

Our Parish Liturgy

This Week (5 Easter A)

DIVINE OFFICE	WEEK 1
ENTRANCE HYMN	18.00 472 09.00 472 11.00 Musicians
PENITENTIAL ACT	Spoken
GLORIA	18.00 529 09.00 529 11.00 Musicians
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 ACCLAMATION	<i>Alleluia, alleluia!</i> <i>I am the way, and the truth, and the life, says the Lord. No one comes to the Father except through me. Alleluia!</i>
GOSPEL READING	John 14:1-12 <i>'I am the way, and the truth, and the life.'</i>
PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS	18.00 608 09.00 608 11.00 Musicians
SANCTUS	18.00 553 09.00 553 11.00 Musicians
MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION	18.00 554b 09.00 554b 11.00 Musicians
GREAT AMEN	18.00 555 09.00 555 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>I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.</i>
THANKSGIVING	18.00 627 09.00 627 11.00 Musicians

RECESSION	18.00 456 09.00 456 11.00 Musicians
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Next Week (6 Easter A)

DIVINE OFFICE	WEEK 2
FIRST READING	Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 <i>'They laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.'</i>
PSALM RESPONSE	<i>Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.</i>
SECOND READING	1 Peter 3:15-18 <i>'Being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit.'</i>
GOSPEL READING	John 14:15-21 <i>'I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper.'</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.'

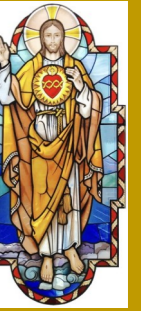
As we know, the Holy Scriptures feed and nourish our faith and help us to grow in our relationship with God and one another. It is for this reason that these scriptural reflections are offered. They should help enable married couples to focus on the richness of God's Word that we hear proclaimed each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

I AM IN YOU AND YOU ARE IN ME



Jesus says, "To have seen me is to have seen the Father". In our married life, through the visible sign of the way we love each other, when people meet one of us we can be a sign that 'when seeing me, you see the one I love, in me and with me', thus emulating Jesus' relationship with His Father.

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THIS WEEK:

BIBLE READING PLAN

Mo Ps. 106-7, 133, 1 Chr.13-6
Tu Ps. 1-2, 15, 22-4, 47, 68
We Ps. 89, 96, 100-01, 105, 132
Th 2 Sam. 6-7
Fr 1 Chr. 18

Financial News . .

Weekend of 26/04/26
1st Plate £ 377:66
Standing Orders £ 755:00
Contactless £ 137:00
1st Total £ 1,269:66
2nd Total £ 414:60
Education of Future Priests

Thankyou for your continuing generosity to your Parish.

2nd Collection . . .

This Weekend 03/05/26

Parish Buildings Fund

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

Next Weekend 10/05/26

None

Bite Size . . .

Intuition is a spiritual faculty and does not explain, but simply points the way.

Florence Scovel Shinn

Introducing the Trinity



The first reading from Acts of the Apostles gives us another glimpse into the very early life and growth of Christianity. At some point, the number of Christians (many of whom still practiced the Jewish faith) became too large for the 12 apostles to minister to adequately. The apostles realised they needed help, so the community of believers identified seven more well-respected men who were "filled with the Spirit and wisdom." In an early form of ordination, the apostles prayed and "laid hands on them," officially making them leaders as well. The church has preserved this early tradition; when deacons and priests are ordained today, the central part of the ritual is the bishop laying hands on the candidate and praying over him.

Today's Gospel passage can be boiled down to two main points, but they may be hard to grasp because Jesus seems speak in circles. First, don't let your hearts be troubled. Second, if you know Jesus, you know God. If you didn't get those upon first reading, take heart; neither did the apostle Philip.

Jesus' speech here takes place the night before he dies. Sitting with his friends, the apostles, after he washed their feet, Jesus is aware that they are troubled. Jesus had just predicted that one of them would betray him and that Peter would disown him. Naturally, they are confused and worried. As he does at other points in the gospels, Jesus offers them peace and

reassurance and encourages them to trust him, even though things are not looking good.



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"Offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ."

Sheepish Question:
When I consider the sacrifices I've made lately, which ones likely are most acceptable to God?

Philip wants even more reassurance, and he wants to understand just exactly what Jesus is saying with his talk of dwelling places in his Father's house. In a very roundabout way, Jesus tries to explain that if Philip believes in him, he can trust in the Father, too. This exchange is part of the origin of the Christian understanding of the Trinity. Jesus and the Father are somehow "one," yet not the same. A few verses after this reading, Jesus talks about the Holy Spirit and the Spirit's connection to himself and the Father. The description is something that we might not be able to grasp with our rational minds. If this is the case, we find ourselves back in Philip's position, being asked by Jesus to "believe in me." What is faith, after all, if there is no need for belief or trust?

Question of the week

Have you ever felt an invitation to trust and to "not let your heart be troubled," even though you sensed there was something troubling on the horizon?

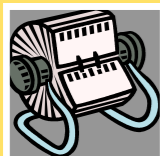
Before Mass - Talk to God During Mass - Listen to God After Mass - Talk to your friends

Parish Office



Normal Office Hours : Tuesday 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

A very busy week this time around as Fr D gets ready for the celebration of Confirmation next weekend

Following Morning Prayer, Mass, and Exposition on Tuesday Fr D had to get up to the Dr's Surgery for a six monthly diabetic check-up. When he got back (having had lots of blood taken for tests!) he was working hard on the Confirmation booklet for next weekend. He also started work on this week's newsletter. In the evening he met with the parents of this year's First Eucharist Candidates to look at the next section of the preparation programme. Fr D has the parents on the Tuesday evening to make sure that they are 'up to speed' before they talk about the material with their child on the Saturday morning. This time they were looking at the Eucharistic Prayer used at every celebration of Mass - remembering all that Jesus did to redeem us and thanking him for doing so.

Wednesday, after Morning Prayer and Mass, Fr D had an appointment with a parishioner in the Parish Centre. The next edition of the Parish Mass Book (beginning with Trinity Sunday 31st May) was delivered in the morning - it seems to have come around so quickly? In the evening for a short while Fr D joined the music group in the church who were practicing the music for the Confirmation Mass - we are so lucky to have such a group to support our various liturgies.

On Thursday, after Morning Prayer and Mass, Fr D was off down to Crawley to try and clear his 'in-tray' before going off to the Annual Canon Law Conference next week. Whilst there he was able to 'sign-off' on a couple of Documentary Marriage cases as well. In the evening Fr D was meeting with a young couple who are preparing to have their infant baptised in the near future.

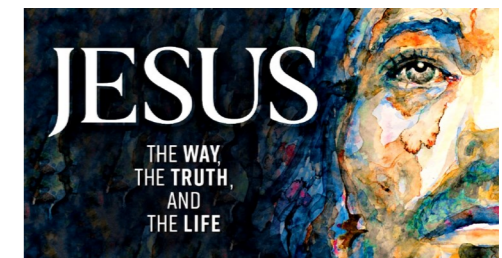
Friday, after Morning Prayer and Mass, Fr D was straight off to Notre Dame School for their Patronal Feast Day Mass (St Jeanne), not quite on the day but public examinations take place from next Monday which necessitated a move of the date. Later in the afternoon Fr D was able to pack for the trip to the Canon Law Conference.

On Saturday morning Fr D was meeting with parents and candidates on the First Eucharist programme. At the end of the meeting he went through the 'Rite of Signation' with the families which was scheduled to be celebrated at the Saturday evening Mass. During this the candidates are presented with a simple wooden cross (which Fr D brought back with him from his Easter Lourdes trip)



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THE WAY

John 14:1-12

1"Do not be worried and upset," Jesus told them. "Believe in God and believe also in me. 2There are many rooms in my Father's house, and I am going to prepare a place for you. I would not tell you this if it were not so. 3And after I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to myself, so that you will be where I am. 4You know the way that leads to the place where I am going."

5Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going; so how can we know the way to get there?"

6Jesus answered him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no one goes to the Father except by me. 7Now that you have known me," he said to them, "you will know my Father also, and from now on you do know him and you have seen him."

8Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father; that is all we need."

9Jesus answered, "For a long time I have been with you all; yet you do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. Why, then, do you say, 'Show us the Father'? 10Do you not believe, Philip, that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I have spoken to you," Jesus said to his disciples, "do not come from me. The Father, who remains in me, does his own work. 11Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me. If not, believe because of the things I do. 12I am telling you the truth: those who believe in me will do what I do - yes, they will do even greater things, because I am going to the Father.

Other Readings: Acts 6:1-7; Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Peter 2:4-9

LECTIO:

This conversation takes place about the time of the Passover meal in Jerusalem. Jesus knows that his imminent arrest and crucifixion will be a severe trial for his disciples.

Jesus doesn't say so explicitly but verses 2-4 seem to be referring to heaven. Jesus knows that after his crucifixion he will rise from the dead and join his Father in heaven.

The promise for his disciples is that after they die they too will join him in heaven, but Jesus doesn't make this plain.

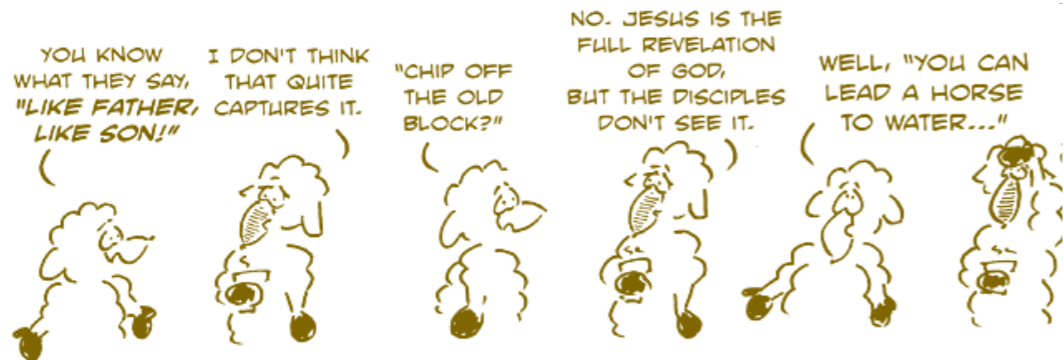
Jesus' answer to Thomas - that he is the way, the truth, the life and the only way to the Father - probably didn't make things any clearer for them at the time.

In his exchange with Philip, Jesus focuses on his unity with God the Father. This is a difficult concept for the disciples to understand. In fact, it has taken centuries of the Church's meditation and reflection to scratch the surface of the mystery of the Trinity. But Jesus points out that whoever has seen Jesus has seen the Father: in Jesus we can see what God the Father is like.

Our reading ends today with Jesus' intriguing statement that his followers will do greater things than he does. This is linked to the gift of the Holy Spirit which we will read more about in the coming weeks.

It is helpful to remind ourselves of the advice Jesus gives his disciples right at the outset of this conversation:

'Do not be worried and upset...believe in God and believe also in me'.



MEDITATIO:

- How is Jesus the way, the truth, the life and the only way to the Father?
• How has Jesus proved to be the way for you personally? How does this affect your everyday life?
• What can we learn from this passage about trusting in God? How can you apply this in your daily life?

ORATIO:

Psalm 33 speaks about God's faithfulness. Read the whole Psalm and then respond to him in prayer. Like the disciples we don't always understand everything but we can be confident that God is faithful and good.

CONTEMPLATIO:

Consider these verses below from 1 Peter 2:4-6. Think about Jesus as the cornerstone of God's Kingdom. Ask God how you can be a 'living stone' in his temple.

'Come to the Lord, the living stone rejected by people as worthless but chosen by God as valuable. Come as living stones, and let yourselves be used in building the spiritual temple, where you will serve as holy priests to offer spiritual and acceptable sacrifices to God through Jesus Christ. For the scripture says, "I chose a valuable stone, which I am placing as the cornerstone in Zion; and whoever believes in him will never be disappointed."'

Table with 5 columns: Day, Date, Time, Service / Intention, Donor. Rows include services for 2nd to 10th May, including Sacrament of Reconciliation, 5th and 6th Sunday in Eastertide, and English Martyrs.

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.

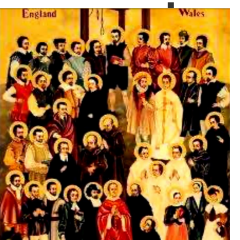
English Martyrs

In England, these martyrs, together with those beatified between 1886 and 1929, are commemorated by a feast day on 4 May. This day also honours the Forty Martyrs of England and Wales who hold the rank of saint; the Forty Martyrs were honoured separately on 25 October until the liturgical calendar for England was revised in the year 2000.

Queen Elizabeth I was excommunicated by Pope Pius V, on 25 February 1570, creating a situation full of perplexity for English Roman Catholics.

Once this declaration was made, a number of Catholics acted on it, and a number, under the influence of the then Spanish ambassador Bernardino de Mendoza and others, were implicated in plots against Elizabeth which were undoubtedly treasonable from the English Government's point of view. That a certain party of English Catholics was in rebellion against Elizabeth is not disputed. Thus William Allen, with many of the exiles of Douai and

Louvain, and Robert Persons, with many of the Jesuits, saw in the rule of Elizabeth a greater danger to the highest interests of England than had previously been threatened in cases where history had justified the deposition of kings. And the supreme authority had sanctioned this view. In the eyes of Elizabeth and her ministers, such opposition was nothing less than high treason.



DATE / MASS	WELCOME MINISTERS	READERS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	REPOSITORY AFTER MASS
SATURDAY 6 Easter A 09/05/26 18.00	Still Required; please offer	Confirmation Candidates	N/A at present	P. Hunt A. Essien
SUNDAY 6 Easter A 10/05/26 09.00	Still Required; please offer	G. Fisher	L. Kolber Sr Maria	B. Harris M. Jethwa
SUNDAY 6 Easter A 10/05/26 11.00	Still Required; please offer	H. Phillips	E. Twist D. Yearley	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.



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!

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ UHT Fruit Juice ⇒ UHT Semi-Skimmed Milk ⇒ Fruit Squash ⇒ Peanut Butter ⇒ Tinned Vegetables & Potatoes ⇒ Porridge ⇒ Deodorant (for men & women) ⇒ All-Purpose Floor Cleaner ⇒ Hair Shampoo & Conditioner ⇒ Laundry Powder / Liquid / Capsules 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Tinned Fish ⇒ Tinned Meat ⇒ Tinned Custard ⇒ Marmite ⇒ Microwave Rice Pouches ⇒ Tomato Ketchup ⇒ Antibacterial Multipurpose Spray ⇒ Bleach ⇒ Baby Wipes ⇒ Liquid Hand Soap
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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:
None

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:
Christina Bruce Vanderpuye †
Fr Douglas Perkins †
Deacon Robert Mason †

HOLY FATHER'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION:
. . . . "Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food."

For those who are unwell.....

those who have died recently....

those whose anniversaries occur.....

the Holy Father's Prayer Intention....

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.

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).



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

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

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 has highlighted the importance of daily prayer and cultivating a personal relationship with God. Special 'Vocations' prayer leaflets are available in the church narthex - please take one (and use it).

CONFIRMATIONS 2026 - A reminder that next Saturday's 18.00 Mass will be the occasion of the celebration of Confirmation for our Parish Candidates this year. As we do not presently have a bishop to celebrate this great sacrament with our candidates Fr Daryl has been delegated to celebrate Confirmation for them. As the sacrament will be celebrated within the Mass parishioners should be aware that the Mass will be slightly longer than normal and should be prepared for this. Please remember to keep our candidates in your prayers this final week before the celebration.

THE TERMINALLY ILL ADULTS (END OF LIFE) BILL - introduced by Labour MP Kim Leadbeater, and strongly opposed by the Catholic Church, will not become law in the current session of Parliament, following the conclusion of the Committee Stage in the House of Lords. The announcement comes as new polling suggests that the Bill would potentially fail if it were reintroduced to the House of Commons, with analysis revealing there have been near-unprecedented levels of opposition to the proposed legislation in the House of Lords.

The Catholic Church opposes the legalisation of assisted suicide out of profound concern for the good of every person in society. Life is a gift from God and remains equally valuable even in times of suffering, it is to be cherished at all stages from conception until natural death.

Speaking on Friday, Archbishop John Sherrington, the Lead Bishop for Life Issues for the CBCEW, said: "I wish to express gratitude to all those parliamentarians who have worked tirelessly to preserve the dignity of every human life and ensure that end-of-life care remains rooted in compassion and respect until the natural end of life... "I am also deeply thankful to all who have supported parliamentarians in so many ways, including lobbying... prayer, and writing to parliamentarians.

These debates have once again drawn attention to the profound needs of vulnerable people at the end of life. True compassion is never about hastening death, but about accompanying one another with care, love and hope until their natural end. We are grateful to all who have contributed to this discussion, which has underlined the urgent need for improved access to high-quality palliative care."