

Our Parish Liturgy

This Week (3 Easter A)

DIVINE OFFICE	WEEK 3
ENTRANCE HYMN	18.00 789 09.00 789 11.00 Musicians
PENITENTIAL ACT	Spoken
GLORIA	18.00 New Celtic Liturgy 09.00 New Celtic Liturgy 11.00 Musicians
FIRST READING	Ats 2:14, 22-23 <i>'It was not possible for him to be held by death.'</i>
PSALM RESPONSE	<i>O Lord, you will show me the path of life.</i>
SECOND READING	1 Peter 1:17-21 <i>'You were ransomed with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish.'</i>
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	<i>Alleluia, alleluia!</i> <i>Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us; make our hearts burn within us when you speak to us.</i> <i>Alleluia!</i>
GOSPEL READING	Luke 24:13-35 <i>'He was known to them in the breaking of the bread.'</i>
PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS	18.00 607 09.00 607 11.00 Musicians
SANCTUS	18.00 New Celtic Liturgy 09.00 New Celtic Liturgy 11.00 Musicians
MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION	18.00 New Celtic Liturgy 09.00 New Celtic Liturgy 11.00 Musicians
GREAT AMEN	18.00 New Celtic Liturgy 09.00 New Celtic Liturgy 11.00 Spoken
OUR FATHER	18.00 Spoken 09.00 Spoken 11.00 Musicians
AGNUS DEI	18.00 Spoken 09.00 Spoken 11.00 Musicians
COMMUNION ANTIPHON	<i>The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.</i>
THANKSGIVING	18.00 281 09.00 281 11.00 Musicians

RECESSION	18.00 713 09.00 713 11.00 Musicians
Next Week (4 Easter A)	
DIVINE OFFICE	WEEK 4
FIRST READING	Acts 2:14a, 36-41 <i>'God has made him both Lord and Christ.'</i>
PSALM RESPONSE	<i>The lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.</i>
SECOND READING	1 Peter 2:20b-25 <i>'You have returned to the Shepherd of your souls.'</i>
GOSPEL READING	John 10:1-10 <i>'I am the doo of the sheep.'</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.

How Well Do We LISTEN TO EACHOTHER?



As Jesus walked to Emmaus, he listened carefully to His disciples and experienced their grief. An important part of our relationship is listening. We may disagree with our partner's thoughts and judgments but they are part of who this person is. We need to experience him/her and convey the joy of discovering the person he/she is.

Sacred Heart Parish Newsletter



for the Roman Catholic community of Cobham, Oxshott, & Stoke D'Abernon



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THIS WEEK:

BIBLE READING PLAN
Mo 1 Sam. 28-31, Ps. 18
Tu Ps. 121, 123-5, 128-30
We 2 Sam. 1-4, 1 Chr. 1-5
Th Ps. 6, 8-10, 14, 16, 19, 21
Fr Ps. 43-5, 49, 84-5, 87

Financial News . . .

Weekend of 12/04/26	
1 st Plate	£ 317:69
Standing Orders	£ 755:00
Contactless	£ 95:00
1 st Total	£ 1,167:69
2 nd	£ 601:20
Overseas Missions	
Thankyou for your continuing generosity to your Parish.	

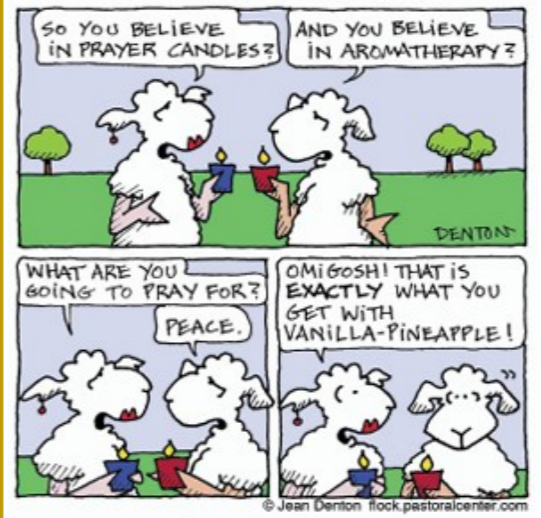
2nd Collection . . .

This Weekend 19/04/26	None
Next Weekend 26/04/26	Education of Future Priests
Parishioners are able to Gift Aid this by using our Parish Envelope.	

Bite Size . . .

The oil of hope makes life's machinery run smoothly.
James Basford

The first reading from the Acts of the Apostles tells the story of the joyous, loving, and radical community that formed among believers after Jesus' resurrection. Their lives of love, generosity, and justice were so inspiring that they quickly attracted others to them. Their example of Christian community has inspired many others down through the ages who want to tap into that experience of unity and joy based on their faith in Jesus. If they could come together to lead such meaningful and fulfilling lives, can't we?



"Peace be with you. ...Do not be unbelieving, but believe."

Sheepish Question:
How would you describe the peace you seek through your belief in Jesus?

This Gospel reading, often called the "Doubting Thomas" story is an example of a common phenomenon that we still wonder about today. How is it that some people come to faith in Jesus/God so easily, while for others it is a struggle that requires some sort of "proof"? There is no good answer to this question, but according to this story, the experience isn't new. The disciples who were present when

Jesus appeared among them for the first time rejoice and receive the peace he offers as soon as he shows himself to them. While they may have been surprised, a bit afraid, and confused at first, they move quickly to accept his presence and are eager to spread the news of his resurrection. On the other hand, Thomas - like many of us - wants proof, and he is not shy about laying out the specifics of what he needs to see before he will believe. When Jesus appears to him in person a week later, he obliges and shows Thomas what he needs to believe. Jesus does not criticize Thomas for his doubts or ridicule him for wanting proof. Jesus doesn't belittle doubters. He wants them to believe, but he will not force it. Jesus knows that he will not walk the earth for much longer, and he anticipates that many will have to come to believe in him without ever seeing him. Jesus blesses those people (us included!) "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed," without shaming those like Thomas who just can't come to belief so easily.

Questions of the week

- 1 Do you think of yourself more like Thomas or the other disciples in terms of how easily you lean toward belief in God's work?
- 2 Is there an area of your life now in which God might be inviting you to be more trusting?



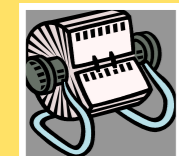
Before Mass - Talk to God During Mass - Listen to God After Mass - Talk to your friends

Parish Office



Normal Office Hours : Monday to Friday 09.30 - 12.30.
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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 31st 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

Having spent the week before out in Lourdes with special needs children Fr D arrived home on Sunday afternoon and was soon (as I predicted) messing about with the big white boxes in the utility room. He was very tired after the week of running around with the children, showing them the main points of the Lourdes story and answering countless questions (many several times). After he had eaten he sat down in front of the television and just fell off to sleep - waking later to take himself off to bed.

Whilst he was away the annual service for the Air Source Heat Pump in the house was completed and was passed with flying colours. Also during the week the company that looks after much of the health and safety agenda in the Parish came and checked up on those items scheduled to be reviewed. Just before Easter 'hit' Fr D arranged for our next buildings survey to be undertaken in the autumn this year (these are required by the diocese every five years and inform our ongoing maintenance schedule). All these checks can sometimes be tedious but are part of the modern life that the Parish now finds itself to be a part of.

On Monday evening this week Fr D went over to Banstead parish for a meeting of what he calls the 'shadow finance team' that will come into being when we are in a position to continue with the diocesan plan (merging all the present deanery parishes into one new parish). The participants are continuing to look at how the various constituent communities might work together to share resources and look for economies of scale in purchases and services.

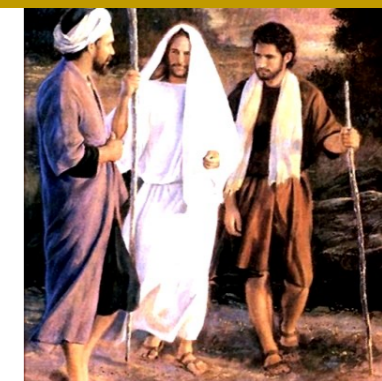
On Wednesday evening Fr D was meeting with our Confirmation candidates in the Parish Centre. This was a chance for him to make sure that he has all the correct paperwork, details of sponsors and confirmation names. Fr D was able to take the candidates through what will happen at the Confirmation Mass (9th May) which, because we are without a bishop, Fr D himself will be celebrating for them.

Thursday Fr D was once gain down at the diocesan offices in Crawley where he completed the work on another case getting it ready for judgement. There were also many items in his 'in-tray' that had accumulated over Easter. He now has two more cases ready to call a judgement for in the next few weeks. Each judgement requires himself as the presiding judge and two more associate judges



CHILDREN'S WORD SEARCH 3RD SUNDAY EASTER YEAR A

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CLEOPAS CRUCIFIED DEBATING DISCUSSING



DOWNCAST **PROPHET**
EMMAUS **REDEEM**
ISRAEL **RULERS**
JERUSALEM **SENTENCE**
JESUS **VISION**
NAZARENE **WOMEN**
PRIESTS **WORD**

OPENED EYES

Luke 24:13-35

¹³On that same day two of Jesus' followers were going to a village named Emmaus, about 11 kilometres from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and they were talking to each other about all the things that had happened. ¹⁵As they talked and discussed, Jesus himself drew near and walked along with them; ¹⁶they saw him, but somehow did not recognize him. ¹⁷Jesus said to them, "What are you talking about to each other, as you walk along?" They stood still, with sad faces. ¹⁸One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only visitor in Jerusalem who doesn't know the things that have been happening there these last few days?"

¹⁹"What things?" he asked. "The things that happened to Jesus of Nazareth," they answered. "This man was a prophet and was considered by God and by all the people to be powerful in everything he said and did. ²⁰Our chief priests and rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and he was crucified. ²¹And we had hoped that he would be the one who was going to set Israel free! Besides all that, this is now the third day since it happened. ²²Some of the women of our group surprised us; they went at dawn to the tomb, ²³but could not find his body. They came back saying they had seen a vision of angels who told them that he is alive. ²⁴Some of our group went to the tomb and found it exactly as the women had said, but they did not see him."

²⁵Then Jesus said to them, "How foolish you are, how slow you are to believe everything the prophets said! ²⁶Was it not necessary for the Messiah to suffer these things and then to enter his glory?" ²⁷And Jesus explained to them what was said about himself in all the Scriptures, beginning with the books of Moses and the writings of all the prophets. ²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, Jesus acted as if he were going farther; ²⁹but they held him back, saying, "Stay with us; the day is almost over and it is getting dark." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰He sat down to eat with them, took the bread, and said the blessing; then he broke the bread and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he disappeared from their sight. ³²They said to each other, "Wasn't it like a fire burning in us when he talked to us on the road and explained the Scriptures to us?"

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Other Readings: Acts 2:14, 22-23; Psalm 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; 1 Peter 1:17-21

LECTIO:

It is the third day after Jesus' death. The tomb is open and Jesus' body is missing. Despite Jesus' promise that he would rise on the third day these two disciples seem to have given up hope and leave for Emmaus.

Jesus joins them but they do not recognise him. He explains how the Messiah's death and resurrection are essential to God's purposes and have been revealed in the scriptures. It is only when he breaks bread with them that their eyes are opened.

They rush back to Jerusalem to tell the other disciples. They arrive to find that Jesus has also appeared to Simon. So at this point in Luke's account there are three eyewitnesses to the risen Christ. Many more will join them before Jesus ascends to heaven.

THEY INVITE JESUS IN WITHOUT KNOWING IT'S HIM?

THEY WERE EXPRESSING NORMAL HOSPITALITY!



MEDITATIO:

- Jesus revealed himself to these two disciples when they were discouraged. What can we learn from this?
- What other lessons can you learn from this passage?

ORATIO:

Thank Jesus that he has paid the price for your sin through his death and resurrection. Invite him to come alongside you and reveal more of himself to you. Pray for those you know who are feeling discouraged or have doubts about their faith.

CONTEMPLATIO:

The two disciples walked about 11 kilometres back to Jerusalem, mostly at night, to encourage their fellow disciples. Consider your response to the good news of the gospel and how you can share it with others.

Day	Date	Time	Service / Intention	Donor
Sat.	18 th April	Easter Weekday	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
			Maria Featherstone †	J. & N. Begley
Sun.	19 th April	3RD SUNDAY IN EASTERTIDE, YEAR A		
			John Redmond †	M. Redmond
			For the Parishioners	
Mon.	20 th April	Easter Weekday	No Service Today	Mass 09.30 at Walton
Tue.	21 st April	St Anselm, Bishop & Doctor of the Church		
		09.00	Morning Prayer of the Church	[p.p. 191 & 493]
		09.30	Ciaran Buckley †	J. & L. Buckley
		10.00 - 11.00	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament for Private Prayer	
Wed.	22 nd April	Easter Weekday		
		09.15	Morning Prayer of the Church	[p.p. 200 & 493]
		09.30	Brian Towler †	J. & N. Begley
Thu.	23 rd April	St George, Martyr [Patron of England]		
		09.15	Morning Prayer of the Church	[p.p. 210 & 493]
		09.30	Jay Adams †	J. & N. Begley
Fri.	24 th April	Easter Weekday (Day of Abstinence)		
		09.15	Morning Prayer of the Church	[p.p. 220 & 493]
		09.30	Dorothy Allen †	J. & E. Yates
Sat.	25 th April	St Mark, Evangelist		
		17.00 - 17.30	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
		18.00	Ciaran Buckley †	J. & L. Buckley
Sun.	26 th April	4TH SUNDAY IN EASTERTIDE, YEAR A		
		09.00	Kolber Family	L. Kolber
		11.00	For the Parishioner	

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.

'Mass Intentions' are published in the Parish Newsletter on the weekend before they are celebrated although sometimes a Requiem Mass will 'bump' an intention to a later date.

St Anselm

Indifferent toward religion as a young man, Anselm became one of the Church's greatest theologians and leaders.

At 15, St Anselm wanted to enter a monastery, but was refused acceptance because of his father's opposition.

Twelve years later, after careless disinterest in religion and years of worldly living, he finally fulfilled his desire to be a monk at Bec in Normandy. He was elected prior 3 years later, and 15 years later, was unanimously chosen as abbot. Considered an original and

independent thinker, Anselm was admired for his patience, gentleness, and teaching skill. Under his leadership, the Abbey became a monastic school, influential in both philosophical and theological studies.

Against his will, Anselm was appointed the archbishop of Canterbury in 1093, at age 60. His appointment was opposed at first by England's King William Rufus but later accepted. Rufus persistently refused to cooperate with efforts to reform the Church.

St Anselm finally went into voluntary exile until Rufus died in 1100. He was then recalled to England by Henry I. Disagreeing with Henry over his insistence on investing England's bishops, Anselm spent three more years in exile in Rome.

Anselm's care and concern extended to the poorest people. Opposing the slave trade, he obtained from the national council a resolution prohibiting the sale of human beings.



DATE / MASS	WELCOME MINISTERS	READERS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	REPOSITORY AFTER MASS
SATURDAY 4 Easter A 25/04/26 18.00	Still Required; please offer	G. Alby	N/A at present	P. Hunt A. Essien
SUNDAY 4 Easter A 26/04/26 09.00	Still Required; please offer	A. Gilroy	P. Carello L. Kolber	B. Harris M. Jethwa
SUNDAY 4 Easter A 26/04/26 11.00	Still Required; please offer	P. Jukes	P. Hourquebie C. Hourquebie	M. Smith C. Kendall

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



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!

- ⇒ Tinned Meat
- ⇒ UHT Semi-Skimmed Milk
- ⇒ Fruit Squash
- ⇒ Crunchy Peanut Butter
- ⇒ Tinned Vegetables & Potatoes
- ⇒ Deodorant (men & Women)
- ⇒ Adult Toothbrushes & Toothpaste
- ⇒ Sanitary Pads
- ⇒ Shower Gel
- ⇒ UHT Fruit Juice
- ⇒ Tinned Fish
- ⇒ Tinned Fruit
- ⇒ Honey
- ⇒ Long-life Sponge Puddings
- ⇒ Hair Shampoo
- ⇒ Antibacterial Cleaning Spray
- ⇒ Sugar (500g pack)
- ⇒ Disposable Razors
- ⇒ Hair conditioner
- ⇒ Saving Foam

Prayers Please

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

THE RECENTLY DECEASED:
Annetta Doyle †

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:
Sr Catherine McLenaghan †
Josephine Morton †
John Redmond †
Canon Daniel O'Kane †
Fr Edward Fooks †
Canon Walter Quinlan †
Christopher Spender †
Fr Peter Dorman †

HOLY FATHER'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION:
". . . let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

For those who are unwell.....
those who have died recently....
those whose anniversaries occur.....
the Holy Father's Prayer Intention....

11.00 SUNDAY MASS COFFEE Rota - Currently we are looking for parishioners (especially those who use the 11.00 coffee session) to consider becoming new members of the Coffee Rota (like any rota, the greater the number of volunteers the less often the same names crop up). This role is ideal for younger families to take part in as well as others (married or single).

24 HOURS ADORATION WITH THE LORD - As we prepare for coming of Pentecost this year the Epsom Deanery will be holding an extended time of prayer for 24 hours. The event will take place in **St Joseph's Church, Epsom, KT18 7JQ** commencing with **10.00 Mass on Friday 22nd May** and concluding with **Mass at 10.00 Saturday 23rd May**. This is a graced moment for us all to gather in prayer around the Lord in the Eucharist - to pray, to adore, to be silent, and to hold the brokenness of our world before the healing presence of Christ. The event will be divided into 1 hour slots to which parishioners from all across the Deanery are invited to commit to coming to the church and spending 1 hour in prayer. We need at least two people to commit to each hour (so that is a minimum of 48 people across the Deanery).

4 STEPS for EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

- 1 RECONGNIZE THE PRESENCE OF GOD** (15 MINS)
Place yourself in the presence of Christ
- 2 THANKSGIVING** (15 MINS)
Give thanks for all the blessings God has given you
- 3 PETITION** (15 MINS)
Ask for the world, the people around you and your conversion
- 4 ATONEMENT** (15 MINS)
Express your sorrow for the world's sins and yours

If you are unable to offer an hour you can come at any time for as long or short a time as you can manage during the 24 hour period - and of course more than two people can sign up for any particular hour.

Those who are sick or housebound and unable to attend are invited to send their prayer intentions (in writing and in good time) via their local Parish Office and these will be placed before the Blessed Sacrament.

There will also be opportunities to pray the Rosary, celebrate Reconciliation, and join in communal prayer at specific times (more information to follow).

Sign-Up Sheets will be available in all the Epsom Deanery Churches from next weekend (25th & 26th April). For those who would like to attend but do not have transport, it is hoped to coordinate lift-sharing through the Parish Offices of the church where you are registered. Once we have a clearer picture of who may require assistance and who is able to offer a lift, we can try to make the necessary arrangements.

As St Theresa of Avila said in the 16th Century, 'the world is on fire' - how much more so today. May the Lord bless all our efforts and desires to bring His Peace into the world.

Fr Simon Hall, Epsom, on behalf of the Deanery

'CONFIDENT PARENTING IN A WORLD OF SCREENS' - webinar - 29th April, 20.00

Hardly a day goes by without some headline highlighting the impact of smartphones and social media upon teenagers. They face a whole new level of complexity as they grow up in a digital world, but as parents and carers there are so many things we can do to help them navigate it well. CELEBRATE Trust has invited a speaker from *Care for the Family*, a national UK charity, to share how we can best support teenagers through the challenges of our digital world, and offer practical advice and principles to apply in our own unique families. This is the first of 2 webinars for parents and carers of teenagers. The second webinar will be on 'Raising Teenagers in a Catholic Family' with the *Messy Family Project*, a Catholic family ministry from the US on 2nd June 2026, 20.00

To book: www.celebratetrust.org/faith-parenting

CAFOD: STAND WITH SUDAN - Give monthly. On the third anniversary of the war in Sudan, Kayode Akintola, CAFOD's Head of Region for Africa, asks for your help:

"So many of our sisters and brothers in Sudan are facing increasing violence, hunger, and disease. That is why today, I'm asking you to consider setting up a monthly gift to support families who are fleeing the violence - with food, safe water and other vital support. Monthly gifts are an act of steady love for our neighbours, a way of saying: we will not abandon you, we will stand with you until peace is restored."

Donate at: www.cafod.org.uk/StandWithSudan



Sudan Crisis

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POPE'S CALL FOR PEACE - Richard Moth, Archbishop of Westminster, echoed Pope Leo's calls for peace earlier on Monday, stressing the importance of combatting indifference in the face of war and suffering. "We continue to support [the Holy Father's] unstinting calls for peace and reconciliation across all areas of conflict," he said. "Humanity is marked, scarred, by warfare and injustice - often instigated by greed and misguided power - bringing harm and death to so many and often the most vulnerable. We must never become indifferent to war, violence and suffering. We pray for peace, justice and reconciliation across the world." Pope Leo is four days into a Papal Visit to Africa, and arrived in Cameroon yesterday. Speaking to journalists while travelling to Algiers, the Pope responded to a number of scathing social media statements issued by US President Donald Trump on his Truth Social network. In a report on Vatican News, Pope Leo said: "I am not a politician, and I do not want to enter into a debate... I do not think the message of the Gospel should be abused as some are doing. I continue to speak strongly against war, seeking to promote peace, dialogue, and multilateralism among states to find solutions to problems. Too many people are suffering today, too many innocent lives have been lost, and I believe someone must stand up and say there is a better way."