### Our Parish Liturgy . . . . .

### This Week (17 C)

DIVINE OFFICE	Week <b>1</b>
ENTRANCE Hymn	18.00 713 09.00 713 11.00 Musicians
PENITENTIAL ACT	Spoken
GLORIA	18.00 Missal Tone 09.00 Missal Tone 11.00 Musicians
First Reading	Genesis 18:20-32 'Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak.'
PSALM Response	On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.
Second Reading	Colossians 2:12-14 'God made you alive together with him, having forgiven all trespasses.'
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	Alleluia, alleluia! You have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, 'Abba! Father!' Alleluia!
GOSPEL READING	Luke 11:1-13 'Ask, and it will be given you.'
PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS	18.00 212 09.00 212 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	Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.
THANKSGIVING	18.00 892 09.00 892 11.00 Musicians
RECESSION	18.00 695 09.00 695 11.00 Musicians

Next Week (18 C)					
<b>DIVINE OFFICE</b>	WEEK <b>2</b>				
First Reading	Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23 'What has a man from all his toil?'				
PSALM RESPONSE	O Lord, you have been our refuge, from generation to generation.				
SECOND READING	Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11 'Seek the things that are above, where Christ is.'				
GOSPEL READING	Luke 12:13-21 'The things you have prepared, whose will they be?'				
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In his Apostolic Francis offers a Christian marria very heart of the observes, 'is a s Church in the also makes that the spouses. By the espousal of God.' As we know, f our faith and with God and of these scriptural help enable mar of God's Word t	ARRIAGE MATTERS Exhortation <i>Amoris Laetitia</i> , Pope a profound insight into the joy of ge and reminds us of its place at the c Church's life. Christian marriage, he sign of how much Christ loved his covenant sealed on the cross, yet it t love present in the communion of becoming one flesh, they embody four human nature by the Son of the Holy Scriptures feed and nourish help us to grow in our relationship one another. It is for this reason that reflections are offered. They should ried couples to focus on the richness hat 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. WE ARE CALLED TO TRUST					
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	AND				



Trust is the theme for today and as married couples we are called to trust each other enough to become 'two in one flesh'. We need to listen sensitively to one another and to share our innermost thoughts, feelings, hopes, dreams, joys, sorrows, worries and anxieties in such a way that we might both be fully human and fully alive.

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### THIS WEEK:

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**BIBLE READING PLAN** Mo 2 Chr. 29-31; 1 Cor. 8 Tu 2 Kgs. 18-9; 2 Chr. 32; 1 Cor. 9

- We Is, 36-7; Ps, 123; 1 Cor, 10 Th 2 Kgs. 20; Is. 38-40; 1 Cor. 11
- Fr Is. 41-44; 1 Cor. 12

Financial Ne	ews
Weekend of 20	/07/25
1 <sup>st</sup> Plate	£ 337:88
Standing Orders	£ 755:00
Contactless	£ 135:00
1 <sup>st</sup> Total	£ 1,227:88
2 <sup>nd</sup> None	

Thankyou for your continuing generosity to your Parish.

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection . . . This Weekend 27/07/25 None

No Retiring Collections are planned for August

Bite Size . . .

A strict belief. fate is the worst kind of slavery; on the other hand there is comfort in the thought that God will be moved by our prayers.

> Epicurus **Greek Philosopher**

The theme of asking God with boldness for what one needs runs through the first reading and the Gospel today. As a Jewish boy growing up, Jesus would have learned the stories of the many Old Testament figures who were unafraid to ask God directly and boldly for what they wanted: Isaiah, Moses, Hannah, Jeremiah, and here, Abraham, to name just a few. Jesus internalized the message, came before his Father with honestly and boldness ("take this cup from me'''), and taught his disciples they can ask with confidence for what they need too.

For all Christians out there who believe it is selfish to pray for what they want and need, today's Gospel reading challenges that. First, Jesus teaches his disciples, and us, some brief lines we can always use when we don't know what to pray. The Lord's Prayer is a brief summation of praise, openness to God's will, request for what we need, and desire for forgiveness as well as a willingness to forgive. It is a perfect prayer to focus on or to fall back upon when we are otherwise at a loss for how to pray.

Jesus also gives us great freedom in not limiting us to the words of the Our Father. He gives us permission to ask, seek, and knock, without telling us what we can or can't ask for. Fifteen

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

# Sacred Heart Parish Newsletter

for the Roman Catholic community of Cobham, Oxshott,

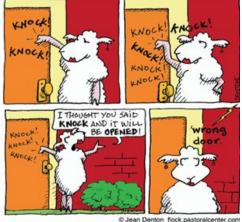


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27<sup>th</sup> July 2025 : 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday Year C

### What is our deepest desire . . . .

hundred years later St. Ignatius taught that our deepest desires are also God's deepest desires for us and it is okay to ask for them! The challenge is to identify the true desires beneath the superficial desires. Sometimes we desire food when we aren't hungry, or mindless entertainment when we are lonely. In those situations, we can ask "What is the desire behind those desires?" and then bring that to prayer. "God, what I really want is a greater sense of meaning and fullness in life," or "I want a friend, a partner, a companion." God may not answer us with chocolate cake or a Netflix series, but Jesus assures us that we will find what we are really asking for.



"To the one who knocks, the door will be opened."

Sheepish Question:

What doors have I been knocking on that God seems not to want to open?

#### **Questions of the week**

- 0 When have you asked God for something and received it, even if it didn't come in the form you imagined?
- What are you asking God for 0 these days? Or, what do you want to ask God for that might seem like a "big ask"?



### 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 ....

Things around The Presbytery are beginning to slow down a bit, with schools now all on holiday and Bishop Richard and around eight hundred people from around the diocese on pilgrimage to Lourdes .....

After our morning Masses on Sunday Fr D was visited by a parishioner from one of his former parishes who took him out for lunch locally. As always the parishioner brought a number of Mass Offerings that Fr D agreed to celebrate over the next month or so.

On Monday Fr D's Ministry to Priests Support Group arrived for midday and were in the church for an hour before the Blessed Sacrament. When they went into the house they celebrated Midday Prayer of the Church together before moving off to a local hostelry for lunch. In the evening, after the other priests had left Fr D found himself writing a list of 'To Do's' that he wanted to get completed during the rest of the week.

After celebrating Morning Prayer, Mass, and Exposition Fr D re-read the contract that we have with Euro Car Parks to administer the Car Park for us. This was because the Parish Priest of Horsham was due at midday to have a meeting with Fr Daryl, Sarah, and our Treasurer to find out how things operate; Horsham as a large car park that has become difficult to administer. In the afternoon Fr D was preparing for a requiem for a parishioner next Friday (readings, prayers, music etc.).

Wednesday, after Morning Prayer and Mass Fr D Fr D continued with the preparations for the requiem before going off in the car to meet with Fr Ruslan (Walton-on-Thames) for lunch. When he arrived back home Fr D began his sections of the newsletter for the weekend.

Following Morning Prayer and Mass on Thursday Fr D was off to the diocesan office in Crawley where he continued work on a current penal case he is working on. Arriving back home in the late afternoon Fr D worked some more on the requiem and completed his parts of the newsletter ready for Sarah to complete and print/publish.

After Morning Prayer and Mass on Friday Fr D was out visiting a parishioner to anoint them before getting back and going through the weekend events with Sarah to make sure that all was ready. In the afternoon he spent time getting his homiles for the Masses during next week ..... Church .:/ mouse

## CHILDREN'S WORD SEARCH $17^{TH}$ SUNDAY YEAR C

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### PAGE 6 Lectio Divina Prayer This Week . . .

#### **PRAY LIKE JESUS**

#### Luke 11:1-13

<sup>1</sup>One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples."

<sup>2</sup>Jesus said to them, "When you pray, say this: 'Father: May your holy name be honoured; may your Kingdom come. <sup>3</sup>Give us day by day the food we need. <sup>4</sup>Forgive us our sins, for we forgive everyone who does us wrong.

And do not bring us to hard testing." <sup>5</sup>And Jesus said to his disciples, "Suppose one of you should go to a friend's house at midnight and say, 'Friend, let me borrow three loaves of bread. <sup>6</sup>A friend of mine who is on a journey has just come to my house, and I haven't got any food for him!' <sup>7</sup>And suppose your friend should answer from inside, 'Don't bother me! The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can't get up and give you anything.' <sup>8</sup>Well, what then? I tell you that even if he will not get up and give you the bread because you are his friend, yet he will get up and give you everything you need because you are not ashamed to keep on asking. "And so I say to you: ask, and you will receive; seek, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to

you. <sup>10</sup>For all those who ask will receive, and those who seek will find, and the door will be opened to anyone who knocks. <sup>11</sup>Would any of you who are fathers give your son a snake when he asks for fish? <sup>12</sup>Or would you give him a scorpion when he asks for an egg? <sup>13</sup>Bad as you are, you know how to give good things to your children. How much more, then, will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Other Readings: Genesis 18:20-32; Psalm 138:1-3, 6-8; Colossians 2:12-14

#### LECTIO:

Prayer is at the heart of today's teaching. The disciples felt their prayers were not up to the mark and asked Jesus to give them some guidance. There are two versions of the Lord's prayer, this one from Luke and Matthew's version (Matthew 6: 9-13). Matthew's version is longer and better known by Christians as it is used in the liturav.

Jesus keeps the prayer quide short and simple. Most importantly he wants the disciples to recognise it's a relationship between Father and child.

The first step is to acknowledge God as our Father recognising his holiness and honouring him. Next we should pray for his Kingdom rule to come. Then we can make any essential requests, for example food for the day, forgiveness of our sins and protection from hard testing.

Jesus didn't intend us to only pray these exact words. Rather they provide us with a framework and guidance on the type of things we should pray about.

The only thing that is subject to any condition is forgiveness. If we do not forgive those who sin against us, then we won't receive forgiveness ourselves.

Jesus goes on to teach about the importance of being persistent in prayer and concludes with the illustration of a father and son. Most human fathers give good things to their children rather than things that are harmful. How much more then will our heavenly father, who knows us perfectly, give us what we need? Of course, sometimes this may mean God not giving us what we ask for because he knows it would be harmful for us.



#### **MEDITATIO:**

- What does this passage reveal to us about God and how he wants us to approach him?
- How do you feel about God being your Father?
- How does the condition of forgiving others in order to receive your own forgiveness affect you?
- What is your own experience of prayer? What can you learn from this passage to help you? •

#### **ORATIO:**

Pray through these verses from the Lord's prayer. After each line add your own words. Ask the Holy Spirit to help and quide you. Take your time.

#### **CONTEMPLATIO:**

Consider today's responsorial verse Psalm 138:3: 'You answered me when I called to you; With your strength you strengthened me.

Services For	The Co	oming Week	PAGE 3	
Day Date	<u>Time</u>	Service / Intention	Donor	
Sat. 26 <sup>th</sup> July	Sts Joachim 8	Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary		
		Sacrament of Reconciliation		
Live-Stream / Recorded	18.00	Nertila, Diella & Marjana	М.	
Sun. 27 <sup>th</sup> July	17 <sup>™</sup> SUNDAY	IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C		
Live-Stream / Recorded	09.00	Lena Kota	М.	
Live-Stream / Recorded	11.00	For the Parishioners		
Mon. 28 <sup>th</sup> July	Ferial Weekda	ау		
		-	Mass 09.15 at Effingham	
Tue. 29 <sup>th</sup> July		ha, and Lazarus		
	09.00	Morning Prayer of the Church		
Live-Streamed	09.30	Philip Begley †	J. & N. Begley	
		Exposition of Blessed Sacrament for Private Prayer		
Wed. 30 <sup>th</sup> July	Ferial Weekda	•		
	09.15	Morning Prayer of the Church		
Live-Streamed	09.30	Rev. Fr Raymond Blake †	D.C.A	
Thu. 31 <sup>st</sup> July	St Ignatius Lo		5 60 0 4001	
	09.15	Morning Prayer of the Church		
Live-Streamed	09.30	Ruth Whitehouse †	J. & E. Yates	
Fri. 1 <sup>st</sup> August	St Alphonsus Ligouri, Bishop (Day of Abstinence)			
		ASE NOTE : No Morning Prayer of the Church Today		
	09.30	Requiem Mass for Michael Marsden †		
Sat. 2 <sup>nd</sup> August	Ferial Weekda			
D Live Stream (Decorded	17.00 - 17.30	Private Intention	Y.C	
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	09.00	Thanksgiving - Ian & Gwyneth For the Parishioners	I. Gomes	
Live-Stream / Recorded	11.00	nd the dead and also for most other intentions.	We do our boot to the and	

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 Ligouri

Moral theology, Vatican II said, should be more thoroughly nourished by Scripture, showing the nobility of the Christian vocation of the faithful and their obligation to bring forth fruit in charity for the life of the world. Alphonsus, declared patron of moral theologians by Pius XII in 1950, would rejoice in that statement. In his day, Alphonsus fought for the liberation of moral theology from the rigidity of Jansenism. His moral theology, concentrated on the practical and concrete problems of pastors and confessors. If a certain legalism and minimalism crept into moral

theology, it should not be attributed to his model of moderation and gentleness. He founded the Redemptorist congregation in 1732. It was an association of priests and brothers living a common life, dedicated to the imitation of Christ, and working mainly in popular missions for peasants in rural areas. Almost as an omen of what was to come later, he found himself deserted after a while by all his original companions except one lav brother. But the congregation managed to survive and was formally approved seventeen years later, though its troubles

were not over. He was made a bishop when aged 66 after trying to reject the honour, and at once instituted a thorough reform of his diocese. Alphonsus is best known for his moral theology, but he also wrote well in the field of spiritual and dogmatic theology. His *Glories* Mary is one of the great works on that subject, and his book Visits to the Blessed *Sacrament* went through forty editions in his lifetime, greatly influencing the practice of this devotion in the Church.

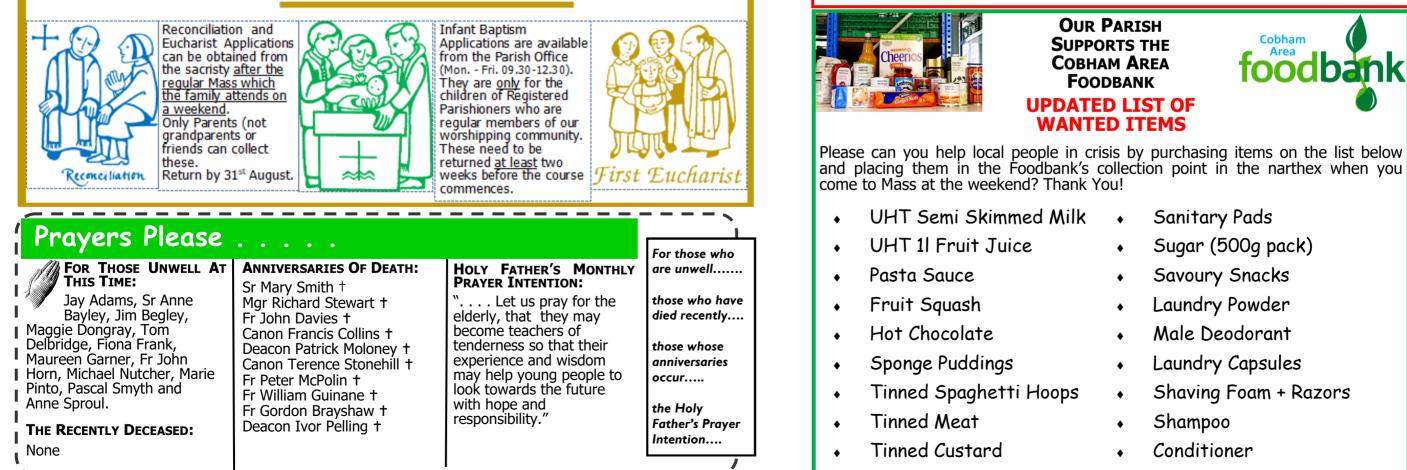
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Date / Mass	<u>Welcome</u> <u>Ministers</u>	Readers	Extraordinary Ministers	<u>Repository</u> After Mass	
SATURDAY 18 C 02/08/25 18.00	Still Required; please offer	J. Granström	N/A at present	P. Hunt A. Essien	
SUNDAY 18 C 03/08/25 09.00	Still Required; please offer	D. Westsmith	L. Kolber Sr. Maria	B. Harris M. Jethwa	
SUNDAY 18 C 03/08/25 11.00	Still Required; please offer	S. Williams	D. Yearley TBC	I. Heims S. Williams	

PLEASE REMEMBER : If you are unable to complete your particular ministry then it is <u>your responsibility</u> to arrange cover with another minister. In this way our Sunday Liturgies will run in a smooth and praverful 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 . . . .

#### **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES -**

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

#### **DIOCESAN FESTIVAL OF HOPE**

The Diocese is gathering on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September (10.00-16.30) to celebrate the Jubilee Year of Hope, the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Diocese, and our continuing mission in these present times. The celebration will be taking place at the South of England Showground in Ardingly, which has a capacity for 1,200 people to attend.

- We have a number of quest speakers scheduled to inspire and uplift us during the day; topics covered include: • Communities of Hope - Michelle Moran (Sion Community)
- Scriptures of Hope Dai Woolridge (Bible Society)
- Missionaries of Hope Rev. Greg Bakker (Church Mission Society)

We will also be joined by the 'One Hope Project,' a Catholic Worship Collective who will assist us with our music and those involved in our diocesan Schools Singing Programme will also be with us for the day. Families are encouraged to attend, as there will be a special 'youth stream,' allowing the younger members of our communities to engage with the virtue of hope in a way that is meaningful for them. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will also be available throughout the day. The day will finish with Mass. Tickets have been allocated proportionally to each parish according to Mass attendance; Sacred Heart Parish has 11.

The festival is free to attend, members of the Parish attending are asked to travel by coach, leaving from the Sacred Heart (the cost of this is covered). Those people with disabilities/access issues will be able to travel independently and parking for this will be available on site. If you would like to receive one of our Parish tickets to attend please get in touch with the Parish Office within the next two weeks (by 13.00 Monday 11<sup>th</sup> August) - first come first served (no additional tickets available).

