Our Parish Liturgy

This Week (16 C)

DIVINE OFFICE	Wеек 4
ENTRANCE Hymn	18.00 646 09.00 646 11.00 Musicians
PENITENTIAL ACT	Spoken
GLORIA	18.00 Missal Tone 09.00 Missal Tone 11.00 Musicians
FIRST READING	Genesis 18:1-10a 'O Lord, do not pass by your servant.'
PSALM Response	O Lord, who may abide in your ten
Second Reading	Colossians 1:24-28 'The mystery hidden for ages but no revealed to his saints.'
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are those who hold fast the word of God in an honest an good heart, and bear fruit wi patience. Alleluia!
Gospel Reading	Luke 10:38-42 'Martha welcomed him. Mary ha chosen the good portion.'
PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS	18.00 910 09.00 910 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 Spoken 09.00 Spoken 11.00 Musicians
Agnus Dei	18.00 Spoken 09.00 Spoken 11.00 Musicians
Communion Antiphon	The Lord, the gracious, the mercifu has made a memorial of h wonders; he gives food to thos who fear him.
THANKSGIVING	18.00 720 09.00 720 11.00 Musicians
RECESSION	18.00 458 09.00 458 11.00 Musicians

11.00 Musicians

	Next Week (17 C)			
	DIVINE OFFICE WEEK 1			
	First Reading	Genesis 18:20-32 'Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I w speak.'		
	PSALM Response	<i>On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.</i>		
	SECOND READING	Colossians 2:12-14 'God made you alive together with him, having forgiven all trespasses.'		
vant.'	GOSPEL READING	Luke 11:1-13 'Ask, and it will be given to you.'		
ur tent? but now	Music and text of Antiphons from <i>Psallite</i> , © 2005 Collegeville Composers Group. Published by Liturgical Press, MN56321. Used with Permission. One Licence No.0199			
fast to est and uit with	MARRIAGE MATTERS In his Apostolic Exhortation <i>Amoris Laetitia</i> , Pope Francis offers a profound insight into the joy of Christian marriage and reminds us of its place at the			
nry has	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.			
	CHOOSING THE BETTER PART IS LISTENING			
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	Mary behaved. behaviour. It's h so many things	ates the different ways Martha and We too can fall into such patterns of numan nature to "worry and fret over ". Today's Scripture calls us to really e Mary, we can choose "the better commit today to deepening our level		

part". Let us recommit today to deepening our level

of listening in our marriage.

Parish Priest Rev Fr Daryl George JCL Sacred Heart Presbytery **25 Between Streets COBHAM** Surrey **KT11 1AA** (01932) 862518 cobham@abdiocese.org.uk sacredheartcobham.org.uk Volume 06 Issue 16 THIS WEEK: **BIBLE READING PLAN** Often this story of Martha and Mary Mo Is. 23-25; 1 Cor. 3 is interpreted as Jesus' teaching that the life of contemplation is more Tu Is. 26-29; Ps. 65; 1 Cor. 4 We Is, 30-32; 1 Cor, 5 important than a life of action, or at least that we must balance action with Th Is. 33-35; 1 Cor. 6 contemplation. What if instead it is a Fr 2 Chr. 28; 2 Kgs. 17; 1 Cor. 7 story showing Jesus' acceptance of a woman as an apostle? Financial News . . Weekend of 13/07/25 1st Plate £355:88 Standing Orders £ 755:00 Contactless £ 105:00 £ 1,218:88 2nd Stella Maris £270:95 Thankyou for your continuing generosity to your Parish. 2nd Collection . . . This Weekend 20/07/25 Next Weekend 27/07/25 There are no planned Retiring Collections during the month of August. The gospels give us several stories of Martha and Mary and their brother Lazarus. Interestingly, Mary and Martha are always mentioned first, and their brother is mentioned in Bite Size . . . There are those who look at things the

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relationship to them, not the other way around. Martha and Mary are identified as "from Bethany" not identified by a husband or a father. The two women seem to be the homeowners in the story, not their brother or another male relative. All these things are noteworthy because they lived in a strictly patriarchal culture, yet they are distinguished for their individual identities, not for their relationship to men. They have agency on their own. In their culture, it was common for Jewish rabbis to gather disciples

Robert Kennedy

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

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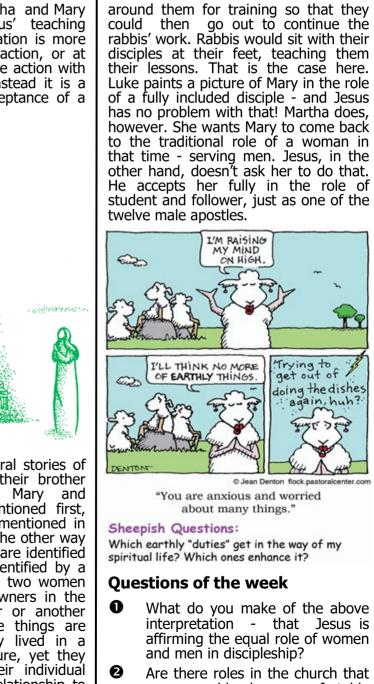
for the Roman Catholic community of Cobham. Oxshott.



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20th July 2025 : 16th Sunday Year C

Not a problem for Jesus



you would be uncomfortable seeing women in and might find yourself protesting like Martha to Jesus. Why?



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 : <u>All Parishioners</u> 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) <u>before</u> 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 OR codes any found are scams!

FROM THE CHURCH MOUSE 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 Another week around The Presbytery when having thought that things might start slowing down a bit for the summer events proved Fr D wrong

After Morning Prayer, Mass, and Exposition on Tuesday Fr D was busy making phone calls and writing emails to further the repairs to the car park wall (after a member of the public went and knocked down the right hand pillar and part of the low wall surround) and also to ask a few more questions and commission the removal of the leylandii around the car park ready for the installation of the new fencing. He also needed to prepare the template for two double issues of the newsletter in August whilst Sarah has a well deserved holiday break (he didn't realise how accustomed he had become to the weekly template that he first designed when he originally came to the Parish in 2019 - adjusting things took quite some work). In the evening Fr D set about some reading for a meeting about the Pastoral Plan for this area that was to take place on Wednesday evening in Banstead.

Following Morning Prayer and Mass on Wednesday, Fr D began work on his parts of this week's newsletter (knowing that he had to be in Crawley on Friday for a judgement session on one of his marriage cases). He was being taken out for lunch by one of the people with whom he goes on holiday each year (over thirty years now). At 18.15 he took off in the car for the meeting at Banstead which was starting at 19.00 and was meant to finish at 21.00 (in fact it went on to just after 21.30); when he arrived home all he wanted was to get to bed!

On Thursday morning Fr D almost overslept for some reason. After Morning Prayer and Mass he was off down to Crawley where he finalised his case for judgement on Friday and started a new penal case that Bishop Richard had asked him to take part in - these cases are always really difficult because of their sensitive nature; hopefully this one will be available for the Bishop when he returns from Lourdes. When he got home in the late afternoon Fr D finished getting his parts of the newsletter together ready for Sarah to complete and print/post online on Friday.

Once again, after Morning Prayer and Mass on Friday, Fr D went off down to the diocesan offices in Crawley where he was Presiding Judge in a team of three making the definitive decision about a marriage case

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RIGHT PRIORITIES

Luke 10:38-42 ³⁸As Jesus and his disciples went on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha welcomed him in her home. ³⁹She had a sister named Mary, who sat down at the feet of the Lord and listened to his teaching. ⁴⁰Martha was upset over all the work she had to do, so she came and said, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her to come and help me!" ⁴¹The Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha! You are worried and troubled over so many things, ⁴²but just one is needed. Mary has chosen the right thing, and it will not be taken away from her.'

Other Readings: Genesis 18:1-10; Psalm 15:1-5; Colossians 1:24-28

LECTIO:

Martha invites Jesus for a meal in her home. Martha and Marv may be the sisters of Lazarus (see John 11:1-2) but we cannot be sure.

While Martha prepares the meal Jesus continues teaching. Mary doesn't help Martha but stays and listens to Jesus. The phrase 'sat down at the feet of' is significant. In other places it is used to describe the relationship between a disciple and his teacher (Luke 8:35, Acts 22:3). Jesus, radically departing from the cultural norms of the time, encourages women to learn about the Kingdom of God.

Luke doesn't tell us what Jesus was talking about on this occasion; the focus is on Martha and Mary and their response to Jesus. Martha is frustrated. She is left doing all the work to get everything ready and Mary is doing nothing to help. She protests to Jesus, urging him to agree with her and to ask Mary to give her a hand.

Martha must have been surprised by Jesus' response. His answer goes well beyond the mundane domestic details of preparing a meal. Jesus gently criticises Martha for placing material needs above spiritual ones. It's Mary that has got her priorities right by spending time listening to and learning from Jesus.

Jesus did not say that domestic work or house work is unimportant. He grew up in a family in Nazareth and knew the value of domestic routine in meeting family needs. Jesus underlines the importance of setting right priorities. The Kingdom of God must come first and this is equally true for both men and women.

It is important to set aside time for family needs, and even more important to set aside time to spend with God, time when we are not too tired or distracted by other things.

This was Martha's challenge. By giving too much importance to material needs and too little to spiritual matters she was missing an important opportunity to learn from Jesus.



MEDITATIO:

- Who do you identify with most in this story, Mary or Martha? What can you learn from this passage?
- Consider your own priorities in your daily life. Are you placing a high enough priority on your relationship with God?
- We all have responsibilities that require our time. Consider how you can serve and honour God in the way vou fulfil vour daily work and responsibilities.

ORATIO:

Read over these Gospel verses again. Talk through your situation with God in prayer. He understands the everyday pressures and tiredness that can overwhelm us. Bring anything you are worried about to the Lord. Take some time to pray through the verses from Psalm 15. Find a few words which resonate with you, offer them to the Lord and wait to see what he will reveal to you.

CONTEMPLATIO:

Read today's verses from Colossians. Marvel at the privilege we share in having the gospel message revealed to us. Allow the Holy Spirit to deepen this wonder in you.

Services	For The Co	oming Week			
Cervices			PAGE 3		
Day Date		Service / Intention	<u>Donor</u>		
Sat. 19 th July	Ferial Weekda	•			
		Sacrament of Reconciliation			
Live-Stream /Re		Margaret Lynes	D. Lynes		
Sun. 20 th July		IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C			
Live-Stream / Re	ecorded 09.00	Kolber Family	L. Kolber		
Live-Stream / Re	ecorded 11.00	For the Parishioners			
Mon. 21 st July	Ferial Weekda	ау			
		No Service Today	Mass 09.15 at Effingham		
Tue. 22 nd July	St Mary Mage	lalene			
	09.00	Morning Prayer of the Church	[p.p. 264 & 493]		
Live-Stream	ned 09.30	Ivan Gomes †	I. Gomes		
	10.00 - 11.00	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament for Private Prayer			
Wed. 23 rd July	St Bridget of	Sweden, Patron of Europe			
	09.15	Morning Prayer of the Church	[p.p. 274 & 493]		
Live-Stream	ned 09.30	Vera's Intention	C.		
Thu. 24 th July	Ferial Weekda	ау			
	09.15	Morning Prayer of the Church	[p.p. 284 & 493]		
Live-Stream	ned 09.30	Dorothy Allen	J. & E. Yates		
Fri. 25 th July	St James, Apo	St James, Apostle (Day of Abstinence)			
	09.15	Morning Prayer of the Church	[p.p. 294 & 493]		
Live-Stream	ned 09.30	Ferdinand Ujka †	М.		
Sat. 26 th July	Sts Joachim 8	Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary			
	17.00 - 17.30	Sacrament of Reconciliation			
Live-Stream / Re	ecorded 18.00	Nertila, Diella & Marjana	М.		
Sun. 27 th July	17 [™] SUNDAY	IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C			
Live-Stream / Re	ecorded 09.00	Lena Kota	М.		
Live-Stream / Re	ecorded 11.00	For the Parishioners			
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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.

St James, Apostle

have the seats of honour kingdom. "Jesus said in James was the brother of John. Both were called by Jesus as they worked with their father in a fishing boat on Galilee. So they left their father Zebedee in the н boat along with the hired men and followed him. James was one of the favoured

three who had the privilege of witnessing the Transfiguration,

- the raising to life of the daughter of Jairus, and the agony in the
- garden. L Two incidents in the Gospels
- describe the temperament of this
- man and his brother. St Matthew
- tells that their mother came . Mark says it was the brothers
- themselves to ask that they

'You do not know what asking. Can you drink t that I am going to drink said to him, 'We can.'' then told them they would his baptism of pain and but that sitting at his righ or left was not his to give for those for whom been prepared by my Fat remained to be seen how would take to realise the confident "We can!" On another occasion, Jam John gave evidence th nickname Jesus gave t "sons of thunder" - was

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nr in the n reply, you are the cup ?' They ohe was on his way to hated Jerusalem. "When James and John saw this they asked, "Jesus Id share d death, ht hand e - it "is it has ther." It v long it eer very mes and hat the them - is an apt	

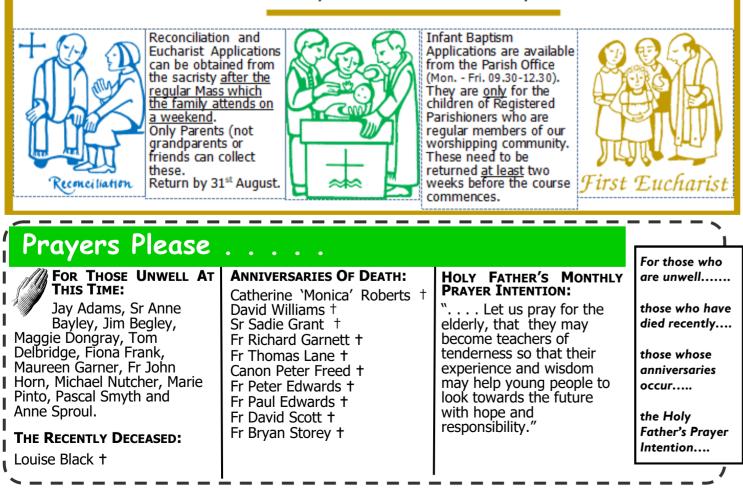
PAGE 4 Parish Ministries For <u>Next</u> Weekend				
<u>Date / Mass</u>	<u>Welcome</u> <u>Ministers</u>	Readers	<u>Extraordinary</u> <u>Ministers</u>	<u>Repository</u> After Mass
SATURDAY 17 C 26/07/25 18.00	Still Required; please offer	G. Di Gerardo	N/A at present	P. Hunt A. Essien
Sunday 17 C 27/07/25 09.00	Still Required; please offer	D. Meehan	Sr. Maria L. Kolber	D. Westsmith M. Smyth
SUNDAY 17 C 27/07/25 11.00	Still Required; please offer	A. Cowper	J. Sztakics J. Vizzini	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

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAMMES SACRED HEART PARISH 2025/6

Applications are now available for our Infant Baptism, First Reconciliation, and First Eucharist Preparation programmes for the coming academic year (Confirmation Applications will be made available once Bishop Richard provides a date for the celebration).

PLEASE NOTE that these programmes are only for candidates from families who are Registered Parishioners who are actually regular members of our worshipping community (i.e. Mass attenders) - if this is not the case at present please get in contact with Fr Daryl for an appointment to come and discuss what can be done to rectify the situation at some point in the future.



Parish Roundup

In recent weeks, those who care deeply about protecting the vulnerable have been dealt some devastating blows - with MP's voting in June to

legalise assisted suicide and to decriminalise abortion, allowing abortion up to birth.

These are threats that we should all care deeply about. Pope Leo has already issued a call to action, saying: "No one is exempted from striving to ensure respect for the dignity of every person, especially the most frail and vulnerable, from the unborn to the elderly."

We are living in very dark times - but SPUC invites us all to join in the fightback, to make our voices heard and to stand up for the most vulnerable. If enough people stand up for the pro-life cause, politicians will have to take heed of our concern for those lives lost to abortion and assisted suicide. SPUC urgently needs all of us to join in the work to bring about real and lasting protection for unborn children and those at the end of life. If we do not fight back, we can only expect the culture of death to encroach even further on our society. As a first step, please take and fill out one of the postcards in the narthex, and SPUC will send you information about what you can do for the cause. Take some away too, for family and friends. In times like these, we need to stand up in defence of life. PLEASE leave completed postcards in the basket on the table at the back of church so we can send them on.

DIOCESAN PASTORAL PLAN LATEST

Bishop Richard issued a new Pastoral Plan for the Diocese in January of last year last year. Called "The Word Who is Life: The Call to Mission;" the Plan reiterates the vital role of Prayer, Formation, and Mission across diocesan churches and schools, and highlights the fruits of greater collaboration between members of clergy and lay people. Central to the delivery of the Plan is the evolution of the Diocese's 11 Deaneries with their local parish communities into 11 new, much larger Parishes, with three of the present Deaneries due to be constituted as Parishes this Autumn. The Council of Priests represents the body of priests in the Diocese and assists Bishop Richard in matters of major governance, acting as a consultative body. At a meeting held earlier this month, Council members voted in favour of canonically establishing these three new parishes: Brighton & Hove, Guildford, and Weybridge. This marks a significant and unprecedented stage in the development of the Pastoral Plan, with each of the three Deaneries preparing to become a single Parish placed under the care of a Moderator with other priests working *in solidum* with him. Responding to the news, Canon Kieron O'Brien, the Episcopal Vicar for Pastoral Planning, said: "This is an important step in our journey towards becoming the Church that the world needs, organised in such a way that our focus can be directed outwards, to our mission of sharing the Gospel with those around us. Working in teams and in close collaboration with the lay faithful will free clergy for that which is essential to their ministry – especially the celebration of the sacraments – with these new parish structures recognising the call of all the baptised to be missionary disciples. Each new Parish will be 'a community of communities, a sanctuary where the thirsty come to drink in the midst of their journey, and a centre of constant missionary outreach' (Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium n.28)." **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES -**

- delivery of timely, accurate management accounts for central operations. To read the Job Description and apply (deadline 17.00 18th August, interviews 26th August): https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/careers
- Church's story and its contribution to society. To read the Job Description and apply (deadline 17.00 13th August, interviews 19th August) https://www.abdiocese.org/careers

SPUC 'FIGHTBACK' CAMPAIGN



Head of Finance, F/T based at the St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley. The successful applicant will oversee the support of cloud-based reporting for 80 parish sites and the

Diocesan Communications Officer P/T (hybrid), The post holder will join a small, agile, team attending a range of events and producing and editing digital/print content that tells the

