

Our Parish Liturgy

This Week (26 C)

DIVINE OFFICE	WEEK 2
ENTRANCE HYMN	18.00 882 09.00 882 11.00 Musicians
PENITENTIAL ACT	Spoken
GLORIA	18.00 Missal Tone 09.00 Missal Tone 11.00 Musicians
FIRST READING	Amos 6:1a, 4-7 <i>'The revelry of those who now stretch themselves out shall pass away.'</i>
PSALM RESPONSE	<i>My soul, give praise to the Lord.</i>
SECOND READING	1 Timothy 6:11-16 <i>'Keep the commandment until the appearing of our Lord.'</i>
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	Alleluia, alleluia! <i>Jesus Christ, though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich. Alleluia!</i>
GOSPEL READING	Luke 16:19-31 <i>'You received good things, and Lazarus bad things; now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish.'</i>
PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS	18.00 604 09.00 604 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	<i>Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.</i>
THANKSGIVING	18.00 892 09.00 892 11.00 Musicians

RECESSION	18.00 926 09.00 926 11.00 Musicians
Next Week (27 C)	
DIVINE OFFICE	WEEK 3
FIRST READING	Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4 <i>'The righteous shall live by his faith.'</i>
PSALM RESPONSE	<i>O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.</i>
SECOND READING	1 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14 <i>'Do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord.'</i>
GOSPEL READING	Luke 17:5-10 <i>'If you had faith.'</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.

BEWARE OF COMPLACENCY AND COMPENSATING



Today we are warned about being complacent. Too often, we think everything is fine in our lives and then we realise we've drifted apart and feel isolated from our spouse; the atmosphere is strained; it is lonely in bed. The danger is to compensate with activities outside our marriage instead of sitting down, holding hands and getting back together again.

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THIS WEEK:

BIBLE READING PLAN

Mo Zech. 9-11; 1 Jn. 5
Tu Zech. 12-14; Ps. 94; 2 Jn.
We Ezra 5-6; Ps. 94; 3 Jn.
Th Est. 1-3; Ps. 139; Rev. 1
Fr Est. 4-6; Rev. 2

Financial News . .

Weekend of 21/09/25

1st Plate £ 428:04
Standing Orders £ 755:00
Contactless £ 125:00
1st Total £ 1,308:04
2nd None

Thankyou for your continuing generosity to your Parish.

2nd Collection . . .

This Weekend 28/09/25

Parish Building Fund

Gift Aid Members able to make this collection tax efficient by using the YELLOW envelope.

Next Weekend 05/10/25

C.A.F.O.D. Harvest Fast Day

Gift Aid Members are able to make this collection tax efficient by using the Special Envelope only.

Bite Size . . .

If you haven't any charity in your heart, you have the worst kind of heart trouble.

Bob Hope



Sacred Heart Parish Newsletter

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Warnings about extravagance



This week's readings focus on extravagant wealth, poverty, and economic inequality. The passage from Amos continues the theme of last week's reading calling out the sinfulness of the extremely wealthy. They are living in luxury (beds of ivory! eating veal! drinking wine from bowls, not cups!) while around them the needy are being ignored and their country is crumbling. Presumably the poor can rarely afford meat, much less veal, and are sleeping on the ground. Jesus paints a similar picture of the disparity between the rich man Lazarus and the poor beggar at his door ending with a harsh or consoling conclusion, depending on the status of the listener/reader.

Luke's Gospel has more parables and teachings about wealth and poverty than any other, including this one about the rich man and Lazarus. Because Luke also wrote the Acts of the Apostles-which continues with many examples of money used appropriately or not we can presume that Jesus (and the author Luke) was addressing an audience that included a mix of both wealthy and poor people. In Jesus' world, there weren't many in-between, with almost no middle class to speak of. In reality, most of the wealth amassed by the rich came from the exploitation of the poor, al though sometimes the religious and cultural presumption was that the rich were rich because God

favoured them while the poor did something to lose God's favour. Jesus flatly contradicts this idea with his parable. Abraham's statement, "They have Moses and the prophets. Let them listen to them" was a clear reminder to Jesus' listeners about God's desires for money and possessions to be shared and used for the benefit of everyone. "Moses and the prophets" was a catch phrase referring to the Jewish scriptures (our Old Testament). Of the 600+ commandments contained in those books, many of them detailed how wealth should be fairly distributed so that no one was left destitute. Clearly, the rich man in this parable had ignored Jewish law.



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"The Lord gives sight to the blind ...raises up those who were bowed down."

Sheepish Question:

Where have I failed to notice someone in need?

Questions of the week

- 1 Think about a modern day example that contrasts the wealth of some with the plight of the poor. Please share.
- 2 How might God be calling you to share your wealth and possessions more equitably and justly?

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

Things beginning to move faster and faster as space in Fr D's diary before he goes on holiday is becoming a rarity

Those parishioners that attended the Diocesan 'Festival of Hope' last weekend came back very happy to have attended the event (Fr D had seen them off on the coach in the morning from the car park before he met with this year's First Reconciliation families).

On Monday the diocesan IT Manager was in the Parish helping to finalise the telecom and IT project that we have been working on for the past eighteen months. The object was to greatly reduce costs and to build in some measure of future-proofing in our use of telephones and computer technology. Previously the Parish was with BT Business for telephones and broadband which was quite expensive. This has now been switched to another business supplier for considerably less money and the whole set up has been streamlined (the bird's nest of wires has also been reduced and will soon be housed in a data cabinet within the Presbytery - there is already a data cabinet in the Parish Office. Earlier in the year the Parish Centre was made wifi friendly in each of the main rooms so that any users would have access to a dedicated 'Guest' set up (this is now an expected part of modern facilities).

In the evening Fr D and the Finance Committee chair attended a meeting of clergy and Parish Finance Chairs from the whole of the Deanery. The meeting enabled the Chief Operating Officer of the diocese to explain how finances might be expected to be organised once the Bishop's Pastoral Plan brings the nine parishes in the Epsom Deanery into one Parish under the care of a team of clergy (Fr D was quite surprised by how sensible the meeting was with all participants offering insight into what might be!).

Following on from Morning Prayer, Mass, and Exposition Fr D was off to the diocesan offices in Crawley. In the evening Fr D met with parents for the third of six sessions in the First Reconciliation programme.

After Morning Prayer and Mass on Wednesday Fr D was meeting with a representative of a television company who want to explore the possibility of some filming in the church in late January; nothing is yet finalised as there are other churches to be seen, but they were very pleased with the Sacred Heart as a possible venue

Churchmouse

CHILDREN'S WORD SEARCH 26TH SUNDAY YEAR C

A G O N Y G O O D G M D U I A	AGONY	TABLE	FINGER
X Q S Y B H W K K F S D I L D	DOGS	GATE	BAD
H R T A U P U R P L E O M E E	GOOD	SORES	HELL
T I Z E R W N L W K R H R C D	LINEN	DIED	LUXURY
P L T L I A B R C E E V E E L	BURIED	WARN	TONGUE
S A V U E T L I G U S P P L S	BEGGAR	LICKED	LAZARUS
G Z G X D E L N G A L E E N L	WATER		
Q A S U G R I N D X X A N K O	PITY		
D R W R L F O L U R E I T Z J	DRESSED		
O U L Y D T H J A L E W B N D	ANGELS		
G S Q R I C H P B N I S N F N	REPENT		
S H O B F A B A Q B G Q S E B	RICH		
N E L M A W T W A R N E N E O	PURPLE		
E V L B F D K T G O Y I L W D			
B E G G A R Y P P Q L Q R S D			



CARING FOR THE POOR

Luke 16:19-31

¹⁹There was once a rich man who dressed in the most expensive clothes and lived in great luxury every day. ²⁰There was also a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who used to be brought to the rich man's door, ²¹hoping to eat the bits of food that fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried by the angels to sit beside Abraham at the feast in heaven. The rich man died and was buried, ²³and in Hades, where he was in great pain, he looked up and saw Abraham, far away, with Lazarus at his side. ²⁴So he called out, 'Father Abraham! Take pity on me, and send Lazarus to dip his finger in some water and cool my tongue, because I am in great pain in this fire!' ²⁵But Abraham said, 'Remember, my son, that in your lifetime you were given all the good things, while Lazarus got all the bad things. But now he is enjoying himself here, while you are in pain. ²⁶Besides all that, there is a deep pit lying between us, so that those who want to cross over from here to you cannot do so, nor can anyone cross over to us from where you are.' ²⁷The rich man said, 'Then I beg you, father Abraham, send Lazarus to my father's house, ²⁸where I have five brothers. Let him go and warn them so that they, at least, will not come to this place of pain.' ²⁹Abraham said, 'Your brothers have Moses and the prophets to warn them; your brothers should listen to what they say.' ³⁰The rich man answered, 'That is not enough, father Abraham! But if someone were to rise from death and go to them, then they would turn from their sins.' ³¹But Abraham said, 'If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone were to rise from death.' "

Other Readings: Amos 6:1, 4-7; Psalm 146:6-10; 1 Timothy 6:11-16

LECTIO:

Wealth appears to have made this rich man blind. He had seen Lazarus in a pitiful state outside his luxurious home. He even knew Lazarus' name (verse 24). But he did absolutely nothing to help him. All Jews would know that Moses and the prophets taught that the rich had a social responsibility to care for the poor. In his selfishness this rich man disobeyed God's law. It is ironic that later, never having lifted a finger to help Lazarus, he asks Abraham to tell Lazarus to help him! In Hades, family bonds draw out some compassion from the rich man. He thinks of his brothers and asks Abraham to send Lazarus with a warning. He doesn't want them to end up with the same punishment as him. Abraham responds that they have Moses and the prophets to warn them. This isn't good enough for the rich man. He believes something more dramatic is needed – only someone rising from the dead will convince his family. Abraham gives a very telling reply, 'they will not be convinced even if someone were to rise from death' (verse 31). Not long after these words were spoken Jesus himself died and rose from the dead. Abraham's insight proved accurate both then and now. Even a great miracle will not convince those who ignore the warnings of the Bible. Sadly, many today still refuse to believe in God's Son Jesus and to serve him as their loving Master.



MEDITATIO:

- What is God revealing to you from this passage? Are you obeying God's teaching in this area of your life?
- Consider whether you are taking seriously the call to help others in need. Th is may mean more than just giving money; spending time with someone may be just as precious.
- Compare this reading with the words of the apostle Paul in 1 Timothy 6:17-19.

ORATIO:

How is God's concern for the poor and disadvantaged revealed in Psalm 146? Pray about your own response to this concern and pray for all those working to bring relief to those in need.

CONTEMPLATIO:

Spend some time considering the majesty of God described in 1 Timothy 6:15-16.

Services For The Coming Week					PAGE 3
Day	Date	Time	Service / Intention	Donor	
Sat.	27 th September		St Vincent de Paul, Priest		
			Sacrament of Reconciliation		
			For the people of Gaza	M. Jethwa	
			☐ Live-Stream / Recorded		
Sun.	28 th September		26 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C		
			☐ Live-Stream / Recorded		
			09.00	Mona Kehoe +	D. & P. Meehan
			☐ Live-Stream / Recorded		
			11.00	For the Parishioners	
Mon.	29 th September		Sts Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael, Archangels		
			No Service Today	Mass 10.00 at Leatherhead	
Tue.	30 th September		St Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church		
			09.00	Morning Prayer of the Church	[p.p. 116 & 493]
			☐ Live-Streamed		
			09.30	Rrok Kota & Family	M.
			10.00 - 11.00	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament for Private Prayer	
Wed.	1 st October		St Thérèse of Lisieux, Virgin & Doctor of the Church		
			09.15	Morning Prayer of the Church	[p.p. 126 & 493]
			☐ Live-Streamed		
			09.30	Kristian , Rrok & Lena	M.
Thu.	2 nd October		The Holy Guardian Angels		
			09.15	Morning Prayer of the Church	[p.p. 137 & 493]
			☐ Live-Streamed		
			09.30	Geraldine Sharpe	M. Drury
Fri.	3 rd October		Blessed Martyrs of Sussex, (Diocesan Saints) (Day of Abstinence)		
			PLEASE NOTE : No Morning Prayer of the Church Today		
			19.00	Harvest Thanksgiving	
			19.45	HARVEST SUPPER PARISH SOCIAL	
Sat.	4 th October		St Francis of Assisi, Priest		
			17.00 - 17.30	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
			☐ Live-Stream / Recorded		
			18.00	Sue Cornwell	M. Drury
Sun.	5 th October		27 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C		
			☐ Live-Stream / Recorded		
			09.00	Ben Farmer	M. Drury
			☐ 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.

Sts. Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael

Angels - messengers from God - appear frequently in Scripture, but only Michael, Gabriel and Raphael are named. Michael appears in Daniel's vision as "the great prince" who defends Israel against its enemies; in the *Book of Revelation*, he leads God's armies to final victory over the forces of evil. Devotion to Michael is the oldest angelic devotion, rising in the East in the fourth century. The Church in the West began to observe a feast honouring

Michael and the angels in the fifth century. Gabriel also makes an appearance in Daniel's visions, announcing Michael's role in God's plan. His best-known appearance is an encounter with a young Jewish girl named Mary, who consents to bear the Messiah. Raphael's activity is confined to the Old Testament story of Tobit. There he appears to guide Tobit's son Tobiah through a series of fantastic adventures which lead to a threefold happy ending:

Tobiah's marriage to Sarah, the healing of Tobit's blindness, and the restoring of the family fortune. The memorials of Gabriel and Raphael were added to the Roman calendar in 1921. The 1970 revision of the calendar joined their individual feasts to Michael's.

The ARCHANGELS

Saint GabrielSaint MichaelSaint Raphael

DATE / MASS	WELCOME MINISTERS	READERS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	REPOSITORY AFTER MASS
SATURDAY 27 C 04/10/25 18.00	Still Required; please offer	Sr Patricia	N/A at present	P. Hunt A. Essien
SUNDAY 27 C 05/10/25 09.00	Still Required; please offer	D. McEvoy	L. Kolber Sr Maria	B. Harris M. Jethwa
SUNDAY 27 C 05/10/25 11.00	Still Required; please offer	C. Templer	D. Yearley J. Vizzini	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.				



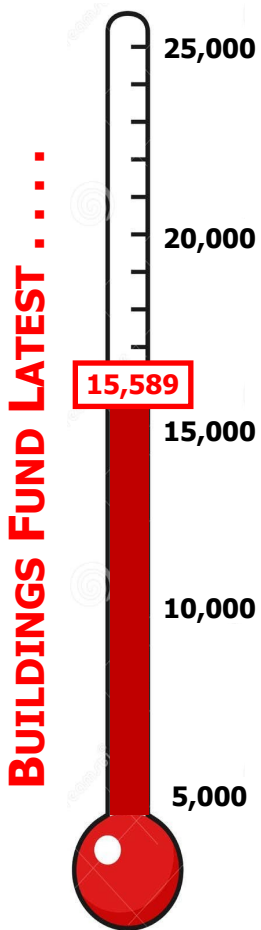
OUR PARISH
SUPPORTS THE
COBHAM AREA
FOODBANK



UPDATED LIST OF
WANTED ITEMS

Please can you 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!

- ♦ UHT Semi Skimmed Milk
 - ♦ UHT 1l Fruit Juice
 - ♦ Pasta Sauce
 - ♦ Fruit Squash
 - ♦ Hot Chocolate
 - ♦ Sponge Puddings
 - ♦ Tinned Spaghetti Hoops
 - ♦ Tinned Meat
 - ♦ Tinned Custard
- ♦ Sanitary Pads
 - ♦ Sugar (500g pack)
 - ♦ Savoury Snacks
 - ♦ Laundry Powder
 - ♦ Male Deodorant
 - ♦ Laundry Capsules
 - ♦ Shaving Foam + Razors
 - ♦ Shampoo
 - ♦ Conditioner



Prayers Please

 FOR THOSE UNWELL AT THIS TIME: Jay Adams, Sr Anne Bayley, Jim Begley, Maggie Dongray, Tom Delbridge, Fiona Frank, Maureen Garner, Fr John Horn, baby Naomi Joy Hunt, Stella Leggett, Michael Nutcher, Pascal Smyth and Anne Sproul.	THE RECENTLY DECEASED: None ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Frank Butler † Fr Alban Linton-Shields † Fr Michael Walsh † Fr John O'Connor † Canon Desmond Leahy † Canon Michael Quinlan † Fr David Buckley † Fr Michael Perry † Fr Ronald Robinson † Fr William Parker †	HOLY FATHER'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION: " that, inspired by St Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect."	For those who are unwell..... those who have died recently.... those whose anniversaries occur..... the Holy Father's Prayer Intention....
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PARISH HARVEST SUPPER 3RD OCTOBER 2025 - Please note all fresh food i.e. Bread, Salad, Grapes etc. should be brought to the Parish Centre Kitchen wrapped in clingfilm (dishes should be labelled with your name for return) on the afternoon of Friday 3rd October.
All other items should be brought to the Parish Office by Thursday 2nd October by 12.30 Thank you.
This will be the last weekend when tickets (£5) for the Supper can be purchased after Mass - they will still be available until midday on Tuesday from the Parish Office. Please don't forget to look at the food list at the rear of the church to see if you can help out with any accompaniments.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION OPEN MORNING – Saturday 11th October, 10.00 - 13.00. Curious about spiritual direction? It's not about being told what to do but about having someone walk alongside you as you listen for God's voice in the middle of daily life. Spiritual direction is a gentle space to grow in your relationship with God, to notice where God is already at work, and to be encouraged in faith, hope and love. The diocese has a network of trained spiritual directors so please join us for tea/coffee from 10.00, a short talk at 10:30 with time for questions, then try a 10 - 15 minute taster session with trained A&B Diocese spiritual directors. Free. All welcome. St Dunstan's Catholic Church Shaftesbury Road, Woking GU22 7DT.

PRISON VISITORS NEEDED - Are you available on Fridays and looking for a meaningful way to serve? The Chaplaincy Team at HMP Send is seeking Roman Catholic volunteers to support the RC community during Friday Mass. HMP Send is a women's prison in Surrey.
Volunteers attend from 13:15 to 15:00, joining the women for the Rosary, Mass, and post-service fellowship. Your presence offers spiritual encouragement and a connection to the wider Church. No formal experience is needed — just a warm heart, a listening ear, and a willingness to be present. Security clearance is required (Level 1 only for this role), and volunteers can attend up to four times while clearance is being processed. If you're interested or would like to learn more, please contact:
Aseel Gilbert – Managing Chaplain
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THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF BRIGHTON & HOVE - was inaugurated on Sunday 14th September, with a Mass at St John the Baptist Church, Kemptown, celebrated by Bishop Richard and priests and deacons from across the new parish.
Bishop Richard published a new Pastoral Plan for the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton in January 2024. Called "The Word Who is Life: the Call to Mission," the Plan creates vital new pathways for evangelisation, enabling diocesan clergy and lay people to collaborate more closely to meet the sacramental and formation needs of their faith communities through new parish structures centred on mission.
Speaking at the Mass, Bishop Richard highlighted the importance of growing in holiness and building on a renewed interest in the Catholic faith across the Diocese: "Today's inauguration is a significant moment," he said, "as we – people and clergy – open the door to new possibilities for the great work that the Lord has given to us. We are witnessing many fresh shoots of faith across our church communities, which are seeing new growth as people find their way to Christ through His Church, and our schools – which are fulfilling their mission and enabling our young people to take their place in the world as disciples. By working together, our mission will be ever more effective."
There are six Catholic Primary Schools and one Catholic Secondary School in Brighton & Hove, with students from the UK and across the world studying at two universities in the city. Speaking shortly after the inauguration, Jo Gilbert, East Brighton's University Chaplain and Young Adults' Coordinator said: "We have been bringing leaders from across Brighton & Hove's church communities together over the last few months to share what motivates them and explore our shared vision for the city; empowering people at the 'grass roots' to be protagonists of community and missionary activity."
Reiterating the importance of mission, Canon Kieron O'Brien, the Episcopal Vicar for Pastoral Planning and a priest of the new parish added: "All those who are baptised are called to become missionary disciples. The inauguration of Brighton & Hove as a 'community of communities' offers its members new opportunities to collaborate and evangelise, sharing their gifts and talents more widely with renewed resolution and energy. We look forward to walking together and accompanying each other in faith."

THIRTY YEARS OF FAIRTRADE - It is 30 years since the first Fairtrade certified products hit our supermarket shelves. Beginning in 1995, Fairtrade has not only pioneered a more equitable way of doing trade, but it's also become the world's most recognisable and trusted ethical label, working with farmers and workers in more than 1,900 producer organisations, across 68 countries to improve living standards, invest in communities and businesses, and protect our common home. Fairtrade builds a better way of doing business by uniting farmers and workers, shoppers, brands, and governments to create trade that's fairer for people and the planet.

EPSOM DEANERY NEWSLETTER - The latest edition of our Deanery newsletter (#4) has now been published and can be found on our Parish Website (sacredheartcobham.org.uk).