Our Parish Liturgy

This Week (30 C)

DIVINE OFFICE WEEK 2

ENTRANCE HYMN 18.00 N/A 09.00 N/A 11.00 Musicians

PENITENTIAL Spoken

GLORIA 18.00 N/A 09.00 N/A 11.00 Musicians

FIRST Sirach 35:15b-17, 20-22b
'The prayer of the humble pierces the clouds.'

PSALM
RESPONSE

The lowly one called, and the Lord heard him.

SECOND 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
'There is laid up for me the crown of righteousness.'

GOSPEL Alleluia, alleluia!
ACCLAMATION God was in Cl

God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 18:9-14

'The tax collector went down to his house justified, rather than the

Pharisee.'

PRESENTATION 18.00 N/A 09.00 N/A

11.00 Musicians

SANCTUS
18.00 Spoken
09.00 Spoken
11.00 Musicians

MEMORIAL 18.00 Spoken 09.00 Spoken 11.00 Musicians

GREAT AMEN 18.00 Spoken

09.00 Spoken 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

We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

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 (ALL SAINTS C)

DIVINE OFFICE WEEK 3

FIRST Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14
'Behold, a great multitude

'Behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes, and peoples, and languages.

PSALM
Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord.

SECOND 1 John 3:1-3

READING 'We shall see God as he is.'

GOSPEL Matthew 5:1-12a
'Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is areat in heaven.'

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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.

PIERCING THE CLOUDS WITH OUR HUMBLE PRAYERS



'The humble man's prayers pierce the clouds.' That is why Jesus said the prayers of the repentant tax collector won God's favour, and why the judgmental attitudes of the Pharisees didn't. There is a bit of the Pharisee in all of us; humility is knowing the truth about ourselves. Proud people deceive themselves; let us grow in humility together.

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Sacred Heart Parish Newsletter

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



Volume 06 Issue 49

26th October 2025: 30th Sunday Year C

THIS WEEK:

BIBLE READING PLAN

Mo Job 12-14; Ps. 100; Rev. 13

Tu Job 15-17; Rev. 14

We Job 18-20; Ps. 141; Rev. 15

Th Job 21-23; Ps. 101; Rev. 16 Fr Job 24-27; Rev.17

Financial News . .

Weekend of 19/10/25

 1^{st} Plate £ 391:81 Standing Orders £ 755:00 Contactless £ 77:00 1^{st} Total £ 1,223:81

2nd £ 665:35 World Missions (Missio)

Thankyou for your continuing generosity to your Parish. 2nd Collection . . .

This Weekend 26/10/25 Parish Buildings Fund

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

Next Weekend 02/11/25 National Catholic Fund Levy

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

Bite Size . . .

If thou desire the love of God and man, be humble, for the proud heart, as it loves none but itself, is beloved of none but itself. Humility enforces where neither virtue, nor strength, nor reason can prevail.

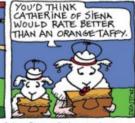
Francis Quarles

Confronting arrogance

After the Gospel passage last week in which Jesus reminded his disciples that God hears the cries of those who call out to him "day and night" (like the widow in the parable), the first reading today makes the same point. God hears the cry of the weak, the oppressed, and the vulnerable. However, Sirach insists God shows "no favourites" and is a God of justice. Jesus will drive that point home in the Gospel reading, once again reminding his hearers that human ways are not always God's ways.







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"Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

Sheepish Question:

Without dressing myself up, how would I rate saint-wise?

Immediately we know who Jesus' audience is in this Gospel reading: "those who were convinced of their own righteousness and despised everyone else," usually identified as the scribes and Pharisees. As in other places in the Gospels, Jesus is not shy about confronting arrogance and judgmentalism when he sees it. He consistently speaks to people what they need to hear, building them up when they have been beaten down by life, and taking people down a peg

when they need that. Last week, his words offered encouragement for his followers to persist when life is difficult. This week it is a challenge to those who think they have it all together and don't need God's mercy because they do everything right.

Ironically, the "prayer" of the Pharisee in this parable isn't really even directed at God. He is speaking to himself and telling God how well he compares to the sinful tax collector he notices out of the corner of his eye. He makes sure to boast, lest God has missed it, that his fasting and tithing go above and beyond what is required by Jewish law. So' what is the point of his "prayer" anyway? What does he want from God? It doesn't seem he has any need for God or anything from God. He is so full of himself and his own accomplishments; there is no room left in him for God. He goes home without receiving any gifts from God-because he doesn't think he needs any.

The tax collector, on the other hand, knows his life is a mess and knows he needs God's mercy. His prayer is addressed straight to God, without comparing himself to the Pharisee nearby. He focuses on his own failures and asks for what he needs: mercy. Jesus tells us that he goes home having received the gift.

Questions of the week

- Which kind of message do you most need to hear from Jesus at this point in your life, encouragement or challenge? Or is there something else you need to hear more?
- If you were to go to God in prayer today as honestly and humbly as the tax collector, what would you ask for?

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

Parish Office

Parish Secretary: Sarah Cox (01932) 860244

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 <u>five</u> 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 <u>do not</u> 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

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 <u>twelve months minimum notice</u> 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 <u>do not</u> 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.

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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 OR codes** any found are **scams!**

Normal Office Hours: Monday to Friday 09.30 - 12.30.

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FROM THE CHURCH MOUSE

The musings of one of God's smallest creatures on events in and around the Parish over the past seven days

More snaps of the accommodations and the local beach



CHILDREN'S WORD SEARCH 30TH SUNDAY YEAR C

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Lectio Divina Prayer This Week . . .

STAYING RIGHT WITH GOD

Luke 18:9-14

Elesus also told this parable to people who were sure of their own goodness and despised everybody else. ¹⁰"Once there were two men who went up to the Temple to pray: one was a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee stood apart by himself and prayed, 'I thank you, God, that I am not greedy, dishonest, or an adulterer, like everybody else. I thank you that I am not like that tax collector over there. ¹²I fast two days a

week, and I give you a tenth of all my income.'

13"But the tax collector stood at a distance and would not even raise his face to heaven, but beat on his breast and said, 'God, have pity on me, a sinner!'

14 I tell you," said Jesus, "the tax collector, and not the Pharisee, was in the right with God when he went home. For all who make themselves great will be humbled, and all who

humble themselves will be made great.

Other Readings: Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14, 16-19; Psalm 34:1-2, 16-18, 22; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

LECTIO:

Jesus told this parable originally 'to people who were sure of their own goodness and despised everybody else' (verse 9). That is the key to understanding this passage.

Much of Jesus' teaching in Luke's Gospel opens the doors of the Kingdom of God to let in sinners who are willing to repent. By contrast the Pharisees seem set on keeping sinners out.

Jesus uses the behaviour of the Pharisee and the tax collector to make his point clear. For the people gathered around Jesus the characteristics of the two personalities he is using are well known.

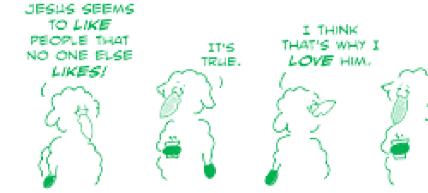
The Pharisees are considered the 'professionals' when it comes to prayer. What they didn't know about religious law and how to observe it wasn't really worth knowing. They are officially 'good.'

But the tax collector is assumed to be corrupt – what else could he be since he was colluding with the pagan Romans occupying their country? Tax collectors were the puppets of the Roman authorities; they collected taxes from their own people and made themselves rich in the process by taking far more tax than they should.

As the parable unfolds Jesus' purpose in using these two characters becomes clearer. The Pharisee prays in a proud boastful way, only seeing what he does right and others do wrong. He forgets to confess his sins. The tax collector does the opposite. He knows he needs God's forgiveness, and in acknowledging his sinfulness before God he is ready and able to receive God's forgiveness and grace. The Pharisee is not and so does not receive

We are challenged in the same way. Every single person has sinned and each one needs God's forgiveness.

The Pharisees actually sought to bring a religious renewal among the Jews of Jesus's own time. Sadly they failed to accept Jesus' message. They did not see him as the one sent by God to save humanity. They opposed Jesus, seeing him as an impostor, and refused to believe in him.





MEDITATIO:

- Consider the reasons why God hates sin.
- What is your attitude to sin in your own life? Do you take it seriously and seek forgiveness? Or do you excuse it, or compare yourself with others and think you are better than them?
- Consider 1 John 1:8-9: 'If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and there is no truth in us. But if we confess our sins to God, he will keep his promise and do what is right: he will forgive us our sins and purify us from all our wrongdoing.' Do you ask for pardon for your sins? Catholics know that they can confess their sins to their priest and receive forgiveness from God.
- We can easily fall into the trap of judging others who fall short of our own standards. Why is this dangerous? How can we avoid it? What attitude should we have?

ORATIO:

Reflect on today's Gospel reading. Let God reveal any areas of sin that you need to put right. Consider whether you have taken God's forgiveness for granted. Give thanks for God's mercy and acknowledge your dependence on him.

CONTEMPLATIO:

Use Psalms 34 and 51 to enrich your time with God today. Consider his great faithfulness and mercy.

Services For The Coming Week

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<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	Service / Intention	<u>Donor</u>
Sat. 2	25 th October	Ferial Weekday		
		_	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
□ Live	-Stream /Recorded	18.00	Fr Tony Collins	M. Drury
Sun. 26 th October		30 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C		
□ Live	-Stream /Recorded	09.00	Yola Boylan †	M.
□ Live	-Stream /Recorded	11.00	For the Parishioners	
Mon. 2	27 th October	Ferial Weekday		
			No Service Today	Mass 09.30 at Walton
Tue. 2	8 th October	Sts Simon & Jude	, Apostles	
		PLEASE	NOTE: No Morning Prayer of the Church Today	
	Live-Streamed		PLEASE NOTE : No Service Today	Mass 09.15 at Effingham
		PLEASE NO	OTE: No Exposition of Blessed Sacrament Today	
Wed. 2	29 th October	Ferial Weekday		
		09.15	Morning Prayer of the Church	[p.p. 126 & 493]
	Live-Streamed	09.30	In honour of St Joseph	
Thu. 30 th October		Ferial Weekday		
		PLEASE	NOTE: No Morning Prayer of the Church Today	
☐ Live-Streamed			PLEASE NOTE: No Service Today	Mass 09.15 at Effingham
ri. 3	31 st October	Ferial Weekday (L	Day of Abstinence)	
		09.15	Morning Prayer of the Church	[p.p. 148 & 493]
	Live-Streamed	09.30	Canon Tony Clarke †	M. Drury
Sat. 1	st November	Ferial Weekday		
		17.00 - 17.30	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
□ Live	-Stream /Recorded	18.00	Mri Kota †	M.
Sun. 2	^{2nd} November	ALL SAINTS, YE	AR C	
□ Live	-Stream /Recorded	09.00	For the Parishioners	
□ Live	-Stream /Recorded	11.00	Holy Souls	
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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.

Sts Simon & Jude

Acts. Matthew and Mark call mentioned elsewhere in the Gospels, except of course where all the apostles are mentioned. Scholars hold that he is not the author of I the Letter of Jude. Actually, Jude had the same name as Judas Iscariot. Evidently because of the disgrace of that name, it was shortened to "Jude" in English.

Simon is mentioned on all four lists of the apostles. On two of them he is called "the

Jude is so named by Luke and | Zealot." The Zealots were a Jewish sect that represented him Thaddeus. He is not an extreme understanding of Jewish nationalism. For them, the messianic promise of the Old Testament meant that the Jews were to be a free and independent nation. God alone was their king, and any payment of taxes to the Romans - the very domination of the Romans - was in fact a blasphemy against God.

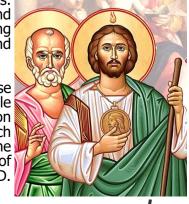
No doubt some of the Zealots were the spiritual heirs of Jerusalem in A.D. the Maccabees, carrying on 70. their ideals of religion and

independence. But many were the counterparts of

modern terrorists. They raided and attacking killed, both foreigners and "collaborating"

Jews.

They were those chiefly responsible for the rebellion against Rome which ended up with the complete ruin of



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 praverful wav.



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 11 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

25,000 20,000 15,887 15,000 FUND BUILDINGS 10,000 5,000

Prayers Please

FOR THOSE UNWELL AT THIS TIME: Jay Adams, Sr Anne

Bayley, Jim Begley, Maggie Dongray, Tom Delbridge, Fiona Frank, Maureen Garner, Joana Delos ■ Santes, baby Naomi Hunt, Michael Nutcher, Fr Sebastian Paul, Pascal Smyth and Anne I Sproul.

THE RECENTLY DECEASED: Fr John Garry †

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:

Magnus Granström † Sally Cowper † Yolá Boylan † Eileen Kirby † Mgr Barry Wymes † Fr James Pitts †

Fr Peter Ap Morris † Fr John Sheehy † Fr Charles Slaughter + Fr John Stapleton +

Fr Gerald Vann †

HOLY FATHER'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION:

. that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity."

For those who are unwell.....

those who have died recently....

those whose anniversaries occur.....

the Holy Father's Prayer Intention....

Parish Roundup

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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 praers 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 9th November at 15.30 (Cobham Cemetery). Please put the date in your diaries now.

PARISH BUILDINGS FUND - This weekend's Retiring Collection will be our monthly contribution to our buildings fund. We are greatly blessed to have excellent buildings and facilities at our disposal as a Parish. This does mean that we have the duty to develop and maintain them for future generations yet to come. These collections help to go some way to funding such maintenance; please be as generous as possible.

MUSIC GROUP REHEARSALS FOR PARISH CAROL SERVICE - Our Music Group is presently practicing for our Parish Carol Service on Sunday 21st December; if you are a musician or someone who likes to sing in a group with others you are warmly welcomed to join the group; Scheduled rehearsals are: Tue. 4th Nov. 19.30, Wed. 26th Nov. 19.30, Wed. 10th Dec. 19.30, and Sat. 20th Dec. 10.30.

PRISON CHAPLANCY VOLUNTEERS - 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

aseel.gilbert@justice.gov.uk or 201483 471133 CLOCKS GO BACK! - Did you get caught out? This weekend (Sunday 26th October) British Summertime came to an end and our clocks should have been put back by one hour. Fr D is always amused by those few parishioners who suddenly decide to come to the 11.00 Mass an hour early - presumably to say their prayers before Mass begins.

RED MISSION BOXES (MISSIO) - Missio is the Pope's own Charity supporting new and poor parishes across the world. It is now time for the sixth monthly emptying of these boxes. Please can you bring it to your normal weekend Mass or to the Parish Office by 7th December; making sure that your name and address are correctly completed on the underside label of the box. Thank you. Esmée Twist - Missio Local secretary Email:



esmeetwist@gmail.com

POPE LEO INVITES ALL TO PRAY THE ROSARY FOR PEACE DURING OCTOBER - "I invite everyone, each day of the coming month, to pray the Rosary for peace

personally, and in the family." he said.

Notre Dame School Reception Open Taster Event: Thursday 13th November 08.15 – 10.15

At Notre Dame, an all-girls Reception offers a nurturing and inspiring environment where curiosity is celebrated, independence is encouraged and strong foundations are built.

- Year-round provision for working families
- Specialist lessons in Spanish, music, swimming, forest school & more
- Dedicated, caring staff and small class sizes
- A seamless introduction to Prep School life

Enjoy phonics and maths demonstrations by current students and an open dance session with a qualified dance teacher. Book your place at www.notredame.co.uk/admissions/#visit-us

