the Lord in quiet prayer.</p> <p><b>RECONCILIATION SERVICES</b></p> <p><b>ADULT'S SERVICE</b> Friday 27 March 19.30, O. L. Sorrows, Effingham</p> <p><b>CHILDREN'S SERVICE</b> Saturday 21 March 11.00, Sacred Heart, Cobham.</p>
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## Prayers Please . . . . .

**FOR THOSE UNWELL AT THIS TIME:**  
Jay Adams, Sr Anne Bayley, Norma Begley, Fr Tony Bridson, Maggie Dongray, Tom Delbridge, Fiona Frank, Maureen Garner, baby Naomi Hunt, Michael Nutter, Fr Sebastian Paul, Pascal Smyth, Anne Sproul and John Wilkey.

**THE RECENTLY DECEASED:**  
None

**ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:**  
Nicolas Todaro †  
Michael Doyle †  
Sarah Stewart †  
Keith & Annemie Bisgood †  
Fr Ken Freeman †  
Fr Charles Jeffries †  
Fr Edward Stuart Bell †  
Canon Oliver Heaney †  
Fr Timothy O'Driscoll †  
Fr David Maskell †  
Fr Terence McLean-Wilson †  
Fr Kevin Gaskin †

Fr John Pearson †  
Archbishop Peter Smith †  
Fr Henry Reynolds †  
Canon Michael Spelman †

**HOLY FATHER'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION:**  
". . . .that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence . . ."

*For those who are unwell.....*

*those who have died recently....*

*those whose anniversaries occur.....*

*the Holy Father's Prayer Intention....*



**OUR PARISH SUPPORTS THE COBHAM AREA FOODBANK**

**UPDATED LIST OF WANTED ITEMS**

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

Are you able to 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!

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**  
A service for everyone!  
**Friday 6 March**  
*I will give you rest, come*

**Nigeria 2026**

**St Mary's Church**  
Stoke D'Abernon  
KT11 3PX  
(turn into Parkside School)

Service starts at 11am  
Followed by Lunch in the church hall



**INFORMED PRAYER PRAYERFUL ACTION**  
24.7 365 Days a year Prayer movement Ecumenical International Women-led  
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**GIFT AID SCHEME ENVELOPE DONORS** - Your envelopes for 2026/27 will be available for collection after each Mass next weekend. If you are unable to collect your set of envelopes please contact Dan Meehan (☎ 01372 456416 or ✉ ga.cobham@abdiocese.org.uk).

**DEANERY LENTEN ACTIVITIES** - Some may remember that a deanery-wide calendar of activities for Lent 2025 was published in a Deanery Newsletter last year ... this year, this has gone on-line, with the calendar now part of our deanery website:

[www.epsomdeanery.com/lent2026](http://www.epsomdeanery.com/lent2026)

There are also posters on the narthex noticeboard giving these details and those of the Lenten Reconciliations Services around the Deanery.

**CHOIR PRACTICES FOR EASTER 2026** - Our singers and musicians are starting their rehearsals for leading our liturgies during Holy Week (Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, & Good Friday). Any and all parishioners are more than welcome to come along and join in, no previous experience necessary. If you enjoy singing as part of a group this could be for you!

Dates of the remaining rehearsals:  
Thur. 5 Mar. (19.30); Sat. 14 Mar. (10.30); Wed. 18 Mar. (19.30); Sat. 28 Mar. (10.30); and Wed. 1 Apr. (19.30).

**DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE** - 24-30 July (air), 23 July-31 July (coach). Applications are open for this year's pilgrimage. Join more than 700 pilgrims, including those who are sick, disabled, frail or elderly and need help to make the pilgrimage. For more information and to apply:

[www.abdiocese.org.uk/lourdes/home?ct](http://www.abdiocese.org.uk/lourdes/home?ct) & QR Code on poster on narthex noticeboard.

**ODNS COBHAM OUTREACH NEWS** - Many thanks to all those parishioners who supported the recent 'Film Matinee' for ODNs Cobham Outreach; a wonderful £ 240 was raised to be used at the various missions supported around the world.

Our 'Cobham Crafters' Monday group have been hard at work producing knitted Easter Bunnies which can be purchased from the Repository after our 11.00 Sunday Masses, again all proceeds will go towards supporting ODNs Cobham Outreach projects abroad.

**LECTURE - MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY IN HISTORY & ART** - Join us for this informative and interesting lecture on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 19.00 given by Dr Adam Sammut, University of York. The rosary is one of the most popular devotions in Catholicism. A product of late medieval piety, it has inspired the Marian cult and the foundation of brotherhoods around the world, with Pope John Paul II adding the Luminous Mysteries to the tradition in 2002. The lecture examines the remaking of the rosary during the Counter-Reformation, and the role of brotherhoods and visual art in defining it from the grassroots. Tickets are £5pp, and you can pay on the door or by following this link:

"The Mysteries of the Rosary in History & in Art" by Dr Adam Sammut (18-Mar-2026) ? ChurchSuite Events

**REPOSITORY** - St Patrick's Day cards, Mother's Day cards, and Easter cards are now all available from our Repository after our weekend Masses.

