

Our Parish Liturgy

This Week (4 Easter A)

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| DIVINE OFFICE | WEEK 4 |
| ENTRANCE HYMN | 18.00 877 09.00 877 11.00 Musicians |
| PENITENTIAL ACT | Spoken |
| GLORIA | 18.00 New Celtic Liturgy 09.00 New Celtic Liturgy 11.00 Musicians |
| 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 ACCLAMATION | <i>Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord. I know my sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!</i> |
| GOSPEL READING | John 10:1-10 <i>'I am the door of the sheep.'</i> |
| PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS | 18.00 866 09.00 866 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 Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.</i> |
| THANKSGIVING | 18.00 948 09.00 948 11.00 Musicians |
| RECESSIONAL | 18.00 471 09.00 471 11.00 Musicians |

Next Week (5 Easter A)

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| DIVINE OFFICE | WEEK 1 |
| FIRST READING | Acts 6:1-7 <i>'They chose seven men full of the Holy Spirit.'</i> |
| PSALM RESPONSE | <i>May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O Lord.'</i> |
| SECOND READING | 1 Peter 2:4-9 <i>'But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.'</i> |
| GOSPEL READING | John 14:1-12 <i>'I am the way, the truth, and the 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.'

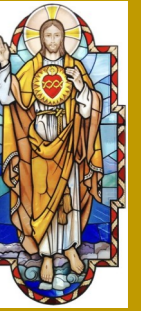
As we know, the Holy Scriptures feed and nourish our faith and help us to grow in our relationship with God and one another. It is for this reason that these scriptural reflections are offered. They should help enable married couples to focus on the richness of God's Word that we hear proclaimed each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

FEEDING YOUR SHEEP



John 10:10 describes us as 'sheep.' God watches over and feeds us with his Word, and in the Eucharist. With God's help we have created a few more sheep, so we pray for His help, read books, use the internet to protect our children from the harm done by the 'media' and many of today 'addictions'. That's being good shepherds.

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THIS WEEK:

BIBLE READING PLAN

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| Mo | Ps. 73, 77-8 |
| Tu | 1 Chr. 6-10 |
| We | Ps. 81, 88, 92-3 |
| Th | Ps. 102-4, 133 |
| Fr | 2 Sam. 5, 1 Chr. 11-2 |

Financial News . . .

Weekend of 19/04/26

1st Plate £ 514:38

Standing Orders £ 755:00

Contactless £ 165:00

1st Total £ 1,434:38

2nd None

Thankyou for your continuing generosity to your Parish.

2nd Collection . . .

This Weekend 26/04/26

Education of Future Priests

Parishioners are able to Gift Aid this by using our Parish Envelope.

Next Weekend 03/05/26

Parish Buildings Fund

Parishioners are able to Gift Aid this by using our Parish Envelope.

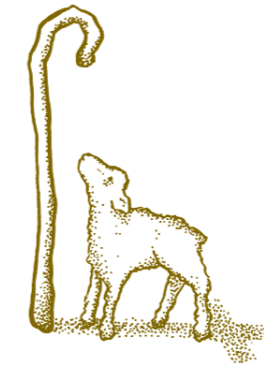
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You do not wake up one morning a bad person. It happens by a thousand tiny surrenders of self-respect to self-interest.

Robert Brault

Abundant life

Today's reading emphasizes that Jesus is the Good Shepherd and the gate for the sheep. For Jesus' listeners - farmers, ranchers, and others steeped in an agricultural lifestyle - the metaphor was comforting. To us in the 21st century, many of whom have had little, if any, experience with sheep, the metaphor is probably less powerful. The last line becomes especially important, then. "I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly." Whether or not we can imagine our selves as sheep following Jesus, we can focus on his statement that he wants us to enjoy abundant life.



What does it mean to have abundant life? It doesn't mean that God wants us to have an abundance of "things," which can't bring fulfilment by themselves. Abundant life as Jesus preached about it means a life of joy, fulfilment, love, and freedom from want. Jesus wants us to have life in its fullness, here and now, not just after we die. Unfortunately, some of us were raised to believe that a life of discipleship dooms us to a life of deprivation, boredom, and no fun. We might think, consciously or not, that we deserve punishment or that we must work to earn God's love. Or we might assume that we just have to accept this life of drudgery to get to heaven (abundance) in the next life. Yet so many of Jesus' teachings and his behaviour pointed to

the fact that he wants us to have the fullness of life now, not only in the



"The sheep follow [the shepherd], because they recognize his voice."
Sheepish Question:
What hazards must I be ready for in following the way of Christ?

future. He wanted to see people cured of their illnesses, freed from the injustices that kept the poor and the outcasts excluded from the community. He wanted people to celebrate rather than mourn. If we listen for Jesus' voice, we can distinguish it from the voice of others in our world because Jesus' voice will lead to a more abundant life for us. If some voice (of a family member, peer, advertising, etc.) leaves us feeling insecure, inadequate, fearful, or anxious, that is not the voice of our shepherd. Jesus' voice always leads to a more profound peace, joy, comfort, and strength.

Questions of the week

- 1 Share about a time when you have followed an invitation that you felt was from Jesus. How did you know the "voice" was from God?
- 2 Describe a time when you went astray by following another shepherd who didn't care for you as a good shepherd cares for his sheep. How did you realize you went astray? How did you find your way back to God's path for you?

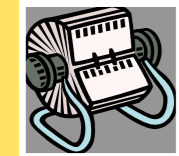
Before Mass - Talk to God **During Mass** - Listen to God **After Mass** - Talk to your friends

Parish Office



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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

Once again a busy week in and around The Presbytery, with the last schools going back after their Easter holidays, and Confirmation looming up quickly

On Monday morning Fr D celebrated Mass for the staff at Notre Dame School in the middle of their 'in-service' day just before the students returned on Tuesday. In The evening Fr D was down in Effingham for a meeting of the 'shadow' Parish Leadership Team who will be working with the clergy of Epsom Deanery when the Pastoral Plan for the diocese comes to fruition in this area.

After Morning Prayer, Mass and Exposition on Tuesday Fr D had the diocesan IT engineer working on a few things to 'tidy up' the re-structured parish phone and broadband system (- rather than lots of pieces of equipment balancing on a small coffee table they are now housed in a specialist rack designed for the purpose). There are a few little bits to sort still and this will happen in late May. In the evening Fr D met with our own Parish Finance Team for the second quarterly meeting of the year. Our finances are broadly running as expected at this point, with the car park making a heavy contribution to our solvency as usual. Work is underway to facilitate a 'secure door-entry' system for Sarah as she is classified as a 'lone worker' and we need to have regard to her safety whilst at work.

Following Morning Prayer and Mass on Wednesday Fr D was working hard on the Confirmation ceremony that will be taking place in the church on Saturday 9th May at our normal 18.00 Mass. As we do not have a Bishop for the foreseeable future Fr D has been delegated to celebrate the sacrament with our candidates this year. In the evening Fr D met with the Confirmation candidates to talk them through the 'Lucenarium' (Service of Light) that will be celebrated during our normal 11.00 Mass on Sunday 3rd May - the last Sunday Mass before Confirmation Day. This little rite is celebrated with the Parish community as a sending forth to the ceremony the following weekend; during the rite the parents of the candidates hand over each candidate's Baptismal Candle (the sign of faith they were entrusted with at their child's baptism) to their son or daughter (now to be nurtured and kept alight by themselves as they enter into adult membership of the community). The candidates were also able to ask Fr D any questions that they had ever wanted to know about the Church and faith in general - this led to some interesting discussions



CHILDREN'S WORD SEARCH 4TH SUNDAY EASTER YEAR A

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LISTEN TO THE SHEPHERD

John 10:1-10

¹Jesus said, "I am telling you the truth: the man who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate, but climbs in some other way, is a thief and a robber. ²The man who goes in through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him; the sheep hear his voice as he calls his own sheep by name, and he leads them out. ⁴When he has brought them out, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow someone else; instead, they will run away from such a person, because they do not know his voice."

⁶Jesus told them this parable, but they did not understand what he meant. ⁷So Jesus said again, "I am telling you the truth: I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All others who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever comes in by me will be saved; they will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only in order to steal, kill, and destroy. I have come in order that you might have life – life in all its fullness.

Other Readings: Acts 2:14, 36-41; Psalm 23:1-6; 1 Peter 2:20-25

LECTIO:

To help us understand this passage more clearly we also need to read the following verses in John 10:11-18. In verses 1-5 Jesus tells the parable of the shepherd. He explains the meaning in verses 7-16.

Jesus uses two 'I am' statements with two metaphors to describe himself. In verse 7 he describes himself as 'the gate' and in verse 11 he refers to himself as the 'good shepherd.'

The people listening to Jesus would have been familiar with the idea of God as the shepherd and the Jewish people as his sheep. So in identifying himself as the good shepherd, Jesus identifies himself directly with God and his role in protecting and caring for his sheep.

Jesus adds that the shepherd knows each of his sheep by name and leads them. The sheep recognise his voice so they follow him out of the sheepfold, presumably to pastures where they can be fed. In verses 11-16 Jesus alludes to the fact that he will one day lay down his life for the sake of his flock. He also refers to 'other sheep', possibly Gentile converts, which will be added to form one flock.

In addition to being the good shepherd Jesus also describes himself as the gate for the sheep. The gate is the only legitimate way into the sheepfold. It is only through Jesus that we can become part of God's flock. This is summed up in John 14:6, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life; no one goes to the Father except by me.' (We will look at this passage further next Sunday).

Jesus also compares his mission with that of false prophets and 'messiahs'. The latter steal, kill and destroy. By glorious contrast Jesus brings life – 'life in all its fullness' (verse 10).



MEDITATIO:

- Why do you think Jesus used these two metaphors to describe himself? What does each metaphor tell you about him?
- What have you learnt about Jesus and your relationship with him today?
- Do you see Jesus as your shepherd? When do you experience him leading you? What spiritual food and water does he provide for you?
- Do you need to make any changes to allow you to hear your shepherd's voice more clearly in the future?

ORATIO:

Psalm 23 is probably the best known of all the Psalms. Read through it verse by verse and use it as a personal prayer to God.

CONTEMPLATIO:

Reflect on this verse from 1 Peter 2:25, 'You were like sheep that had lost their way, but now you have been brought back to follow the Shepherd and Keeper of your souls.'

| Day | Date | Time | Service / Intention | Donor |
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| Sat. | 25 th April | | St Mark, Evangelist | |
| | | | Sacrament of Reconciliation | |
| | | | Ciaran Buckley † | J. & L. Buckley |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> Live-Stream / Recorded | 18.00 | |
| Sun. | 26 th April | | 4TH (GOOD SHEPHERD) SUNDAY IN EASTERTIDE, YEAR A | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> Live-Stream / Recorded | 09.00 | Kolber Family |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> Live-Stream / Recorded | 11.00 | For the Parishioners |
| Mon. | 27 th April | | Easter Weekday | |
| | | | No Service Today | Mass 09.30 at Walton |
| Tue. | 28 th April | | Easter Weekday | |
| | | 09.00 | Morning Prayer of the Church | [p.p.264 & 493] |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> Live-Streamed | 09.30 | Dorothy Allen † |
| | | | 10.00 - 11.00 | Exposition of Blessed Sacrament for Private Prayer |
| Wed. | 29 th April | | St Catherine of Sienna, Virgin & Doctor of the Church | |
| | | 09.15 | Morning Prayer of the Church | [p.p.274 & 493] |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> Live-Streamed | 09.30 | In thanksgiving - Kelly |
| | | | | D. & S. Wilson |
| Thu. | 30 th April | | Easter Weekday | |
| | | 09.15 | Morning Prayer of the Church | [p.p.284 & 493] |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> Live-Streamed | 09.30 | Frederick Sivyer † |
| | | | | D. & P. Meehan |
| Fri. | 1 st May | | St Joseph the Worker (Day of Abstinence) | |
| | | 09.15 | Morning Prayer of the Church | [p.p. 294 & 493] |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> Live-Streamed | 09.30 | In honour & reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus (First Friday) |
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| Sat. | 2 nd May | | St Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church | |
| | | 17.00 - 17.30 | Sacrament of Reconciliation | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> Live-Stream / Recorded | 18.00 | Stéphane Alby † |
| | | | | G. Alby |
| Sun. | 3 rd May | | 5TH SUNDAY IN EASTERTIDE, YEAR A | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> Live-Stream / Recorded | 09.00 | Kolber Family |
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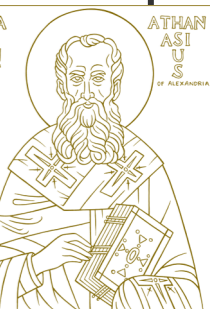
Mass may be offered for both the living and the dead and also for most other intentions. We do our best to try and accommodate specific dates but this can be especially difficult on weekends and at less than three months notice. 'Mass Intentions' are published in the Parish Newsletter on the weekend before they are celebrated although sometimes a Requiem Mass will 'bump' an intention to a later date.

Athanasius

Athanasius led a tumultuous but dedicated life of service to the Church. He was the great champion of the faith against the heresy of Arianism, the teaching by Arius that Jesus was not truly divine. The vigour of his writings earned him the title of doctor of the Church. Born of a Christian family in Alexandria, and given a classical education, he became secretary to Alexander, the bishop of Alexandria, entered the priesthood and was eventually named bishop

himself. His predecessor, Alexander, had always been an outspoken critic of a new movement growing in the East - Arianism. When he assumed the role of bishop he continued the fight against Arianism. At first, it seemed that the battle would be easily won and that the heresy would be condemned. However, this did not prove to be the case. After the Council of Tyre was called Emperor Constantine exiled Athanasius to northern Gaul. This was to be the first in a

series of travels and exiles. Five times Athanasius was exiled for his defence of the doctrine of Christ's divinity. During one period of his life, he enjoyed ten years of relative peace - reading, writing, and promoting the Christian life along the lines of the monastic ideal to which he was greatly devoted. His dogmatic and historical writings are almost all polemic, directed against every aspect of Arianism.



| DATE / MASS | WELCOME MINISTERS | READERS | EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS | REPOSITORY AFTER MASS |
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| SATURDAY 5 Easter A 02/05/26 18.00 | Still Required; please offer | G. Alby | N/A at present | P. Hunt A. Essien |
| SUNDAY 5 Easter A 03/05/26 09.00 | Still Required; please offer | D. Meehan | D. McEvoy G. Fisher | D. Westsmith M. Smyth |
| SUNDAY 5 Easter A 03/05/26 11.00 | Still Required; please offer | C. Templer | J. Sztakics P. Mascolo | L. Farris V. Rose |

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!

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| ⇒ UHT Fruit Juice | ⇒ Tinned Fish |
| ⇒ UHT Semi-Skimmed Milk | ⇒ Tinned Meat |
| ⇒ Fruit Squash | ⇒ Tinned Custard |
| ⇒ Peanut Butter | ⇒ Marmite |
| ⇒ Tinned Vegetables & Potatoes | ⇒ Microwave Rice Pouches |
| ⇒ Porridge | ⇒ Tomato Ketchup |
| ⇒ Deodorant (for men & women) | ⇒ Antibacterial Multipurpose Spray |
| ⇒ All-Purpose Floor Cleaner | ⇒ Bleach |
| ⇒ Hair Shampoo & Conditioner | ⇒ Baby Wipes |
| ⇒ Laundry Powder / Liquid / Capsules | ⇒ Liquid Hand Soap |

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:
Stanley McKie †

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:
Fr Colum Murray †
Fr Robert Andrews †
Fr Dominic Rolls †
Fr Gerald Sproston †
Canon Peter Paul King †
Fr Mark Elvins †
Fr Christopher Sexton †

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....

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).

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 are available in all the Epsom Deanery Churches from this 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.

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).

MONTH OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS - Our 'Diocesan Vocations Team' has launched a special month of prayer for vocations beginning this Sunday. As Catholics, we know that God has a plan for each one of us and has called us by name, through our baptism, to holiness of life. He continues to call out to us each day to be his disciples; some to the married life, some to the single life, some to religious life, and some to the priesthood. In his Message for the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, Pope Leo highlights the importance of daily prayer and cultivating a personal relationship with God:

"We must urgently recommence our vocational ministry and renew our commitment to evangelisation" he said. "In light of this, I invite everyone – in families, parishes and religious communities, as well as bishops, priests, deacons, catechists, educators and all the faithful – to commit themselves more fully to creating conditions that allow this gift to be embraced, nourished, protected and accompanied, so that it may bear abundant fruit. "Only when our surroundings are illumined by living faith, sustained by constant prayer and enriched by fraternal accompaniment can God's call blossom and mature, becoming a path of happiness and salvation for individuals and for the world. By embarking on the path that Jesus, the Good Shepherd, shows us, we come to know more deeply both ourselves and the God who calls us..."



"Dear brothers and sisters, dear young people, I encourage you to cultivate your personal relationship with God through daily prayer and meditation on the Word. Pause, listen and entrust yourselves. In this way, the gift of your vocation will mature, bringing you happiness and yielding abundant fruit for the Church and the world."

MASS FOR JUBILARIAN PRIESTS OF THE DIOCESE - 28 May, 12.00, Arundel Cathedral. Join the priests of our Diocese who are celebrating 25, 40, 50 and 60 years of priestly ordination, to give thanks for their years of service at this special Mass in Arundel Cathedral. All are welcome.

CORPUS CHRISTI CARPET OF FLOWERS - 3-4 June, Arundel Cathedral. Experience Arundel's beautiful Carpet of Flowers, celebrating the Feast of Corpus Christi. View the carpet 09.30 - 19.00 (Weds) and 09.30 - 17.30 (Thurs). Mass, followed by a procession to Arundel Castle, begins at 17.30 on Thursday. All are welcome.

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