

Our Parish Liturgy

This Week (17 A)

DIVINE OFFICE	WEEK 1
ENTRANCE HYMN	18.00 970 09.00 970 11.00 Musicians
PENITENTIAL ACT	Spoken
GLORIA	18.00 Missal Tone 09.00 Missal Tone 11.00 Musicians
FIRST READING	1 Kings 3:5-6a, 7-12 'You have asked for yourself understanding.'
PSALM RESPONSE	O Lord, how I love your law!
SECOND READING	Romans 8:28-30 'He predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son.'
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	Alleluia, alleluia! I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, you have revealed the secrets of the kingdom to little children. Alleluia!
GOSPEL READING	Matthew 13:44-52 'He sells all that he has and buys that field.'
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 Spoken 09.00 Spoken 11.00 Musicians
AGNUS DEI	18.00 Missal Tone 09.00 Missal Tone 11.00 Musicians
COMMUNION ANTIPHON	Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.
THANKSGIVING	18.00 980 09.00 980 11.00 Musicians

RECESSION	18.00 969 09.00 969 11.00 Musicians
Next Week (18 A)	
DIVINE OFFICE	WEEK 2
FIRST READING	Isaiah 55:1-3 'Come and eat.'
PSALM RESPONSE	You open your hand and fulfil us, O Lord.
SECOND READING	Romans 8:35, 37-39 'Nothing in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ.'
GOSPEL READING	Matthew 14:13-21 'They all ate and were satisfied.'
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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.

DISCOVER WHAT LOVING REALLY MEANS



Instead of praying for 'treasure', King Solomon prayed for wisdom 'to discern good from evil'. When discerning what 'loving' really means, you find 'hidden treasure' in these weekly reflections on Scripture. They will also help you to discover the 'hidden treasure' in each other. Sharing this, you sow 'seeds' of love in the minds and hearts of others.

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THIS WEEK:

BIBLE READING PLAN

Mo Is. 44-48
Tu 2 Kgs. 19; Ps. 40, 80, 135
We Is. 49-58
Th Is. 59-66
Fr 2 Kgs. 20-21

Financial News . .

Weekend of 19/07/26

1st Plate £ 329:67
Standing Orders £ 755:00
Contactless £ 90:00
1st Total £ 1,174:67
2nd £ 170:15
National Catholic Fund Levy #2

Thankyou for your continuing generosity to your Parish.

2nd Collection . . .

This Weekend 26/07/26

None
Next Weekend 02/08/26
None

Bite Size . . .

Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Matthew 6.21



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The wisdom of the fathers



Questions of the week

- When have you sold/given up something valuable so that you could attain something more worthwhile?
- Think of some "old" treasure of faith (perhaps a Bible verse, a scripture story, some wisdom from a parent or elder) that you still hang onto.



"Give your servant an understanding heart... to distinguish right from wrong."

Sheepish Question:

When was the last time I asked God to help me form my conscience? Where have I fallen short?

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 slightly less busy time around The Presbytery this week as the final schools start their summer holidays (what a difference in traffic on the roads!)

After celebrating our Masses on Sunday morning Fr D went on to celebrate the baptism of three infants at 12.15. These were the final families from the Parish who had completed the course of preparation for Infant Baptism this academic year. The Baptism Preparation Programme will recommence in the Autumn with eventual baptisms taking place on Sunday 22nd November (Christ the King). All children (under school age) from practicing families the Parish need to undertake the course of preparation before a celebration of Baptism can take place - the Application Form for attending a course is available from the Parish Office during normal office hours.

On Monday evening Fr D met with a young couple from a previous parish whom he is to celebrate marriage for in the latter part of August. This will be the third out of four children from the family where he has been asked to celebrate the marriage. One of those occasions when a priest realises how close he has become to a family

Tuesday morning, having celebrated Morning Prayer, Mass, and Exposition, Fr D went off in the car down to the diocesan offices in Crawley. He has completed another two of his marriage cases and has called a judgement session with the two other judges for the beginning of August when a decision concerning the cases will be rendered. He also began work on another case which he'd like to get ready for a judgement before he goes off on holiday. In the evening he almost didn't know what to do with himself since his diary said that he didn't have a meeting to go to!

After Morning Prayer and Mass on Wednesday Fr D had the electrical engineers completing the final bits of 'phase two' of the refurbished lighting system in the church, as well as the fencing contractor to look at the next stage of the fencing project around our properties. The biggest section (around the car park) was completed last August and now the completion of the project will involve a short run along the 'Leg of Mutton' field, then down the dividing line between The Presbytery and the Sisters next door, and finally a run delineating the fire exit route down the back of the Parish Centre.

On Friday Fr D was meeting with the widow of a parishioner whose requiem we will celebrate next week and then had a 'House Blessing' to celebrate . . .



CHILDREN'S WORD SEARCH 17TH SUNDAY YEAR A

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TREASURE FIELD HAPPY
MERCHANT PEARL DRAGNET
HAUL FISHERMEN BASKET
ANGELS FURNACE SCRIBE



KINGDOM TREASURE

Matthew 13:44-52

⁴⁴The Kingdom of heaven is like this. A man happens to find a treasure hidden in a field. He covers it up again, and is so happy that he goes and sells everything he has, and then goes back and buys that field.

⁴⁵Also, the Kingdom of heaven is like this. A man is looking for fine pearls, ⁴⁶and when he finds one that is unusually fine, he goes and sells everything he has, and buys that pearl.

⁴⁷Also, the Kingdom of heaven is like this. Some fishermen throw their net out in the lake and catch all kinds of fish. ⁴⁸When the net is full, they pull it to shore and sit down to divide the fish: the good ones go into their buckets, the worthless ones are thrown away. ⁴⁹It will be like this at the end of the age: the angels will go out and gather up the evil people from among the good ⁵⁰and will throw them into the fiery furnace, where they will cry and grind their teeth.

⁵¹“Do you understand these things?” Jesus asked them.

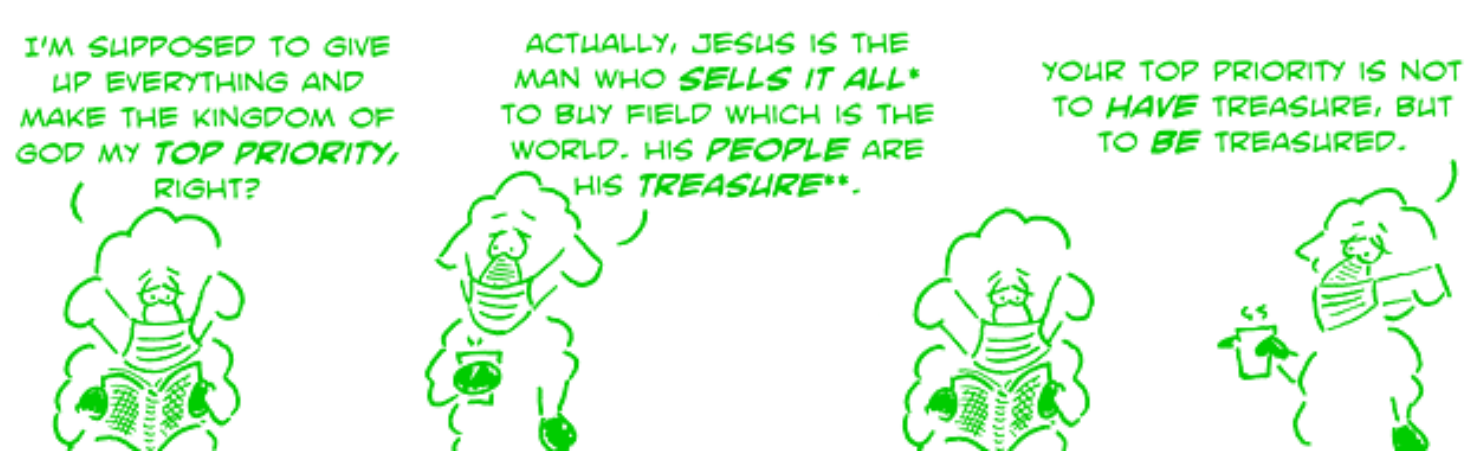
“Yes,” they answered.

⁵²So he replied, “This means, then, that every teacher of the Law who becomes a disciple in the Kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who takes new and old things out of his storeroom.”

Other Readings: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12; Psalm 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130; Romans 8:28-30

LECTIO:

Matthew 13 concludes with three more parables about the kingdom of heaven. The first two underline the value of following Jesus. It is so important and precious it is worth giving up everything else or ‘selling all’ to enter Jesus’ new way of life. As the parables suggest sometimes those who are not looking find the treasure; on other occasions those who have searched long and hard for their life’s dream eventually find it. The third parable tells us that our decision about following Jesus has serious consequences. God decides who has lived in obedience to the gospel and who has not. God alone is able to differentiate between individuals. As Christians we face daily challenges to choose to live in obedience to Jesus. Sometimes we will fail but then we can seek God’s forgiveness. We can be confident that, while it will certainly not always be easy, living God’s way will always be worth the sacrifice. Jesus ends this passage by referring to ‘new and old things’. Jesus insists that he hasn’t come to replace the Law of Moses and the teaching of the prophets but to fulfil them (Matthew 5:17). So the old treasures of the Law are given fresh meaning in the kingdom of heaven.



MEDITATIO:

- Who or what are the most precious treasures in your life? Where does Jesus appear on this list?
- What difficult decisions have you had to make to be a faithful Christian?
- What have you surrendered in order to follow Jesus?
- How much value do you place on your relationship with Jesus?

ORATIO:

Read the verses selected from Psalm 119. Can you echo these as a prayer?

In our reading from 1 Kings 3, Solomon asks God for wisdom. Take time to lay some of the challenges you face before God. Ask for his help and wisdom in dealing with them.

CONTEMPLATIO:

‘We know that in all things God works for good with those who love him, those whom he has called according to his purpose. And so those whom God set apart, he called; and those he called, he put right with himself, and he shared his glory with them.’

Romans 8: 28, 30

We face choices every day. What helps you to make these decisions? What part do the Bible and prayer play in your decision-making? How do you decide what God is saying to you personally? Let these words from Romans encourage you in the coming week.

Day	Date	Time	Service / Intention	Donor
Sat.	25 th July		St James, Apostle	
			Sacrament of Reconciliation	
		☐ Live-Stream /Recorded	18.00 Ashley Freeman †	M. Redmond
Sun.	26 th July		17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A	
		☐ Live-Stream /Recorded	09.00 For the Parishioners	
		☐ Live-Stream /Recorded	11.00 John Lennox †	M. Drury
Mon.	27 th July		Ferial Weekday	
			No Service Today	Mass 10.00 at Leatherhead
Tue.	28 th July		Ferial Weekday	
		09.00	Morning Prayer of the Church	[p.p. 41 & 493]
		☐ Live-Streamed	09.30 Philip Begley †	J. & N. Begley
		10.00 - 11.00	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament for Private Prayer	
Wed.	29 th July		Sts Martha & Lazarus	
		09.15	Morning Prayer of the Church	[p.p. 51 & 493]
		☐ Live-Streamed	09.30 Jennifer Kazandjian †	J. & E. Yates
Thu.	30 th July		Ferial Weekday	
		09.15	Morning Prayer of the Church	[p.p. 60 & 493]
		☐ Live-Streamed	09.30 Jennifer Kazandjian †	C.
Fri.	31 st July		St Ignatius Loyola, Priest (Day of Abstinence)	
			PLEASE NOTE : No Morning Prayer of the Church Today	
		☐ Live-Streamed	09.30 Requiem for Ramiz Rassin	
Sat.	1 st August		St Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor of the Church	
		17.00 - 17.30	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
		☐ Live-Stream /Recorded	18.00 All Souls Living & Deceased	Anna
Sun.	2 nd August		18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A	
		☐ Live-Stream /Recorded	09.00 Harry & Sarah	M. Redmond
		☐ 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 Alphonsus Liguori

St Alphonsus was born in 1696 in Naples the oldest of seven children. His father was a naval officer and Captain of the Royal Galleys, and his mother came from Spanish descent. As a boy of great aptitude, he picked up many things very quickly. Alphonsus did not attend school; rather, he was taught by tutors at home. As grew into a young man, Alphonsus developed an inclination for opera. He was much more interested in listening to the music than watching the performance.

Alphonsus would often take his spectacles off, aiding his myopic eyes, in order to merely listen. While theatre in Naples was in a relatively good state, he developed an ascetic aversion to perhaps what he viewed as gaudy displays, strongly refusing participation in a parlour play. At the age of 16, he became a doctor of civil law in 1713, though by law, 20 was the set age. It is said in his 8 years as a lawyer, he never lost a case. He entered the seminary and

was ordained in 1726. Soon becoming a much sought after preacher and confessor, his sermons were simple and well organised appealing to all people. However, his time as a diocesan priest was short-lived: in 1732, he went to Scala to found the Redemptorists, a preaching order. He died in 1787, and was canonized in 1839.

DATE / MASS	WELCOME MINISTERS	READERS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	REPOSITORY AFTER MASS
SATURDAY 18 A 01/08/26 18.00	Still Required; please offer	G. Alby	N/A at present	P. Hunt A. Essien
SUNDAY 18 A 02/08/26 09.00	Still Required; please offer	D. Westsmith	Sr Maria P. Carello	B. Harris M. Jethwa
SUNDAY 18 A 02/08/26 11.00	Still Required; please offer	N. Twist	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!

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|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| ⇒ UHT Fruit Juice | ⇒ Shaving Foam |
| ⇒ UHT Semi-Skimmed Milk | ⇒ Tinned Meat |
| ⇒ Sweet Biscuits | ⇒ Floor Cleaner |
| ⇒ Tinned Soup | ⇒ Tinned Fish |
| ⇒ Tinned Spaghetti Hoops | ⇒ Tinned Fruit |
| ⇒ Savoury Biscuits | ⇒ Pasta Sauce |
| ⇒ Tinned Rice Pudding | ⇒ Adult Toothbrushes & Toothpaste |
| ⇒ Tinned Custard | ⇒ Shower Gel |
| ⇒ Hair Conditioner | ⇒ Sanitary Pads |
| ⇒ Deodorant (Men & Women) | ⇒ Disposable Razors |

Prayers Please



FOR THOSE UNWELL AT THIS TIME:

Sr Anne Bayley, Norma Begley, Judith Carson, 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.

THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

None

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:

Philip Begley †
Sr Mary Smith †
Fr Bryan Storey †
Mgr Richard Stewart †
Fr John Davies †
Canon Francis Collins †
Deacon Pat Moloney †
Mgr Can Terence Stonehill †
Fr Peter McPolin †
Fr William Guinane †

HOLY FATHER'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION:

" let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognising it as a gift from God."

For those who are unwell.....

those who have died recently....

those whose anniversaries occur.....

the Holy Father's Prayer Intention....

THE BETHLEHEM NATIVITY GROUP

A missionary from Bethlehem, in the Holy Land, will visit us once again this weekend (25th - 26th July) to briefly talk about the Holy Land and sell religious articles made out of Olive Wood to help and support the poor Christian families, any help you could give to them will be highly appreciated.

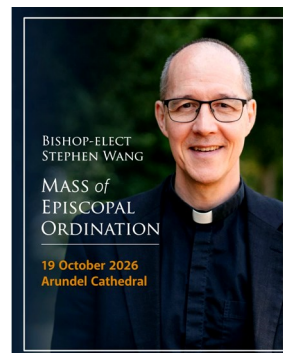


DEANERY NEWSLETTER - The new edition of our Deanery newsletter is now available at the back of Church/on the Parish website (www.sacredheartcobham.org.uk) and is an invitation to celebrate so many wonderful things that have been going on in the Deanery. There's also an account of the conversations that clergy have been having about pastoral provision in the times to come and some of the important principles that have been at the heart of their discussions. Please do have a read, and, as we look forward to welcoming Fr Stephen Wang as our new Bishop, let's remember Archbishop Richard's constant refrain that 'all is to be rooted in prayer.'

ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, LEATHERHEAD - Prospective Parents Open Mornings will take place on Tuesday 10th November and Tuesday 17th November at 09.30. Please email the school office to book your place: School Office email: office@stpeters-leatherhead.surrey.sch.uk

DREAMS FOR HOPE - a local charity run by one of our parishioners (Jim Vizzini), provides beds for children in and around the Borough of Elmbridge who are suffering from bed poverty.

Our local Waitrose in Cobham have chosen his charity to take part in the Community Matters Scheme, one of only three charities to have been picked. The scheme runs from July 1st to September 30th and you can help by dropping a token into the "Dreams For Hope" box when you exit the store.



FR STEPHEN WANG WILL BE INSTALLED AS THE SIXTH BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE OF ARUNDEL & BRIGHTON ON MONDAY 19 OCTOBER AT 12 NOON - The Mass of Episcopal Ordination, which takes place on the Feast of St Philip Howard, will include invited representatives from across our diocesan family of faith and be livestreamed from Arundel Cathedral.

Bishop Stephen will also celebrate a special Mass of Welcome for people across our Diocese at Worth Abbey near Crawley, on Saturday 24 October at 11.30; further details will be announced soon.

FIRST RECONCILIATION/EUCHARIST 2026/7

Application Forms for next year's 1st Reconciliation and 1st Eucharist Programmes are now available from the Sacristy after our weekend Masses.

Prospective candidates:

- need to have been born before 31st August 2019,
- be in at least Year 3 when schools re-commence in September,
- and, of course, be attending our weekend and Holy Day Masses along with their family.

It is very difficult to imagine that anyone who is not presently worshipping along with our community on a regular basis could possibly be prepared and ready to receive these important sacraments of Christian growth within the next year.

Parents only (*not grandparents or friends*) should collect the application which needs to be completed and returned by 18.00 on 31st August 2026 (sorry, no late applications can be accepted).

