

This Week (21 A)

Next Week (22 A)

DIVINE OFFICE WEEK 1

FIRST READING
Isaiah 22:15, 19-23
'I will place on his shoulder the key of the house of David.'

PSALM RESPONSE
O Lord, your merciful love is eternal; discard not the work of your hands.

SECOND READING
Romans 11:33-36
'From him and through him and to him are all things.'

GOSPEL READING
Matthew 16:13-20
'You are Peter, and I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON
The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.'

DIVINE OFFICE WEEK 2

FIRST READING
Jeremiah 20:7-9
'The word of the Lord has become for me a reproach.'

PSALM RESPONSE
For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.

SECOND READING
Romans 12:1-2
'Present your bodies as a living sacrifice.'

GOSPEL READING
Matthew 16:21-27
'If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON
How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

Parish Ministries For Next Two Weekends

DATE / MASS	WELCOME MINISTERS	READERS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	REPOSITORY AFTER MASS
SATURDAY 22 A 29/08/26 18.00	Still Required; please offer	G. Alby	N/A at present	P. Hunt A. Essien
SUNDAY 22 A 30/08/26 09.00	Still Required; please offer	G. Fisher	D. Meehan L. Kolber	B. Harris M. Jethwa
SUNDAY 22 A 30/08/26 11.00	Still Required; please offer	S. Williams	J. Foster P. Mascolo	L. Farris V. Rose
SATURDAY 23 A 05/09/26 18.00	Still Required; please offer	J. Granström	N/A at present	P. Hunt A. Essien
SUNDAY 23 A 06/09/26 09.00	Still Required; please offer	Sr Maria	D. McEvoy P. Carello	D. Westsmith M. Smyth
SUNDAY 23 A 06/09/26 11.00	Still Required; please offer	A. Cowper	P. Hourquebie C. Hourquebie	I. Heims S. Williams

Prayers Please



FOR THOSE UNWELL AT THIS TIME:

Sr Anne Bayley, 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:

Daphne Fells †
Gemma Mills Lindon-Travers †
Joan Payne †
Ada McCormack †
Terence Kelly †
Andrew Furniss †
Sean Sullivan †
Margaret Coole †
Fr Philip Dickerson †
Deacon Gerard Irwin †
Canon Bernard José †
Deacon Stuart Geary †
Fr Thomas Hayes †
Fr Lionel Munns †
Fr Denis Hayes †
Fr Peter de'Ath †
Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor †

Canon Christopher Aston †
Canon John Grant †
Deacon Joseph Crane †
Fr Arthur Woolmer †
Canon Douglas Calver †
Deacon Peter Lesser †
Fr Dermot Keaveney †
Mgr Bryan Chestle †

HOLY FATHER'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION:

" . . . let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community."

For those who are unwell.....

those who have died recently....

those whose anniversaries occur....

the Holy Father's Prayer Intention....

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THIS WEEK:

BIBLE READING PLAN

Mo Ezk. 1-6 | Ezk. 25-27
Tu Ezk. 7-11 | Ezk. 28-30
We Ezk. 12-15 | Ezk. 31-33
Th Ezk. 16-20 | Ezk. 34-36
Fr Ezk. 21-24 | Ezk. 37-39

Financial News . .

Weekend of 16/08/26

1st Plate £ 308:50

Standing Orders £ 755:00

Contactless £ 110:00

1st Total £ 1,173:50

Thankyou for your continuing generosity to your Parish.

2nd Collection . . .

None During August

Marriage Matters . .

THE KEY TO FAMILY LIFE

Today's Gospel places keys at the heart of the responsibility Jesus gives Peter. In spite of his weaknesses and failings, because of his faith, he is entrusted with the 'keys' to the kingdom of God. Our married love is entrusted with the 'keys' of our family life. We are the 'rock' upon which the future of our family will be built.

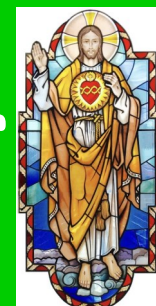
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God puts rainbows in the clouds so that each of us - in the dreariest and most dreaded moments - can see a possibility of hope.

Maya Angelou

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A rocky character?

The Gospel reading picks up on images of keys and a key holder from the first reading from Isaiah. Keys signify ultimate power over the palace; the one with the keys has the authority to decide who is allowed in and who is kept out. When Jesus promises Peter the "keys to the kingdom of heaven," he raises him to a place of high authority as well. This is the Gospel passage that gives us the image of St. Peter guarding the "pearly gates" and controlling access to heaven.

Matthew, Mark, and Luke all include this Gospel story of Jesus asking his disciples who the people think he is. They all include Peter's correct answer that Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah, the Son of God. It is only Matthew's Gospel that incorporates the next few verses upholding Peter as the foundation of the church and the "keeper of the keys" to the kingdom of heaven.

Catholics look back to this story as the basis for their belief in Peter as the first pope and the idea of apostolic succession. Traditionally it has been understood that in this exchange, Jesus made Peter the primary apostle. Later, Peter transferred his authority to another man, who transferred it to another, and so on, down through all the bishops of Rome, the successive popes. Other Christians do not accept Peter's primacy or the idea that the pope's authority can be traced back in an unbroken line to Peter.

Regardless of whether one believes in the idea of apostolic succession, it is good to note the play on words in the nickname Jesus gave to Simon. Peter in Greek is *Petros*, which is related to the word *petra* "rock." This story suggests Peter's ability to be a rock-solid foundation for the church. Just a few verses after this reading, though, Jesus orders Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are

a stumbling block to me" (Mt. 16:23), another play on Peter's "rock" nickname. So Peter, like all human leaders, has the potential to be a solid foundation for God's kingdom in the world, *and* the potential to be in opposition to that kingdom. Even though Jesus praises Peter in this story, Peter will always remain human. The same can be said for every pope we have ever had.



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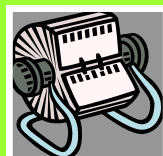
Sheepish Question:

How has your knowledge of God grown in the last year? And who is the Son of Man?

Questions of the Week

- If Peter had a "rocky" nature that had the potential for greatness, but also could pose as a stumbling block, what characteristic(s) do you have which have potential for good but also for harm?
- In thinking of church leaders in your lifetime, who has demonstrated the ability to be a strong foundation for you and the greater church? How so?

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



Parish Office

Normal Office Hours : Closed Mon-Friday (24th-28th August)

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!**

Services For The Coming Week

Day	Date	Time	Service / Intention	Donor
Sat.	22 nd August		Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
			Sacrament of Reconciliation	
				Tony Evans †
Sun.	23 rd August		21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A	
				For the Parishioners
				Bernard Kelly †
Mon.	24 th August		St Bartholomew, Apostle	
			No Service Today	Mass 10.00 at Leatherhead
Tue.	25 th August		Ferial Weekday	
			09.00 Morning Prayer of the Church	[p.p. 41 & 493]
			09.30 Rev. Canon Tony Clarke †	M. Drury
			10.00 - 11.00 Exposition of Blessed Sacrament for Private Prayer	
Wed.	26 th August		Ferial Weekday	
			09.15 Morning Prayer of the Church	[p.p. 51 & 493]
			09.30 Fr Daryl's Intentions	M. Drury
Thu.	27 th August		St Monica	
			09.15 Morning Prayer of the Church	[p.p. 60 & 493]
			09.30 Rev. Fr Tony Collins	M. Drury
Fri.	28 th August		St Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church (<i>Day of Abstinence</i>)	
			PLEASE NOTE : No Morning Prayer of the Church	
			No Service Today	Mass 10.00 at Leatherhead
Sat.	29 th August		Passion of St John the Baptist	
			17.00 - 17.30 Sacrament of Reconciliation	
				Ron Smalls †
Sun.	30 th August		22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A	
				Andrew Wilson †
				For the Parishioners
Mon.	31 st August		Ferial Weekday	
			No Service Today	Mass 10.00 at Leatherhead
Tue.	1 st September		Ferial Weekday	
			09.00 Morning Prayer of the Church	[p.p. 116 & 493]
			09.30 Rosie & Alex Drury	M. Drury
			10.00 - 11.00 Exposition of Blessed Sacrament for Private Prayer	
Wed.	2 nd September		Ferial Weekday	
			PLEASE NOTE : No Morning Prayer of the Church Today	
			No Service Today	Mass 10.00 at Leatherhead
Thu.	3 rd September		St Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church	
			09.00 Morning Prayer of the Church	[p.p. 137 & 493]
			09.30 Douglas & Olive Butler †	J. & E. Yates
Fri.	4 th September		St Cuthbert, Bishop (<i>Day of Abstinence</i>)	
			09.00 Morning Prayer of the Church	[p.p. 148 & 493]
			09.30 Eugene & Maud Allen †	J. & E. Yates
Sat.	5 th September		St Teresa of Calcutta, Virgin	
			17.00 - 17.30 Sacrament of Reconciliation	
				Patrick & Mary Giblin †
				J. & E. Yates