

Our Parish Liturgy

This Week (23 A)

DIVINE OFFICE	WEEK 3
ENTRANCE HYMN	18.00 475 09.00 475 11.00 Musicians
PENITENTIAL ACT	Spoken
GLORIA	18.00 New Celtic Liturgy 09.00 New Celtic Liturgy 11.00 Musicians
FIRST READING	Ezekiel 33:7-9 <i>'If you do not speak to warn the wicked, his blood I will require at your hand.'</i>
PSALM RESPONSE	<i>O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts.'</i>
SECOND READING	Romans 13:8-10 <i>'Love is the fulfilling of the law.'</i>
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	Alleluia, alleluia! <i>God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Alleluia!</i>
GOSPEL READING	Matthew 18:15-20 <i>'If he listens to you, you have gained your brother.'</i>
PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS	18.00 845 09.00 845 11.00 Musicians
SANCTUS	18.00 New Celtic Liturgy 09.00 New Celtic Liturgy 11.00 Musicians
MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION	18.00 New Celtic Liturgy 09.00 New Celtic Liturgy 11.00 Musicians
GREAT AMEN	18.00 New Celtic Liturgy 09.00 New Celtic Liturgy 11.00 Musicians
OUR FATHER	18.00 Spoken 09.00 Spoken 11.00 Musicians
AGNUS DEI	18.00 Spoken 09.00 Spoken 11.00 Musicians
COMMUNION ANTIPHON	<i>Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.</i>
THANKSGIVING	18.00 842 09.00 842 11.00 Musicians

RECESSION	18.00 820 09.00 820 11.00 Musicians
Next Week (24 A)	
DIVINE OFFICE	WEEK 4
FIRST READING	Sirach 27:30-28:7 <i>'Forgive your neighbour the wrong he has done, and then your sins will be pardoned when you pray.'</i>
PSALM RESPONSE	<i>The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and rich in mercy.</i>
SECOND READING	Romans 14:7-9 <i>'Whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.'</i>
GOSPEL READING	Matthew 18:21-35 <i>'I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.'</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.

To LISTEN Is To LOVE



Matthew reminds us of Jesus' promise "...where two or more meet in my name I will be with them". In all the practical ways we look after each other, we are saying; 'your concerns are my concerns'. Nothing is too small or insignificant in our marriage, and my beloved is beside me to call me back to our life together.

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THIS WEEK:

BIBLE READING PLAN

Mo Ezk. 40-44
Tu Ezk. 45-48
We Joel
Th Dan. 1-4
Fr Dan. 5-9

Financial News . .

Weekend of 30/08/26

1st Plate £ 304:50
Standing Orders £ 755:00
Contactless £ 105:00
1st Total £ 1,164:50
2nd None

Thankyou for your continuing generosity to your Parish.

2nd Collection . . .

This Weekend 06/09/26

None

Next Weekend 13/09/26

Catholic Education Service

Gift Aid Members are unable to make this collection tax efficient.

Bite Size . . .

Nobody stands taller than those willing to stand corrected.

William Safire



Sacred Heart Parish Newsletter

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

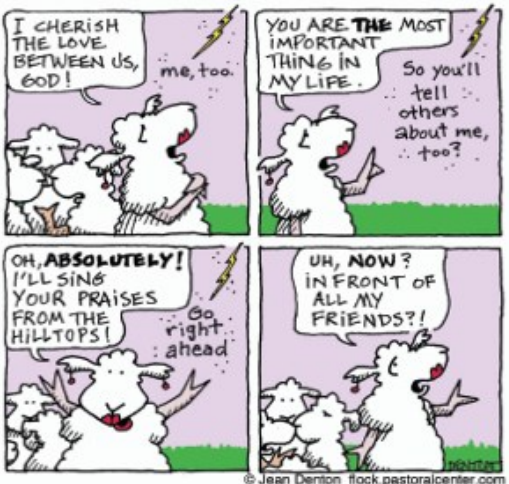


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A two-way challenge

The first reading and the Gospel reading today both address the responsibility of believers to call out and name injustice and sinfulness when they see it. In the Old Testament reading, God tells the prophet, Ezekiel, that he must speak out to dissuade wicked people from doing harm, or he will be responsible for their deaths. Likewise, Jesus gives his disciples instructions for confronting those who have done wrong.



"Whatever you bind on earth is bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."
Sheepish Question:
What is it about the good news of Jesus that I'm keeping from people I love? Why?

Jesus' teaching in the Gospel reading today about reconciling someone who has sinned is a challenge for two kinds of Christians. First, it is a challenge to those in the Church community who judge others publicly - boldly proclaiming in print, from the pulpit, or in the media. It is often easier for an accuser to go public with an accusation than address the matter privately and with more humility and sensitivity first. Jesus is asking such accusers to do the hard work of personal conversation first, which may have the

effect of helping the accuser to grow in understanding and acceptance of the "sinner." (Of course, Jesus isn't asking people to put themselves in danger to do so, for example, asking a victim to approach her rapist in private.) Jesus' words are also a challenge for other Christians who are too hesitant or timid to call out sinfulness and injustice when they see it. Sometimes we let injustice continue because it doesn't hurt us directly - the sin isn't "against" us. Interestingly, the phrase "against you" was not in most of the ancient manuscripts of this Gospel, meaning it was probably added later. So Jesus was calling on his disciples to privately point out their brother's sin before escalating to a broader audience), regardless of whether they were directly impacted. Jesus is asking for courage here to stand up for any victim who is hurt by another's behaviour. When a white person confronts another white person privately for a racist comment, that is the first step toward growth and reconciliation.

Questions of the week

- 1 How does this Gospel reading most challenge you?
- 2 When have you had a growing experience of privately confronting someone who had sinned or being confronted privately yourself? How did it change you and the other person?



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.

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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 . . .

After a reasonably quiet August things really sped up very quickly after Bank Holiday Monday

After Morning Prayer, Mass, and Exposition on Tuesday morning Fr D shot off in the car to Notre Dame School where he celebrated Mass for all the staff during their 'in set day.' When he got back home he spent time preparing for his first meeting in the evening with the parents of this year's First Reconciliation and First Eucharist children. This year we have seventeen children who are about to commence their preparations to receive these two great Sacraments during this academic year (Reconciliation, Saturday 28th November 11.00; and Eucharist, Sunday 13th June, 11.00).

On Wednesday Fr D was off early, up to London for a day watching cricket with friends. This trip takes place usually once a year. Rain delayed the start and later in the afternoon bad light stopped play; but Fr D was very happy with the play that he did get to see!

Following Morning Prayer and Mass on Thursday Fr D managed a 'catch-up' with Sarah in the Parish Office having missed her for much of the week. He was also preparing for a meeting in the afternoon. When the time of the meeting came around he joined the rest of the clergy of the Epsom Deanery as they finalised the plans they have been making for the future provision of Masses in the Epsom area now that Fr Charles (Effingham and Fetcham) is going off on sabbatical and not being replaced by another priest - this will be a permanent loss of a priest in the Deanery and the local clergy have been asked to develop a plan to deal with the situation. After the meeting had taken place Fr D was delighted with the progress that had been achieved (he actually said to Fr Tony Churchill that he thought that he had died and gone to heaven but nobody had told him - such was the unanimity of the clergy about the plan!). The clergy will now present the plan to the 'Parish Leadership Team' when they meet later in September before announcing it in all the Parishes at the beginning of October.

Having celebrated Morning Prayer and Mass on Friday morning, Fr D again shot off in the car to Notre Dame School where he celebrated Mass for the senior school at the beginning of their new school year. He was expecting our electrician to come for several small works around the parish plant but this had to be cancelled owing to larger project over running - the appointment will be re-arranged for a later date

Churchmouse

CHILDREN'S WORD SEARCH 23RD SUNDAY YEAR A

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JESUS

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BE RECONCILED

Matthew 18:15-20

¹⁵If your brother sins against you, go to him and show him his fault. But do it privately, just between yourselves. If he listens to you, you have won your brother back. ¹⁶But if he will not listen to you, take one or two other persons with you, so that 'every accusation may be upheld by the testimony of two or more witnesses,' as the scripture says. ¹⁷And if he will not listen to them, then tell the whole thing to the church. Finally, if he will not listen to the church, treat him as though he were a pagan or a tax collector. ¹⁸And so I tell all of you: what you prohibit on earth will be prohibited in heaven, and what you permit on earth will be permitted in heaven. ¹⁹And I tell you more: whenever two of you on earth agree about anything you pray for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three come together in my name, I am there with them."

Other Readings: Ezekiel 33:7-9; Psalm 95:1-2, 6-9; Romans 13:8-10

LECTIO:

Today's reading is part of what's known as Jesus' ecclesial teaching. The Greek word ekklesia is only used twice in the Gospels, here in verse 17 and two chapters earlier in Matthew 16:18. The focus of Jesus' teaching here is on relationships between members of the local church community. He is fully aware of the human frailty of his disciples – and of us! There will be times when we are sinned against by our fellow Christians and we in turn will sin against them. So Jesus gives some practical instructions on how to deal with this. The very first course of action is to try and sort it out one to one. If this works and your brother or sister sees their sin and repents then forgiveness can flow and the relationship is restored. No one else needs to be involved. If this approach doesn't resolve the matter, Jesus instructs us to take along one or two others. He quotes from Deuteronomy 19:15 where God's instruction is that evidence needs to be established by more than just one witness. On a very practical level this adds a reality check to our own judgement of the situation so it is important that we choose people who can be objective. If the person concerned still fails to repent then the matter needs to go the whole church, where a third opportunity is given for repentance. If this too is refused the person concerned can no longer be treated as a member of the church fellowship. Brotherly correction was a serious duty in the early church and still remains so today. Jesus makes two amazing promises at the end of this passage, in verses 19 and 20. First he promises to be present with us if we come together in his name. Then he also promises that if two Christians agree about something in prayer God will not let their prayer go unanswered. Through his living presence in the Christian community Jesus inspires our prayers and decisions. This is why dealing with divisions in the community is so important.



MEDITATIO:

- Why does Jesus place such importance on dealing with sin in the church community? Why is forgiveness a necessity?
- Do you find it easy to deal with conflict with other Christians? Or would you prefer to ignore it? Why is this harmful for both you and the other person concerned?
- Read Romans 13:8-10, part of which is given below. How do these verses relate to today's Gospel reading and our attitude towards people that sin against us?
'Be under obligation to no one - the only obligation you have is to love one another. The commandments ... are summed up in the one command, "Love your neighbour as you love yourself." If you love others, you will never do them wrong;...'

ORATIO:

The Lord's Prayer reminds us that our personal forgiveness depends on our willingness to forgive those who sin against us. Pray for God's will to be done in your life and forgive anyone that has sinned against you.

CONTEMPLATIO:

In John 17:11 Jesus prays that his followers 'may be one just as you and I are one.' Think about the importance of unity in your local church community and the role of forgiveness in this.

Day	Date	Time	Service / Intention	Donor
Sat.	5 th September		St Teresa of Calcutta, Virgin	
			Sacrament of Reconciliation	
			☐ Live-Stream / Recorded	
		18.00	Patrick & Mary Giblin †	J. & E. Yates
Sun.	6 th September		23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A	
			☐ Live-Stream / Recorded	
		09.00	For the Parishioners	
			☐ Live-Stream / Recorded	
		11.00	Rev. Fr Tony Bridson	M. Drury
Mon.	7 th September		Ferial Weekday	
			No Service Today	Mass 10.00 at Leatherhead
Tue.	8 th September		The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
		09.00	Morning Prayer of the Church	[p.p. 191 & 493]
			☐ Live-Streamed	
		09.30	Private Intention	
		10.00 - 11.00	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament for Private Prayer	
Wed.	9 th September		Ferial Weekday	
		09.15	Morning Prayer of the Church	[p.p. 200 & 493]
			☐ Live-Streamed	
		09.30	Rev. Fr Thomas Scannell †	D.C.A
Thu.	10 th September		Ferial Weekday	
		09.15	Morning Prayer of the Church	[p.p. 210 & 493]
			☐ Live-Streamed	
		09.30	Holy Souls	
Fri.	11 th September		Ferial Weekday (Day of Abstinence)	
		09.15	Morning Prayer of the Church	[p.p. 220 & 493]
			☐ Live-Streamed	
		09.30	For the Sanctity of Human Life	
Sat.	12 th September		The Holy Name of Mary	
		17.00 - 17.30	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
			☐ Live-Stream / Recorded	
		18.00	In Thanksgiving	I. Gomes
Sun.	13 th September		24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A	
			☐ Live-Stream / Recorded	
		09.00	Brian & Angela George †	
			☐ 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.

The Holy Name of Mary

The **Most Holy Name of Mary** honours Mary's name because it belongs to the Mother of God. Where did the devotion come from and how does the Church celebrate today?

Mary's name is important because it is an important part of our relationship with her. Whenever we ask for her intercession or pray to her, we invoke her name.

St Bernard of Clairvaux writes:

May her name never be far from your lips, or far from

your heart ... If you follow her, you will not stray; if you pray to her, you will not despair; if you turn your thoughts to her, you will not err. If she holds you, you will not fall; if she protects you, you need not fear; if she is your guide, you will not tire; if she is gracious to you, you will surely reach your destination.

St Alphonsus Liguori also writes:

After the most sacred name of Jesus, the name of Mary is so rich in every good thing,

that on earth and in heaven there is no other from which devout souls receive so much grace, hope, and sweetness.

When we call upon Mary by her precious name, we call to the one who will always come to our aid and love us like a mother we also honour her for the greatness she has through God as Christ's mother and the queen of the universe.

DATE / MASS	WELCOME MINISTERS	READERS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	REPOSITORY AFTER MASS
SATURDAY 24 A 12/09/26 18.00	Still Required; please offer	Sr Patricia	N/A at present	P. Hunt A. Essien
SUNDAY 24 A 13/09/26 09.00	Still Required; please offer	R. Lake	Sr Maria G. Fisher	B. Harris M. Jethwa
SUNDAY 24 A 13/09/26 11.00	Still Required; please offer	C. Hourquebie	E. Twist D. Yearley	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 | ⇒ 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, Judith Carson, Chris & Maggie Dongray, Tom Delbridge, Jonica Fox, Fiona Frank, Maureen Garner, baby Naomi Hunt, Stella Leggett, Michael Nutter, Fr Sebastian Paul, Pascal Smyth, Anne Sproul and John Wilkey.

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:

Sarah Keely †
Fr Donald Wilkins †
Fr Richard Leeming †
Canon Richard O'Regan †
Fr Cyril Butler †

HOLY FATHER'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION:

"... let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it."

For those who are unwell.....

those who have died recently....

those whose anniversaries occur.....

the Holy Father's Prayer Intention....

THE RECENTLY DECEASED:
None

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 the 'Dreams for Hope' 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.

When Fr D was dropping off his tokens after a shop this week he thought that parishioners may have forgotten about the scheme - more tokens needed ! ! !

TERMINALLY ILL ADULTS (END OF LIFE) BILL - The issue of Assisted Suicide will return to the Houses of Parliament this month, following the failure of MP Kim Leadbeater's Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill to make it through the necessary legislative stages in time to become law.

A new Private Member's Bill, which is broadly identical to Kim Leadbeater's 2024 legislation, was reintroduced to Parliament by Labour MP Lauren Edwards in June, with Members of Parliament facing a vitally important vote next Friday (11th) which will determine whether Assisted Suicide moves closer to becoming law, or is rejected.

The Catholic Church teaches that every human life from conception to natural death is sacred, with the dignity and value of each person central to an effective moral vision for society. Assisted Suicide is strongly opposed by the Church with bishops across Scotland, England & Wales calling for better provision and funding for palliative care which aims to manage pain and other symptoms, looking after a person's emotional, practical, and psychological needs while supporting their loved ones.

Speaking in July, Prime Minister Andy Burnham (who plans to abstain from September's vote) suggested it would be difficult to implement Assisted Suicide before social and palliative care were improved. Hospices face significant financial pressures currently, with the UK Government providing around a third of the sector's running costs and local fundraising teams expected to make up the shortfall.

MP Lauren Edwards' Bill arrives at a time when the wider National Health Service (NHS) is in crisis. Patients are facing increasing delays in seeing General Practitioners (GPs), with long waiting lists for treatment and support services – not least for mental health.

The strong arguments being made in favour of Assisted Suicide don't answer the right question; we must protect and improve the provision of ethical end-of-life care.

The vote next Friday can be won. As the previous assisted suicide bill passed the House of Commons by a small margin, only twelve MPs need to change their minds for the revived suicide bill to be defeated at its second reading. A number of MPs have already expressed reservations about bringing it back or forcing it through parliament. The Prime Minister has now said that the debate should wait until palliative and social care are properly funded.

Mounting evidence from the small number of places around the world that have legalised assisted suicide show that safeguards do not work, and that changing the law can have devastating consequences. If assisted suicide becomes law, thousands of individuals will be placed at risk for years to come.

One of the most effective ways to persuade MPs to oppose this dangerous bill is through physical letters or postcards from constituents asking them to vote NO to the bill.

PLEASE TAKE A POSTCARD FROM THE NARTHEX THIS WEEKEND AND MAKE A POINT OF SENDING IT TO OUR LOCAL MP TO INFORM HIM OF YOUR IMPLACABLE RESISTANCE TO THIS MEASURE.



MASS OF WELCOME, 24TH OCTOBER, 11.30, WORTH ABBEY - Following his episcopal ordination, Bishop Stephen will celebrate a special Mass of Welcome at Worth Abbey attended by representatives from diocesan deaneries, new parishes and schools. The Diocese is providing a coach for each deanery/new parish to support participation from across our family of faith, details will be shared with parish communities shortly.

LOURDES PRAYER NETWORK - MONDAYS WITH MARY

The Prayer Network offers an opportunity to extend the Lourdes experience, continuing our pilgrimage prayers and maintaining connections through the year. It consists of Assistant Chaplains and pilgrims, united in support for the intentions of our Diocese and further afield. As well as the chance to request prayers through the website and/or pray for others, it also offers a monthly online gathering led by our Lourdes Assistant Chaplains. You are warmly invited to join us for this time of prayer and reflection. All are welcome. If you would like the Prayer Network to pray for an intention close to your heart, or to volunteer to pray for others, you can email:

prayer.lourdes@abdiocese.org.uk

Monday, 14 - Sep-2026 19:30 - 20:10;

Monday, 12 - Oct-2026 19:30 - 20:10;

Monday, 09 - Nov-2026 19:30 - 20:10;

Monday, 14 - Dec-2026 19:30 - 20:10.

You are welcome to include a reason for the request but there is no obligation to do so, and no personal details will be shared with anyone in the Prayer Network.



PRAYER NETWORK: MONDAYS WITH MARY