

Our Parish Liturgy

This Week (29 A)

DIVINE OFFICE	WEEK 1
ENTRANCE HYMN	18.00 N / A 09.00 N / A 11.00 Musicians
PENITENTIAL ACT	Spoken
GLORIA	18.00 Spoken 09.00 New Celtic Liturgy 11.00 Musicians
FIRST READING	Isaiah 45:1, 4-6 <i>'I have grasped the right hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before him.'</i>
PSALM RESPONSE	<i>Ascribe to the Lord glory and power.</i>
SECOND READING	1 Thessalonians 1:1-5 <i>'Remembering your faith, love, and hope.'</i>
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	<i>Alleluia, alleluia! Shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life. Alleluia!</i>
GOSPEL READING	Matthew 22:15-21 <i>'Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.'</i>
PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS	18.00 N/A 09.00 N/A 11.00 Musicians
SANCTUS	18.00 Spoken 09.00 New Celtic Liturgy 11.00 Musicians
MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION	18.00 Spoken 09.00 New Celtic Liturgy 11.00 Musicians
GREAT AMEN	18.00 Spoken 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>Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.</i>
THANKSGIVING	18.00 N / A 09.00 N / A 11.00 Musicians

RECESSION	18.00 N / A 09.00 N/A Musicians 11.00
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Next Week (30 A)

DIVINE OFFICE	WEEK 2
FIRST READING	Exodus 22:21-27 <i>'If you mistreat any widow or fatherless child, my wrath will burn against you.'</i>
PSALM RESPONSE	<i>I love you, Lord, my strength.</i>
SECOND READING	1 Thessalonians 1:5-10 <i>'You turned away from idols to serve God and to wait for his Son.'</i>
GOSPEL READING	Matthew 22:34-40 <i>'You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.'</i>
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MARRIAGE MATTERS

In his Apostolic Exhortation *AmorisLaetitia*, 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.

WE ALL NEED EACH OTHER



The Pharisees tried to trap Jesus: He told them to give to Caesar what belongs to him, "and to God what belongs to God." The world tells us to look after ourselves and not to need others. As married couples, we know that we are made by God for one another, not needy but needing to give of ourselves entirely.

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THIS WEEK:

BIBLE READING PLAN

Mo John 6-8
Tu Mt. 15-16; Mk. 7-8
We Mt. 17; Mk. 9
Th Mt. 17-18; Mk. 9
Fr John 7-10

Financial News . . .

Weekend of 11/10/26

1st Plate £ 422:70
Standing Orders £ 755:00
Contactless £ 135:00
1st To £ 1,315:70
2ⁿ £266:50 PACT
Prisoners Sunday

Thankyou for your continuing generosity to your Parish.

2nd Collection . . .

This Weekend 18/10/26

Missio (World Missions Sun.)

Gift Aid Members are able to make this collection tax efficient by using Missio's Envelope only.

Next Weekend 25/10/26

Parish Buildings Fund

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

Bite Size . . .

Some people think only intellect counts: knowing how to solve problems, knowing how to get by, knowing how to identify an advantage and seize it. But the functions of intellect are insufficient without courage, love, friendship, compassion and empathy.

Dean Koontz



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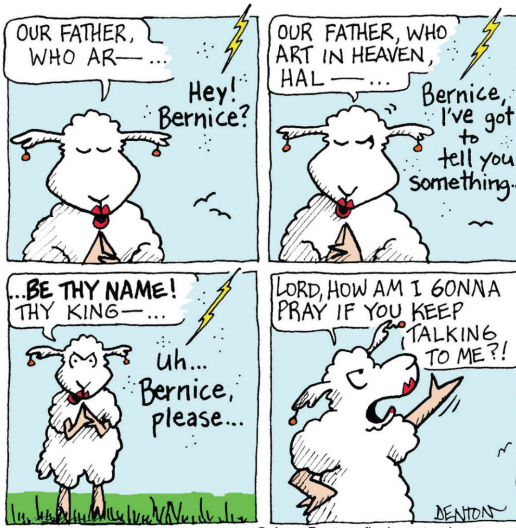
Turning the tables



The Pharisees are getting more and more uncomfortable with Jesus' teachings, so they try to turn the tables and trap him. The irony is that usually the Pharisees dislike the Herodians who are supporters of King Herod, the Roman ruler of their land. However, in their desire to unite against a common enemy - Jesus - they enlist the Herodians' help.

The Jews were required to pay taxes to their hated occupiers, the Romans. Not only were the taxes oppressive to the majority of people who were poor, but they had to be paid with Roman coins engraved with Caesar's image. Jewish laws strictly forbid images or engravings of God, and the fact that Caesar billed himself as a god was especially offensive to Jews. Understandably, Jews were resentful about the entire situation because paying the tax gave the impression that they were participating in Caesar's worship. So if Jesus were to respond that it is lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, the Pharisees would find fault with him. On the other hand, the Herodians, as representatives of the Romans, will take issue with Jesus if he suggests they shouldn't pay the taxes. Jesus responds brilliantly, refusing to give a yes or no answer. When the Pharisees hand him a Roman coin, they convict themselves. This episode takes place in the Jerusalem temple, and Jewish tradition said that they could not carry such coins in the sacred

temple. (That is why there were money changers on hand - to convert the Roman money to Jewish money for currency in the temple). So the Pharisees are "outed" for their cooperation with Rome, and Jesus moves the conversation to a different level. The coin with the emperor's image belongs to the emperor to begin with - so give it back to him, he says. Then, he lays out the real challenge for those trying to trap him - discern what is of God and give that your attention and respect.



"I have called you by your name...I am the Lord and there is no other."

Sheepish Question:

What am I missing in my prayer?

Questions of the Week

- History is full of examples of repressive rulers requiring the oppressed people to do demeaning things. Can you give a more recent example?
- When have you experienced a conflict between your religious beliefs and the laws of a secular government?

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.

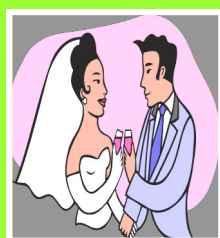
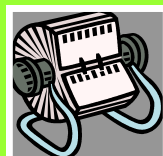
Parish Car Park : All Parishioners attending Mass and using our Car Park need to make sure that they have fully completed our 'Parishioner Registration/Census Form' (available from the Parish Office) before using the Car Park; this ensures that your current vehicle registration is lodged in the system. 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

Second week into his holiday now, and I hope that he is beginning to feel the benefit of no phone calls, no doorbells, no questions



Churchmouse

Children's Word Search 29th Sunday Year A

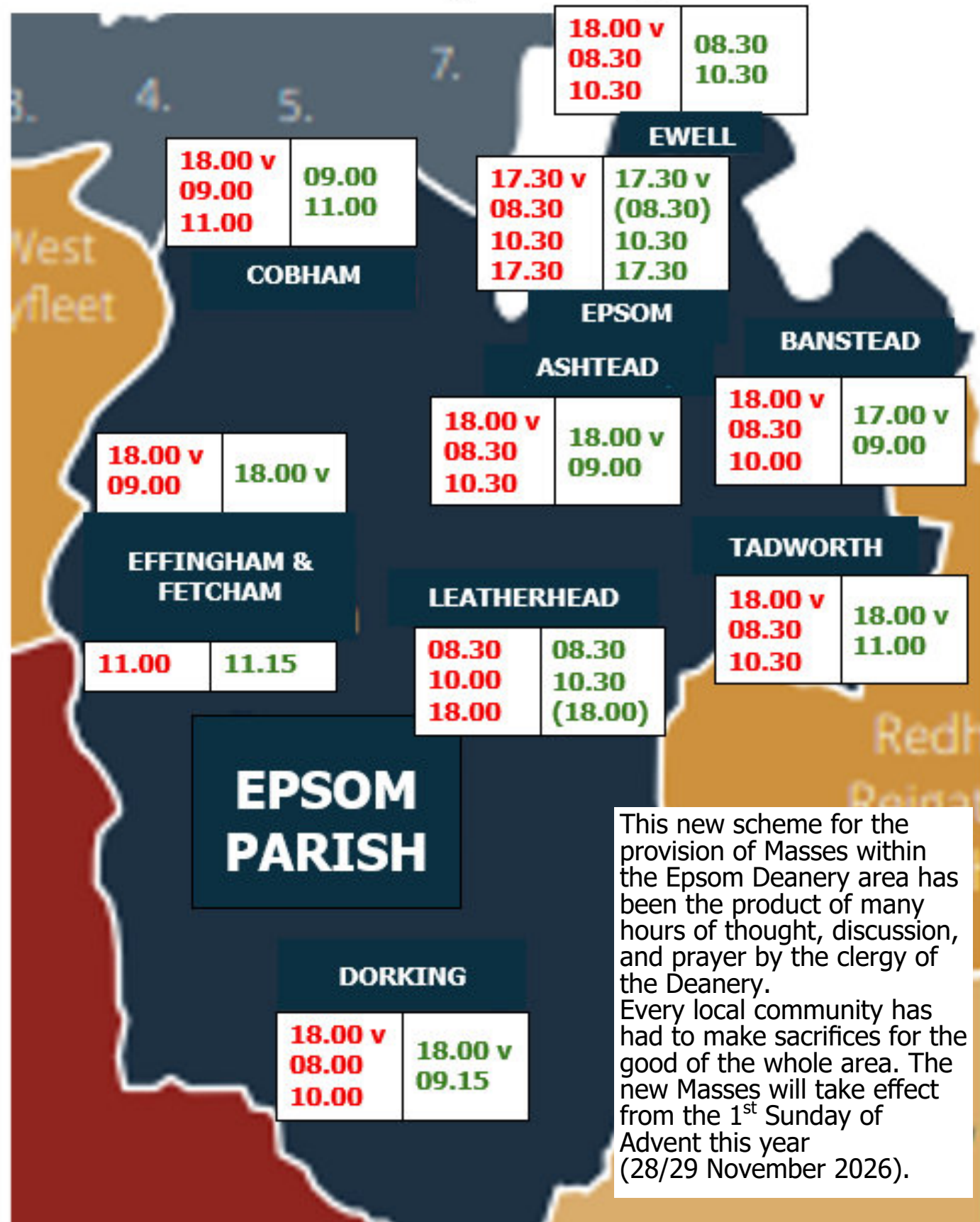
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PHARISEES TRAP DISCIPLES
HERODIANS TEACH OPINION
MALICE TAX HYPOCRITES
DENARIUS MONEY HEAD



EPSOM PARISH / DEANERY

Masses (Old & New)



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).

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)

Day	Date	Time	Service / Intention	Donor
Sat.	17 th October		St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr	
			PLEASE NOTE : No Sacrament of Reconciliation Today	
			☐ Live-Stream / Recorded 18.00 Rev. Canon Patrick Pearson †	
Sun.	18 th October		29 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A	
			09.00 For the parishioners	
			☐ Live-Stream / Recorded 11.00 Fred & Betty Wilson †	D. & S. Wilson
Mon.	19 th October		St Philip Howard, Martyr (Patron of the Diocese)	
			No Service Today	
			Mass 10.00 at Weybridge	
Tue.	20 th October		Ferial Weekday	
			PLEASE NOTE : No Morning Prayer of the Church Today	
			☐ Live-Streamed PLEASE NOTE : No Service Today	
			Mass 10.00 at Weybridge	
			PLEASE NOTE : No Exposition of Blessed Sacrament Today	
Wed.	21 st October		Ferial Weekday	
			PLEASE NOTE : No Morning Prayer of the Church Today	
			☐ Live-Streamed PLEASE NOTE : No Service Today	
			Mass 09.30 at Hersham	
Thu.	22 nd October		St John Paul II, Pope	
			PLEASE NOTE : No Morning Prayer of the Church Today	
			☐ Live-Streamed PLEASE NOTE : No Service Today	
			Mass 19.30 at Weybridge	
Fri.	23 rd October		Ferial Weekday (Day of Abstinence)	
			PLEASE NOTE : No Morning Prayer of the Church Today	
			☐ Live-Streamed PLEASE NOTE : No Service Today	
			Mass 12 noon at Weybridge	
Sat.	24 th October		Ferial Weekday	
			PLEASE NOTE : No Sacrament of Reconciliation Today	
			☐ Live-Stream / Recorded 18.00 Rev. Peter Madden †	
Sun.	25 th October		30 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A	
			09.00 Fr Tony Collins	
			☐ 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.

St Philip Howard

One of the Forty Martyrs of England and Wales. Philip was the earl of Arundel and Surrey and, although a Catholic, led a religiously apathetic life until his personal conversion, after which he was a zealous Catholic in the midst of Elizabethan England. Arrested by authorities, he was placed in the Tower of London in 1585 and condemned to death in 1589. The sentence was never carried out, and

Philip languished in the Tower until his death at the age of thirty eight. Beatified in 1929, he was included among the English martyrs canonized in 1970 by Pope Paul VI. St Philip is the Patron of the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton.



DATE / MASS	WELCOME MINISTERS	READERS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	REPOSITORY AFTER MASS
SATURDAY 30 A 24/10/26 18.00	Still Required; please offer	Sr Patricia	N/A at present	P. Hunt A. Essien
SUNDAY 30 A 25/10/26 09.00	Still Required; please offer	G. Fisher	Sr Maria D. Meehan	B. Harris M. Jethwa
SUNDAY 30 A 25/10/26 11.00	Still Required; please offer	A. Cowper	D. Yearley E. Twist	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:

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:

Mary 'Peggy' Swain †
Sr Julia Lanagan †
Algy Allington †
Joanna Watling †
Joan McKeeve †
Canon Gordon Albion †
Fr Aidan White-Spunner †
Canon Geoffrey Burke †
Fr Jerome Bertram †
Fr Kenneth McCarthy †
Fr John Comerford †
Canon Bernard Thom †

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....

BISHOP-ELECT STEPHEN WANG'S MASS OF EPISCOPAL ORDINATION - 19th October (this Monday), 12 noon, Arundel Cathedral. Fr Stephen's Episcopal Ordination will include invited representatives from across our family of faith, with people across our Diocese invited to join the celebration online. Prayer cards are available in the Narthex. Parishioners are able to watch the Ordination on Arundel Cathedral's livestream:

www.abdiocese.org.uk/livestream



BISHOP WANG'S MASS OF WELCOME - Next Saturday (24th) at Worth Abbey there will be a celebration of Mass to welcome our new Bishop. This is a ticket only event (due to restricted numbers) at which five of our parishioners will be present.

NOVEMBER MONTH OF THE DEAD - Traditionally the month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls in purgatory. The Church commemorates all her faithful children who have departed this life, but have not yet attained the joys of heaven. St Paul warns us that we must not be ignorant concerning the dead, nor sorrowful, "even as others who have no hope . . . for the Lord himself shall come down from heaven . . . and the dead who are in Christ shall rise." The Church has always taught us to pray for those who have gone into eternity. Even in the Old Testament prayers and alms were offered for the souls of the dead by those who thought "well and religiously concerning the resurrection." It was believed that "they who had fallen asleep with godliness had great grace laid up for them" and that "it is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins." We know that a defiled soul cannot enter into heaven.

NOVEMBER BOOK OF THE DEAD - As usual Parishioners are invited to complete a 'Dead List' (available in the narthex) for any family or friends who have died since last November. These will then be added to our Parish Book of the Dead which will be placed on the sanctuary throughout November. It is customary for these lists to be accompanied by a Mass Intention for the 'Holy Souls' (the diocese has stipulated that the donation for a Holy Souls Mass is £10). Each weekend during November one of our Masses will be celebrated for the Holy Souls.

NOVEMBER BLESSING OF GRAVES - Our annual Blessing of Graves will take place on Sunday 8th November at 16.00 (Cobham Cemetery) and will be followed by tea and scones in the Parish Centre. Please put the date in your diaries now.

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.

PARISH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR 2026, SAVE THE DATE - Will be taking place on Saturday 5th December in the Sacred Heart Parish Centre between 10.00 and 13.00. All of our favourite stalls will be present as usual: Books, Glass & China, Cakes & Biscuits, Gifts & Fancy Goods, Jewellery, Toys & Puzzles, Bottle Tombola, Crafts & Handmade, Children's 'Pick a Stix,' Grand Draw - along with Repository Goods and Refreshments.

If you have missed the distribution of Grand Draw Tickets on previous weekends please collect yours as you leave Mass this weekend; we would like ALL households to take FOUR books of tickets to try and sell to friends, family and work colleagues (more will be available should you sell out!

MASS INTENTIONS - Each of our Masses is offered by the priest for a particular Mass intention (posted in the newsletter the previous weekend).

Offering Mass intentions dates back to the early Church. Inscriptions on tombs in the Roman catacombs show requests for prayer, and St Monica asked her son, St Augustine: "One thing only I ask you, that you remember me at the altar of the Lord." There is no greater prayer than the Mass, because it is the perfect offering of Jesus, the Son of God, to His heavenly Father. At Mass, we are free to join our prayers with the intention of the priest, and to pray for any number of our own personal intentions.

A longstanding practice exists in the Catholic Church of offering a specified amount of money (called a Mass offering or Mass stipend) for a particular intention to be remembered by the priest in the celebration of Mass. The stipend supports the financial needs of the priest and is a contribution to his upkeep and day-to-day living expenses. Envelopes for Masses can be found at the back of the church.