

Our Parish Liturgy

This Week (12 A)

DIVINE OFFICE	WEEK 4
ENTRANCE HYMN	18.00 862 09.00 862 11.00 Musicians
PENITENTIAL ACT	Spoken
GLORIA	18.00 Missal Tone 09.00 Missal Tone 11.00 Musicians
FIRST READING	Jeremiah 20:10-13 <i>'He has delivered the life of the needy from the hand of evildoers.'</i>
PSALM RESPONSE	<i>In your great mercy, answer me, O Lord.</i>
SECOND READING	Romans 5:12-15 <i>'The free gift is not like the trespass.'</i>
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	<i>Alleluia, alleluia!</i> <i>The Spirit of truth will bear witness about me, says the Lord, and you also will bear witness. Alleluia!</i>
GOSPEL READING	Matthew 10:26-33 <i>'Do not fear those who kill the body.'</i>
PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS	18.00 872 09.00 872 11.00 Musicians
SANCTUS	18.00 Missal Tone 09.00 Missal Tone 11.00 Musicians
MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION	18.00 Missal Tone 09.00 Missal Tone 11.00 Musicians
GREAT AMEN	18.00 Missal Tone 09.00 Missal Tone 11.00 Spoken
OUR FATHER	18.00 Missal Tone 09.00 Missal Tone 11.00 Musicians
AGNUS DEI	18.00 Missal Tone 09.00 Missal Tone 11.00 Musicians
COMMUNION ANTIPHON	<i>I am the Good Shepherd, and I lay down my life for my sheep, says the Lord.</i>
THANKSGIVING	18.00 952 09.00 952 11.00 Musicians
RECESSION	18.00 856 09.00 856 11.00 Musicians

Next Week (13 A)

DIVINE OFFICE	WEEK 1
FIRST READING	2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a <i>'This is a holy man of God, let him rest there.'</i>
PSALM RESPONSE	<i>I will sing for ever of your mercies, O Lord.</i>
SECOND READING	Romans 6:3-4, 8-11 <i>'We were buried with him by baptism, let us walk in newness of life.'</i>
GOSPEL READING	Matthew 10:37-42 <i>'Whoever does not take his cross is not worthy of me. Whoever receives you receives me.'</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.

FEAR CONCEALS ITSELF



How easy to become paranoid, to wonder what others might be saying about us. These aspects can be present outside our relationship and within it; at their core is fear! Jesus continuously exhorts the Twelve, "do not be afraid...every hair on your head has been counted". Living our life now in Christ, we will not fear what others think.

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THIS WEEK:

BIBLE READING PLAN

Mo 1 Kgs. 10-14, 2 Chr. 9-12
Tu Prov. 30-31
We 1 Kgs. 15-16
Th 2 Chr. 13-17
Fr 1 Kgs. 17-19

Financial News . .

Weekend of 14/06/26

1st Plate £ 349:88
Standing Orders £ 755:00
Contactless £ 120:00
1st Total £ 1,224:88
2nd £ 170:97
Buildings Maintenance Fund

Thankyou for your continuing generosity to your Parish.

2nd Collection . . .

This Weekend 21/06/26

Day For Life

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

Next Weekend 28/06/26

Peter's Pence

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

Bite Size . . .

Courage is the art of being the only one who knows you're scared to death.

Harold Wilson



Sacred Heart Parish Newsletter

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



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Death isn't the worst

In this week's Gospel reading, Jesus is speaking to the apostles immediately after giving them a terrifying task to "cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, and cast out demons" (Mt. 10:8) and to take nothing for their journey: no money, food, or extra clothing. Naturally, they were likely concerned about not having enough of the basic necessities for such a mission (Mt 10:9-10). Finally, Jesus told them the kicker: "I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves... beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me... and you will be hated by all because of my name" (Mt. 10:17 18, 22). Having heard all these instructions and predictions, we can imagine the apostles might not have wanted to go through with their mission after all. Who in their right mind would sign up for such a job?



Just when all the apostles may have been reconsidering their mission, Jesus addressed their fears. He told them boldly that they shouldn't fear anyone. He urged them to speak with

confidence and strength. He reminded them that they are worth far more than two song birds who are known, watched over, and cared for by God. He taught them that the life of their soul is more important than their physical life. He put their physical worries and fears into perspective. Death is not the worst that can happen, so they do not need to live in fear. Instead, they can go out to proclaim Jesus' message and live in confidence and trust that God will watch over them, until, through, and beyond their death.



"Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul."

Sheepish Question:
For what do I need courage (OR wisdom) right now?

Questions of the week

- 1 Think about a time in the past when you were fearful of following Jesus' lead because of some real or imagined hardships it would entail. What did you do? What happened?
- 2 Is there something worrisome or scary you are being invited to do in your life now? Does it help your resolve to hear Jesus' assurances of God's care for you?

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 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, very busy week in and round The Presbytery as the First Eucharist programme came to it's fruition last Sunday

On Saturday morning last weekend Fr D spent time in the church with our First Eucharist families rehearsing what was going to take place at the 11.00 Mass on Sunday morning. The children were able to walk through slowly and ask questions where necessary concerning the 'Big Day.' They were also able to practice receiving Holy Communion with un-consecrated hosts and wine. Fr D explained to them that they should receive from the chalice on their First Eucharist and then they could choose if they wanted to do so in the future (not surprisingly none of the children liked the taste of the wine and parents laughed when Fr D said 'long may it be so!').

At the 11.00 Mass the day after the children were wonderfully turned out (Fr D has a thing about the girls looking like meringues and boys dressed as sailors). Our newly confirmed were also present at the Mass - the boys acting as 'ecclesiastical traffic cops' to make sure that the families were not inundated whilst the children received communion for the first time. At the end of the Mass the children lined up outside to shake hands with everyone as they left the church, then they joined Fr D in a photo-call for the paparazzi by the hedge outside the Presbytery.

Having celebrated Morning Prayer, Mass, and Exposition on Tuesday morning Fr D was off down to the diocesan offices in Crawley to continue work on another couple of cases that he is moving closer to a judgement session. At present the Tribunal has had more applications than they had in the whole of last year (and we're not even half way through the year!). When he got back home in the late afternoon Fr D had a 'Teams' meeting with the 'Standards and Ethos' committee of the Bosco Catholic Education Trust. By the time it came to supper he was really ready to eat and stop 'doing things.'

On Wednesday Fr D celebrated the funeral of a parishioner before the committal at Randalls Park. He then just about had time to come home, and change his shirt before heading off for his monthly lunch with Fr Ruslan (Walton-on-Thames) at a local hostelry. In the latter part of the afternoon he was preparing his parts of the newsletter before having a sandwich and settling down to watch the England match

Churchmouse

CHILDREN'S WORD SEARCH 12TH SUNDAY YEAR A

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Do not be
afraid of
them...



DO NOT BE AFRAID

Matthew 10:26-33

Jesus said to his Apostles: "No disciple is above his teacher, no slave above his master. It is enough for the disciple that he become like his teacher, for the slave that he become like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more those of his household!"

"Therefore do not be afraid of them. Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known. What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light; what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna. Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge. Even all the hairs of your head are counted. So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father. But whoever denies me before others, I will deny before my heavenly Father."

Other Readings: Jeremiah 20:10-13; Psalm 66:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35; Romans 5:12-15.

LECTIO

This Gospel presents to us various instructions of Jesus on the behaviour that the disciples have to adopt in the exercise of their mission. What strikes most in these instructions are two warnings: (a) the frequency with which Jesus refers to the persecutions and suffering which they will have to bear; (b) the insistence repeated three times to the disciples not to be afraid.

The persecutions and sufferings which mark the life of the disciples constitute the final part of a warning of Jesus to the disciples concerning persecutions. The disciples should know that, because of being disciples of Jesus, they will be persecuted (Mt 10:17-23). But this should not be a reason for worry, because a disciple should imitate the life of the Master and share the trials with Him. This is part of discipleship. "A disciple is not greater than the teacher or a servant greater than his master; it is sufficient for the disciple to grow to be like his teacher and the servant like his master." If they called Jesus Beelzebul, how much more will they insult His disciples? In other words, the disciple of Jesus should be worried if, in his life, there are no persecutions.

The disciples should not be afraid to be persecuted. Those who persecute them pervert the meaning of the facts and spread calumnies which change truth into lies. But no matter how great the lie, the truth will triumph at the end and will make the lie crumble down. This is why we should not be afraid to proclaim truth, the things which Jesus has taught. Every day, the means of communication pervert the meaning of things and the people who proclaim the truth are considered as criminals; they make our system appear as just and it perverts the meaning of human life.

The disciples should not be afraid of those who kill the body, who torture, who strike, and cause suffering. Those who torture can kill the body, but they cannot kill liberty and the spirit in the body. They should be afraid, yes, that the fear of suffering may lead them to hide or to deny the truth, and that this will lead them to offend God, because anyone who draws away from God will be lost forever.

Do not be afraid, but trust in Divine Providence. The disciples should not fear anything, because they are in God's hands. Jesus tells them to look at the birds of the air. Two sparrows are sold for a penny, but not one of them will fall to the ground without the Father knowing. Every hair on your head has been counted. Luke says that not one hair falls without our Father wanting it (Lk 21:18). And so many hairs fall from our heads! Because of this "Do not be afraid. You are worth more than many sparrows." This is the lesson which Jesus draws from the contemplation of nature.

At the end Jesus summarizes everything in this sentence: "If anyone declares himself for Me in the presence of human beings, I will declare Myself for him in the presence of My Father in heaven; v33: the one who instead will disown Me in the presence of human beings, I will disown him in the presence of My Father in heaven." Knowing that we are in God's hands and that God is with us, at every moment, we have the necessary courage and the peace to render witness and to be disciples of Jesus.

MEDITATIO

- What are you afraid of? Why?
- Have you ever been persecuted because of your commitment to announce the Good News of God which Jesus announced to us?
- Persecution is not comfortable. There can be many small persecutions throughout a day. Do you ever deny Jesus in little things to make your life more comfortable and not make trouble? How is this important?

ORATIO

Your decrees stand firm, unshakable; holiness is the beauty of Your house, Lord God, for all time to come. (Ps 93:5)

"TAKE UP THE CROSS?" DOES JESUS REALLY THINK HE'S GOING TO GET FOLLOWERS LIKE THAT? NOBODY WANTS THAT KIND OF TREATMENT!

IT IS WHAT GOD DOES FOR US. IT IS WHO GOD IS FOR US!

AND THAT'S SUPPOSED TO MAKE ME WANT TO LIKE IT?!

Day	Date	Time	Service / Intention	Donor
Sat.	20 th June	Ferial Weekday		
		17.00 - 17.30	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
		☐ Live-Stream / Recorded	18.00 Luigi Solaro †	A. Dale
Sun.	21 st June	12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A		
		☐ Live-Stream / Recorded	09.00 For the Parishioners	
		☐ Live-Stream / Recorded	11.00 Douglas & Gina Fox †	D. & S. Wilson
Mon.	22 nd June	Sts John Fisher & Thomas More, Martyrs		
		No Service Today	Mass 09.30 at Walton	
Tue.	23 rd June	St Thomas Garnet, Priest & Martyr [Diocesan Saint]		
		09.00 Morning Prayer of the Church	[p.p. 264 & 493]	
		☐ Live-Streamed	09.30 Susan Hughes† and consolation of her family	N.A
			10.00 - 11.00 Exposition of Blessed Sacrament for Private Prayer	
Wed.	24 th June	NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST		
		09.15 Morning Prayer of the Church	[p.p. 274 & 493]	
		☐ Live-Streamed	09.30 Brenda O'Riordan †	J. & L. Buckley
Thu.	25 th June	Ferial Weekday		
		09.15 Morning Prayer of the Church	[p.p. 284 & 493]	
		☐ Live-Streamed	09.30 Ciara White	C.
Fri.	26 th June	Ferial Weekday (Day of Abstinence)		
		09.15 Morning Prayer of the Church	[p.p. 294 & 493]	
		☐ Live-Streamed	09.30 Fr Sebastian Paul	C.
Sat.	27 th June	Ferial Weekday		
		17.00 - 17.30 Sacrament of Reconciliation		
		☐ Live-Stream / Recorded	18.00 Holy Souls	
Sun.	28 th June	STS PETER & PAUL, YEAR A		
		☐ Live-Stream / Recorded	09.00 Rev. Fr Niall Thornton †	D.C.A
		☐ Live-Stream / Recorded	11.00 For the Parishioners	

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 Thomas Garnet

St Thomas Garnet (born 9th November 1575 – died 23rd June 1608) was a Jesuit priest who was executed in London.

He is the protomartyr (i.e., the first martyr associated with a place) of Saint Omer and of Stonyhurst College.

A nephew of the Jesuit Henry Garnet, he was born in Southwark, England, and studied for the priesthood St Omer in France, and at Valladolid, Spain.

Initially ordained as a secular priest, he joined the Jesuits in

1604 and worked to advance the Catholic cause in Warwick until his arrest in 1606.

He was exiled after months of torture but returned again in 1607 and was very quickly arrested once more. This time was executed at Tyburn, London. Beatified in 1929, he was canonized in 1970 and is included among the Forty Martyrs of England and Wales.



DATE / MASS	WELCOME MINISTERS	READERS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	REPOSITORY AFTER MASS
SATURDAY SS Peter & Paul 27/06/26 18.00	Still Required; please offer	G. Di Gerardo	N/A at present	P. Hunt A. Essien
SUNDAY SS Peter & Paul 28/06/26 09.00	Still Required; please offer	D. Meehan	L. Kolber Sr Maria	D. Westsmith M. Smyth
SUNDAY SS Peter & Paul 28/06/26 11.00	Still Required; please offer	C. Hourquebie	J. Sztakics E. Twist	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!

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| ⇒ UHT Fruit Juice | ⇒ Bleach |
| ⇒ UHT Semi-Skimmed Milk | ⇒ Tinned Meat |
| ⇒ Fruit Squash | ⇒ Tinned Custard |
| ⇒ Tinned Soup | ⇒ Tinned Fish |
| ⇒ Tinned Tomatoes | ⇒ Tinned Fruit |
| ⇒ Jam | ⇒ Honey |
| ⇒ Deodorant (for men & women) | ⇒ Antibacterial Multipurpose Spray |
| ⇒ Sugar 500g | ⇒ Shower Gel |
| ⇒ Hair Shampoo & Conditioner | ⇒ Sanitary Pads |
| ⇒ Laundry Powder / Liquid / Capsules | ⇒ Baby Wipes |

Prayers Please



FOR THOSE UNWELL AT THIS TIME:

Sr Anne Bayley, Norma Begley, Fr Tony Bridson, Maggie Dongray, Tom Delbridge, Jonica Fox, Fiona Frank, Maureen Garner, baby Naomi Hunt, Michael Nutter, Fr Sebastian Paul, Pascal Smyth, Anne Sproul and John Wilkey.

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:

Baby Owen Charlick †
Canon Leonard O'Donnell †
Mgr Canon Arthur Iggleden †
Fr Geoffrey Sansom †
Fr Robert Madden †

HOLY FATHER'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION:

' . . . let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.'

For those who are unwell.....

those who have died recently....

those whose anniversaries occur.....

the Holy Father's Prayer Intention....

THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

None

GIFT AID

An occasional series -

Gift Aid and Tax

Total donations for a year	Tax Reclaim/ Recovery
£ 520	£ 130
£ 1040	£ 260
£ 1560	£ 390
£ 2040	£ 510

You must be a UK taxpayer to join the Gift Aid scheme. In addition, only tax that you have paid can be reclaimed. These examples may help:

Depending on how much you donate, you must have paid enough tax to cover the amount of tax being reclaimed on GiftAid donations to **all** charities. Provided this criteria is met gift-aiding does not impact on your tax.

So how do I join the Parish GiftAid Scheme? More about this next time . . .

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'DAY FOR LIFE' presents an opportunity to celebrate the dignity of all human life from conception to life's natural end. The theme for 2026 is 'The Wonder of the Child in the Womb.'

Every year *Day for Life* falls on Father's Day and we wish fathers a blessed day. Today we remember with gratitude the loving care and direction our parents gave to us whether they are still with us or have gone to the Lord.

Parenthood is a vocation of joys and hopes, of griefs and anxieties. On this year's Day for Life, we acknowledge the particular grief of mothers and fathers who have lost a child before birth or in infancy. Mother's Day and Father's Day can be especially difficult for parents who experience the loss of an infant. Such loss often takes its bodily toll upon the mother, and it can leave fathers feeling helpless and unsure of how to support their family, or of how to express their own grief.

The Church wants to be especially close to parents who have suffered the loss of an infant. We try to offer spiritual support through the pastoral care and blessing of our priests, and through the comfort of our liturgy. You only have to reach out to your priest or deacon.

Just as importantly, many parents find consolation in their faith and its assurance that every child, including those who lose their life before they are born or soon after, is created, willed, and deeply loved by God from all eternity. We have the Lord's promise from the Scriptures that:

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born, I consecrated you."
(Jeremiah 1:5)

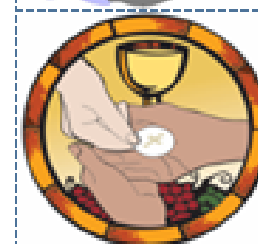
The Word of God reveals the sacred humanity of the unborn child and perhaps helps us understand why we feel such profound grief at the loss of a baby. Parents instinctively grasp how precious and unique the child is whom they have lost and whom they may already have called by name. They know how no other child can ever replace them.

Today, we recommit ourselves to work and pray for our society to cherish the value of every little one, especially those at the earliest stage of human life, and to help our Parish communities support all those in our midst who have suffered the loss of a child.



NEW 2026-7 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES APPLICATIONS FORMS

Our new season of Sacramental Applications are now available.



⇒ **Infant Baptism Applications** can be obtained from the Parish Office (during the normal office hours - please remember that baptism is for Registered Parishioners only who are regularly attending our Sunday and Holy Day Masses). These should be completed and returned to the Parish Office a minimum of two weeks before the chosen course.

⇒ **First Reconciliation/First Eucharist Applications** can be obtained (by parents only - not friends or grandparents) from the sacristy after Sunday Mass. Please Note: it is very hard to imagine that someone who is not already a regular member of our worshipping community could possibly be ready to celebrate either of these important sacraments at this time. These too should be completed and returned to The Presbytery by 18.00 on 31st August 2026 (no late applications can be accepted, sorry).

⇒ **Confirmation Applications** are not available yet as the diocese has not given a date for the Confirmation Mass next year so Fr D cannot produce an appropriate schedule for the course. Once he has a date he will make details known.

