

Our Parish Liturgy

This Week (27 A)

DIVINE OFFICE	WEEK 3
ENTRANCE HYMN	18.00 N/A 09.00 N/A 11.00 Musicians
PENITENTIAL ACT	Spoken
GLORIA	18.00 N/A 09.00 N/A 11.00 Musicians
FIRST READING	Isaiah 5:1-7 <i>'The vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel.'</i>
PSALM RESPONSE	<i>The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.</i>
SECOND READING	Philippians 4:6-9 <i>'Practise these things, and the God of peace will be with you.'</i>
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	<i>Alleluia, alleluia!</i> <i>I chose you out of the world, says the Lord, that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should abide.'</i> Alleluia!
GOSPEL READING	Matthew 21:33-43 <i>'He will let out the vineyard to other tenants.'</i>
PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS	18.00 N/A 09.00 N/A 11.00 Musicians
SANCTUS	18.00 Spoken 09.00 Spoken 11.00 Musicians
MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION	18.00 Spoken 09.00 Spoken 11.00 Musicians
GREAT AMEN	18.00 Spoken 09.00 Spoken 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>The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.</i>
THANKSGIVING	18.00 N/A 09.00 N/A 11.00 Musicians

RECESSION	18.00 N/A 09.00 N/A 11.00 Musicians
Next Week (28 A)	
DIVINE OFFICE	WEEK 4
FIRST READING	Isaiah 25:6-10 <i>'The Lord will make a feast, and he will wipe away tears from all faces.'</i>
PSALM RESPONSE	<i>In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for length of days unending.</i>
SECOND READING	Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20 <i>'I can do all things through him who strengthens me.'</i>
GOSPEL READING	Matthew 22:1-14 <i>'Invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.'</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.

LOVING AND HONOURING EACH OTHER AND THE LORD



When you married you took each other *for better, for worse*. God experienced the 'worse' when his 'bride', the Jewish people, rejected him by worshipping other gods. The 'worse' for you may be when your spouse mocks your beliefs. Have you shared your hurt, let them know your pain? Remember, though, that God has loved the 'worst' in you.

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Look to the good things



THIS WEEK:
BIBLE READING PLAN
Mo Mt. 3-4; Mk. 1; Lk. 3-5
Tu Jn. 2-4; Mt. 8; Mk. 2
We Jn. 5
Th Mt. 12; Mk. 3; Lk. 6
Fr Mt. 5-7

Financial News . .
Weekend of 27/09/26
1st Plate £ 349:49
Standing Orders £ 755:00
Contactless £ 155:00
1st Total £ 1,259:49
2nd £ 431:20
Parish Buildings Fund
Thankyou for your continuing generosity to your Parish.

2nd Collection . . .
This Weekend 04/10/26
CAFOD Harvest Fast Day
Gift Aid Members able to make this collection tax efficient using the CAFOD Envelope only.
Next Weekend 11/10/26
PACT Prisoners Sunday
Gift Aid Members are not able to make this collection tax efficient.

Bite Size . . .
Accountability separates the wishers in life from the action-takers that care enough about their future to account for their daily actions.
John Di Lemme

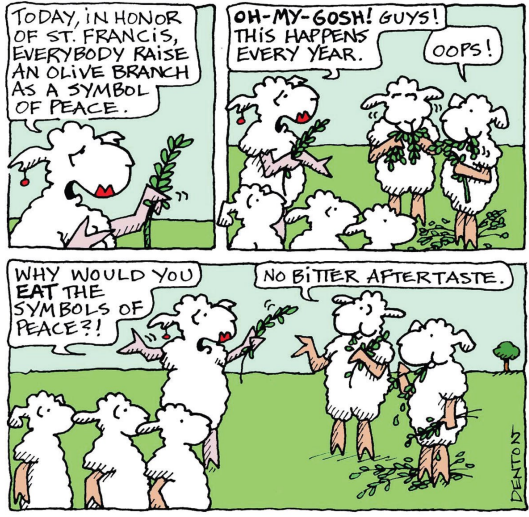
We don't often focus on the second reading from the epistles, but Paul has a particularly beautiful message for us this week.

The words in Paul's letter to the Philippians are timeless in their comfort and encouragement, especially considering that historians think Paul wrote them while he was imprisoned. By the time of this writing, Paul had suffered immensely as a result of his faith. During his travels throughout the Mediterranean world teaching and preaching about Jesus, Paul had been arrested, beaten, imprisoned, chased out of town, shipwrecked, gone hungry, and bitten by a poisonous snake. Yet at times, he was still able to feel profound peace and gratitude and offer his troubles to God in prayer. We know from some of his other letters that he didn't always feel that way - there were times he agonized about how difficult his life journey was. But here he is in a good space, confident and trusting.

Paul's encouragement to "have no anxiety at all" may be easier said than done. Sometimes we can't just turn off our anxiety. Other times, though, just the reminder that we can bring our fears and concerns to God in prayer can bring some relief and a sense of peace.

Paul's next piece of advice, to focus on the good, is just as pertinent today as it was for him during a time of great suffering and unrest. Anyone who follows the news or is attentive to the immense pain in the world today

knows how easy it is to feel overwhelmed by bad news: natural disasters, racism, poverty, illness, etc. The media feeds us the more sensationalised stories - focusing on the one plane that crashes rather than the many that land safely each day. Paul isn't telling us to bury our heads in the sand and ignore difficult things but to turn our attention to all of the ways God is active and present in the world: in matters of beauty and truth and honour. This advice is an antidote just as needed today as any time in history.



"Keep on doing what you have learned, received, heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you."

Sheepish Question:
How and with whom shall I SHARE the peace of God in Christ Jesus today?

- Questions of the Week
- 1 Have you ever had an experience of being anxious but then finding peace through prayer?
 - 2 What are some true, honourable, just, pure, lovely, or gracious things in your life right now to which you are invited to give more attention?

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 . . .

Hugely busy week around The Presbytery this time as Fr D had both an 'In-Service' day with the rest of the priests of the diocese (Tuesday) and a Requiem Mass for his old housekeeper in Reigate (Wednesday). These were coupled with the electrician coming to deal with some minor improvements in the house, church, and Parish Centre, getting his bits of the Newsletter ready, and (washing) packing to go away meant that he was scrambling for time.

Fr D was also acutely aware that the announcement of new Mass times whilst he was away was not the way he would have liked things to be, but all the clergy had agreed that the announcement of the new timings of Mass would be made on this weekend in every community in the Epsom Deanery; not ideal but the best that he could arrange. To this end there is a map in the newsletter showing the old and new times in each community and also a written A5 Flyer to go with the newsletter, please remember to take one home with you as well as the Newsletter (if you do not get it electronically by email).

The clergy have been working on the new timetable since June and have spent several meetings in conversation with one another (as well as much prayer). There were several principles that they wanted to maintain in order to make the new timetable as pastoral as possible whilst recognising the new situation that we are all in:

- ♦ Saturday Vigil Masses are always counted as Sunday Masses
- ♦ Taking account of Fr Charles Howell leaving the area to go on a sabbatical (knowing that he will not be returning nor being replaced)
- ♦ Taking account that we have two priests who will be retiring in the near future (and are unlikely to be replaced)
- ♦ Minimum of two hours between the Masses a priest celebrates on a Sunday
- ♦ A Priest can celebrate a maximum of three Masses on a Sunday
- ♦ The necessary changes should be made now and not piecemeal over the next few years
- ♦ Trying to value the important connection between priest, people, and place
- ♦ Working together to share the impact of the changes that are necessary

Our own community will be losing the 18.00 Saturday evening Mass and Fr D will be celebrating a 18.00 Saturday evening Mass in Effingham



CHILDREN'S WORD SEARCH 27TH SUNDAY YEAR A

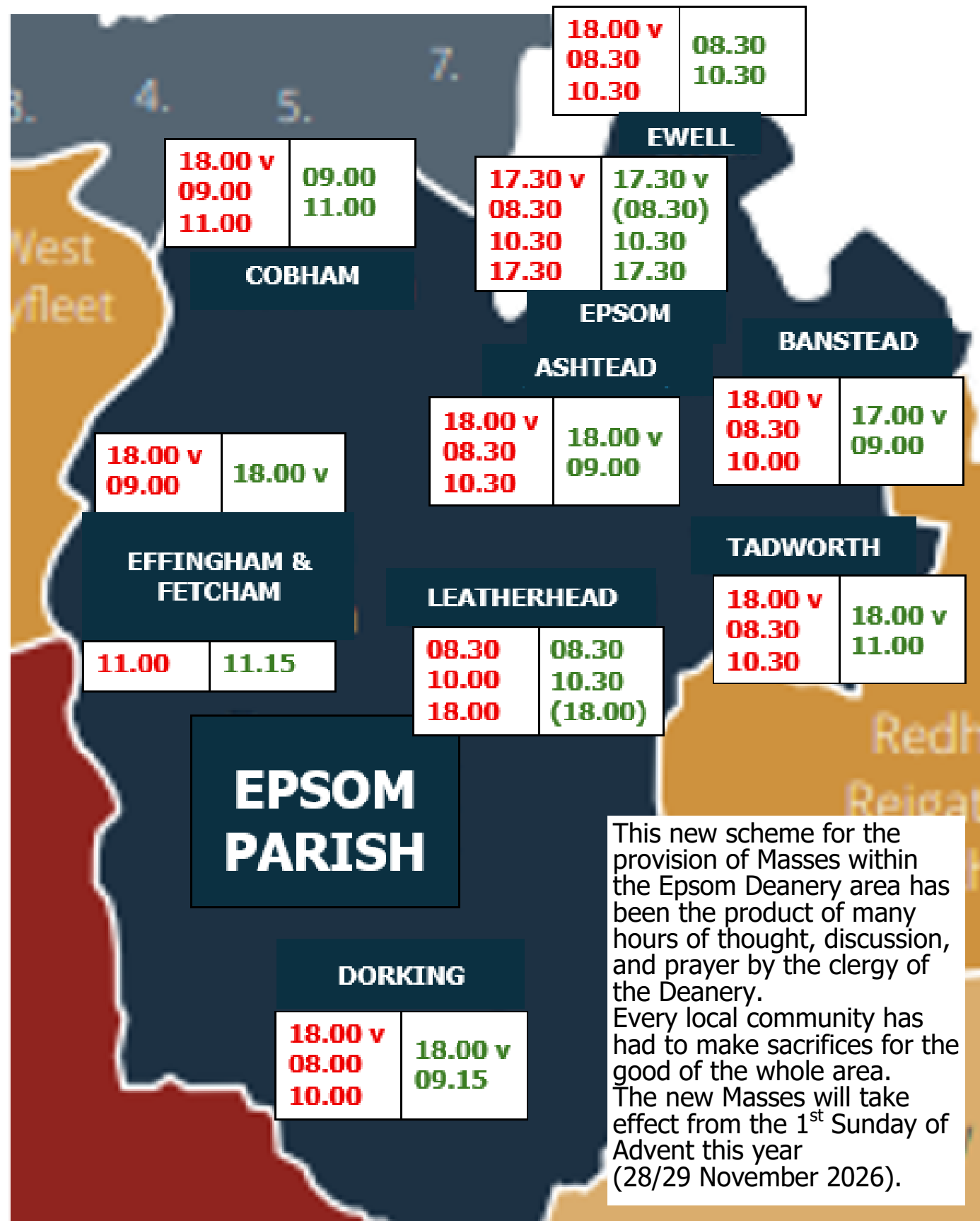
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EPSOM PARISH / DEANERY

Masses (Old & New)



Saturday Vigil	Sunday <u>am</u> Early	Sunday <u>am</u> Late	Sunday Evening	Total
x 6	x 6 (7)	x 6	x 1 (2)	19 (20)

This new scheme for the provision of Masses within the Epsom Deanery area has been the product of many hours of thought, discussion, and prayer by the clergy of the Deanery. Every local community has had to make sacrifices for the good of the whole area. The new Masses will take effect from the 1st Sunday of Advent this year (28/29 November 2026).

Day	Date	Time	Service / Intention	Donor
Sat.	3 rd October		The Blessed Martyrs of Sussex (Diocesan Saints)	
			PLEASE NOTE : No Sacrament of Reconciliation Today	
		18.00	Lazer 'Puqi' Ndreka †	M.
Sun.	4 th October		27 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A	
		09.00	For the Parishioners	
		11.00	Rosenda Sotelo - Healing	J. Delos Santos
Mon.	5 th October		St Faustina Kowalska, Virgin	
			No Service Today	
			Mass 09.30 at Effingham	
Tue.	6 th October		St Bruno, Priest	
			PLEASE NOTE : No Morning Prayer of the Church Today	
			PLEASE NOTE : No Service Today	
			Mass 10.00 at Leatherhead	
			PLEASE NOTE : No Exposition of Blessed Sacrament Today	
Wed.	7 th October		Our Lady of the Rosary	
			PLEASE NOTE : No Morning Prayer of the Church Today	
			PLEASE NOTE : No Service Today	
			Mass 09.15 at Fetcham	
Thu.	8 th October		Ferial Weekday	
			PLEASE NOTE : No Morning Prayer of the Church Today	
			PLEASE NOTE : No Service Today	
			Mass 09.15 at Effingham	
Fri.	9 th October		St John Henry Newman, Priest & Doctor (Day of Abstinence)	
			PLEASE NOTE : No Morning Prayer of the Church Today	
			PLEASE NOTE : No Service Today	
			Mass 10.00 at Leatherhead	
Sat.	10 th October		St Paulinus of York, Bishop	
			PLEASE NOTE : No Sacrament of Reconciliation Today	
		18.00	Nigel Burdfield †	
Sun.	11 th October		28 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A	
		09.00	Mary Boylan †	
		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.

Bishop Elect Stephen Wang Welcome Mass.

We have, as a parish, been allocated **FIVE** places at the Mass of Welcome for Bishop Elect Stephen which will be taking place at Worth Abbey on Saturday 24th October at 11.30.

Given the timing of the event we suggest that you bring along a packed lunch.

Travel to the event will only be by the organised coach that the diocese has arranged. For us, this will be departing from Our Lady of Sorrows, Effingham at 09.25. Return will also be to Our Lady of Sorrows but we have no timings for this.

There is a reasonable amount of parking at Our Lady of Sorrows church.

Those interested need to use the following link (first come first served)

www.abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/efcepzky?tickets=JROo

Successful ticket applications should receive an email.



DATE / MASS	WELCOME MINISTERS	READERS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	REPOSITORY AFTER MASS
SATURDAY 28 A 10/10/26 18.00	Still Required; please offer	Sr Patricia	N/A at present	A. Essien P. Hunt
SUNDAY 28 A 11/10/26 09.00	Still Required; please offer	A. Gilroy	Sr Maria TBC	B. Harris M. Jethwa
SUNDAY 28 A 11/10/26 11.00	Still Required; please offer	S. Williams	D. Yearley P. Mascolo	L. Farris V. Rose

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, Chris & Maggie Dongray, Tom Delbridge, Jonica Fox, Fiona Frank, Maureen Garner, Celine Gomes, baby Naomi Hunt, Stella Leggett, Nancy Lyall, Michael Nutcher, Fr Sebastian Paul, Brenda Parker, Pascal Smyth, Anne Sproul and John Wilkey.

THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

None

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:

John Turner †
Fr Paul Baker †
Archbishop Cyril Cowderoy †
Fr Gregory Williams †
Canon Gerald Coates †

HOLY FATHER'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION:

"... let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses."

For those who are unwell.....

those who have died recently....

those whose anniversaries occur.....

the Holy Father's Prayer Intention....



COBHAM CARE VOLUNTEER DRIVERS - New Drivers Needed. Cobham Care is a local community transport service which is run by volunteers. They give local residents who no longer drive, or who have difficulty using public transport, the independence to attend their medical appointments. You will join an established team of supportive and friendly local volunteers. It is a very rewarding experience knowing the difference you can make to your community. Please call 07913 629926 to find out more.

HOW TO PRAY - Pope Leo appointed Fr Stephen Wang as sixth bishop of our Diocese on 2nd July. In a video recorded recently:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jnVi7K8bWJE>

Bishop-elect Stephen offers a simple, practical introduction to prayer. "Prayer is wonderful," he says, "prayer is so important, but prayer can be hard as well. How many times have people come up to me as a priest and said, 'Father, I want to pray, but I don't know how to start. I don't know what to do, and I feel a bit stuck...'"

"I remember the first time I prayed as an adult, I didn't really know what to do, but I was in my bedroom. I closed my door. I sat on the edge of my bed and... just talked to God and said something like, 'Dear God, I'm not sure if you're there. I hope you're listening. These are the things on my heart, on my mind...'"

CATHOLIC CERTIFICATE OF PRACTICE / CELEBRATING ATTENDANCE AT MASS - The Diocese has updated its admissions policy so that, if a Catholic school is oversubscribed, Catholic applicants may be ranked using a '**Certificate of Catholic Practice**.' These certificate are issued by a Parish Priest to confirm that a child comes from a Catholic family regularly attending Mass on Sundays and

Holy Days of Obligation over a substantial period. Catholic families are encouraged to be actively involved in the life of the Parish as part of their own and their child's faith journey, rather than solely for the purpose of securing a school place.

Therefore those who will be applying for their child to have a place in a Catholic Secondary School in **September 2028** (and beyond) will need to bring along a *passport sized photograph* of their child to obtain a '**Celebrating Attendance at Mass**' card from the Parish Office. To

celebrate attendance, these cards will need to be stamped after each Sunday Mass (including the Saturday Vigil), starting with the Holy Day of All Saints on Sunday, 1st November, and continuing for one year.

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY - The feast day of Our Lady of the Rosary is 7th October. The month of October each year is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. It was instituted to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary.

The feast was introduced by Pope St Pius V in the year 1571 to commemorate the miraculous victory of the Christian forces at the Battle of Lepanto on 7th October 1571. The pope attributed more to the 'arms' of the Rosary than the power of cannons and the valour of the soldiers who fought there.

The Rosary as a form of prayer was given to St Dominic by Mary, the Mother of Our Lord, who entrusted it to him as an aid in the conflicts with the Albigensians. The Dominican pope, St Pius V, worked to further the spread of the Rosary and it became one of the most popular devotions in Christendom. It was the same Pope St Pius V, who in 1569, formally approved the Rosary in its present form. It had been completed by the addition of the second half of the 'Hail Mary' and the 'Glory be to the Father' at the conclusion of each mystery.

In the Middle Ages it came into being in various medieval monasteries as a substitute for the Divine Office for the lay monks and devout lay persons who did not know how to read. Instead of the 150 psalms, they would pray 150 'Our Fathers' counting them on a ring of beads known as the crown or 'corona.' With the growth in popularity of Marian devotion in the twelfth century, the 'Psalter of the Blessed Virgin Mary' developed substituting 150 'Hail Marys' in place of the 'Our Fathers.'

The 150 'Hail Marys' were subsequently subdivided into fifteen decades, with each decade referring to an event in the life of Jesus and Mary. These were further divided into episodes in the history of salvation, the joyful, sorrowful and glorious mysteries. Pope Leo XIII strongly promoted the increase of devotion to the Blessed Mother by encouraging the constant use of the Rosary. Beginning on 1 September 1883, with *Supremo Apostolatus Officio*, he wrote a total of eleven encyclicals on the Rosary, ending with *Diuturni Temporis* in 1898. Other popes have contributed to increase devotion to the Rosary by their writings. In the recent past, Pope Paul VI devoted the last section of his Apostolic Exhortation *Marialis Cultus* to the Angelus and the Rosary (MC 40-55). He wrote that "the Rosary retains an unaltered value and intact freshness."

The Rosary is primarily a scriptural prayer. This can be summarised by the traditional phrase used by Pope Pius XII that the Rosary is "a compendium of the entire Gospel." The Rosary draws its mysteries from the New Testament and is centred on the great events of the Incarnation and Redemption.

Please join together in the Rosary (at home) drawing closer to Jesus and Mary by meditating on the great mysteries of our salvation. When Fr D returns from his holiday we will celebrate one decade of the rosary after our weekday Masses on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday (if there is no Requiem Mass).