Our Parish Liturgy

This Week (St Philip Howard)							
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 Spoken 11.00 Musicians						
FIRST READING	Wisdom 3:1-9 'Like a sacrificial whole burnt offering he accepted them.'						
PSALM RESPONSE	Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.						
SECOND READING	2 Corinthians 4:7-15 'Carrying in the body the death of Jesus.'						
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Alleluia!						
GOSPEL READING	Matthew 10:17-22 'You will be dragged before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them and the Gentiles.'						
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 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 tell you solemnly: unless a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it remains a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest.						
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 (30 C)

DIVINE OFFICE WEEK 2

Sirach 35:15b-17, 20-22b **FIRST READING**

'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 **READING**

'There is laid up for me the crown of riahteousness.

GOSPEL Luke 18:9-14 READING

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

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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.

PRAYER IS ESSENTIAL FOR A DEEPER LOVING



Today, Jesus encourages us to pray often and never lose heart. Praying together is a time for thanking God for His presence with us and for the blessing of our love for each other. We ask God to help us to forgive hurts, to share ourselves more deeply and to listen better. In darkness, pain or joy, He is there.

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THIS WEEK:

BIBLE READING PLAN

Mo Ezk. 16-18; Jn. 6

Tu Ezk. 19-21; Ps. 84; Jn. 7 We Ezk. 22-24; Ps.134; Jn. 8

Th Ezk. 25-27; Ps. 85; Jn. 9

Fr Ezk. 28-30: Jn. 10

Financial News . .

Weekend of 12/10/25

1st Plate £ 577:91 Standing Orders £ 755:00

Contactless £ 160:00 1st Total £ 1,492:91

2nd P.A.C.T(Prisoners) £429:52

Thankyou for your continuing generosity to your Parish.

2nd Collection . . .

This Weekend 19/10/25 **World Missions (Missio)**

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

Next Weekend 26/10/25 **Parish Buildings Fund**

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

Bite Size . . .

For prayer is nothing else than being on terms of friendship with God

St Teresa of Avila



Sacred Heart Parish Newsletter

for the Roman Catholic community of Cobham, Oxshott,



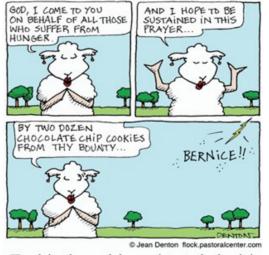
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19th October 2025 : St Philip Howard

The widow wins

[Readings from 29th Sunday of Year C]

In the first reading, the Israelites defeat Amalek's forces on their way to the Promised Land. This time, Moses and his staff can't do it alone-Moses needs the support of Aaron and Hur during the long battle. Likewise, the second reading from 2 Timothy encourages readers to remain steadfast in their faithfulness, persisting "whether it is convenient or inconvenient." The parable of the dishonest judge concludes this cycle of teaching about the need for persistence without growing weary.



"Proclaim the word; be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient."

Sheepish Question:

What do I seek to sustain my commitment to the

Right at the outset of the Gospel reading, Jesus tells us the "moral of the story" before sharing the parable of the unjust judge. The point, he says, is to "pray always and not to lose heart." Upon hearing this, some of us may immediately lose heart, knowing that realistically we can't "pray always." However, the original Greek sense of this phrase is to practice consistent prayer, not continual and perpetual prayer. The second half of the phrase,

sometimes translated as "without becoming weary" or "not to lose heart, has the connotation of not giving up or stopping because of discouragement. Surely this kind of prayer is possible for all of us: consistent and determined, even when we grow weary or discouraged. The widow's story certainly bears out this description.

In ancient Israel, widows were due particular care and concern from the authorities because they were one of the most vulnerable classes of people. In fact, kings and leaders were judged by their treatment of widows. Many Old Testament passages called for the special protection of widows. "Cursed is anyone who withholds justice from the foreigner, the fatherless, or the widow" (Dt. 27:19). Immediately, Jesus' hearers would have been on the side of the widow, and concerned about the cold-hearted judge who cared nothing for her or God's laws. Probably they were delighted by her courage and persistence, and humoured by the possibility that she might actually sock it to him and give him a black eye (as the original Greek suggests!). If a poor, powerless woman had the pluck to keep demanding justice from an unfair judge, certainly the disciples can learn persistence from her, trusting that God cares for them far more than the judge cared for the people under his jurisdiction.

Questions of the week

- Does it make a difference for you to understand Jesus' teaching as one of praying consistently with out giving up instead of praying perpetually? Is that possible for you?
- When have you experienced-or heard of-a vulnerable person or class of people clamour for justice until they won?

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

Parish Office

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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 Partisms do not take place during the coarsens of Advent 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

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!**



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





Just a few snaps of the accommodation that Fr D has found for himself on this year's holiday.
Temperatures are holding up well and he has found some great places to eat . . Church\'\'mouse

CHILDREN'S WORD SEARCH [29TH SUNDAY YEAR C]

O E N Y T V J T T A N Q C C N Y M BOTHERING ME DISCIPLES SSELERACWEEUQ A T DAY OR NIGHT CARELESS R L I I D F F E B R R Q FEARLESS SELPICSIDIADYGOD DOEDEQDXKKGF EVOLBYDBMNM D R R Z X S D G X O L E T I N **FAITH** Z R J F R S Z R J X A Z Y E F S A WIDOW



JUSTICE

JESUS









Lectio Divina Prayer This Week . . .

DON'T GIVE UP

[Readings for 29th Sunday Year C]

Luke 18:1-8

¹Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to teach them that they should always pray and never become discouraged. ²"In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected people. ³And there was a widow in that same town who kept coming to him and pleading for her rights, saying, 'Help me against my opponent!' For a long time the judge refused to act, but at last he said to himself, 'Even though I don't fear God or respect people, 'yet because of all the trouble this widow is giving me, I will see to it that she gets her rights. If I don't, she will keep on coming and finally wear me out!'

⁶And the Lord continued, "Listen to what that corrupt judge said. ⁷Now, will God not judge in favour of his own people who cry to him day and night for help? Will he be slow to help them? ⁸I tell you, he will judge in their favour and do it quickly. But will the Son of Man find faith on earth when he comes?

Other Readings: Exodus 17:8-13; Psalm 121; 2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:2

LECTIO:

Jesus is a master at making complex ideas clear. Here he uses a simple story to explain the importance of perseverance, which he links to praver.

The widow who appeals to the judge is seeking justice. She simply wants him to uphold her rights so her opponent complies with the law. But for some reason the judge keeps refusing to hear her case.

Eventually the judge gives in, not because it is the right thing to do, but because he realises this woman just won't give up. He can't face the thought of her coming to him time after time so he concedes and judges in her

Jesus then contrasts the behaviour of the corrupt judge with God. The differences are so great it is like comparing black and white. Jesus assures us that God will judge in favour of his people and he will do it swiftly. Why? Because God is good and just. So we needn't fear asking for God's help because he will surely answer (first half of verse 8).

In the second half of verse 8 Jesus asks another question: 'But will the Son of Man find faith on earth when he comes?' What does this have to do with persistence in prayer?

Perhaps Jesus is saying that persevering prayer is sustained by faith. If you believe God loves you then you don't stop praying, even if God does not answer immediately.

More importantly, Jesus implies that his return may be longer than some expect. So there is a link with

persistence and endurance especially for the faithful who pray.

Persistent prayer encourages a faithful hope and that is where Jesus started his parable. It links to the verses in Luke 21:34-36 about remaining watchful in prayer because no one knows the time when Jesus will return. And this was just as true for the disciples as it is for us today.



MEDITATIO:

- Think of times when you have had to wait a long time for God's answer to your prayers. What encouraged you to keep persevering and not give up?
- Why do you think God doesn't always answer our prayers immediately or sometimes says 'no'?
- Consider the parallel between this passage and Matt 7:7-11 which also teaches about persistence in prayer: 'Bad as you are, you know how to give good things to your children. How much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

ORATIO:

Psalm 121:2 reminds us that, 'My help will come from the Lord who made heaven and earth.' Why not bring the things that concern you to God again in prayer today? Ask for his help not to give up as you wait to see his response. Give thanks that the all powerful creator of the universe will not fail us.

Consider Paul's words in 2 Timothy 3:14 – 4.2, particularly verses 16-17 below. What do they mean to you? 'All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching the truth, rebuking error, correcting faults, and giving instruction for right living, so that the person who serves God may be fully qualified and equipped to do every kind of good deed.

Services For The Coming Week

Time **Service / Intention Donor**

Sat.	18 th October	St Luke, Evangelist		
			Sacrament of Reconciliation	
□ Liv	ve-Stream /Recorded	18.00	Lizzie Wakeling	M. Drur
Sun.	19 th October	ST PHILIP HOWARD (CO-PA		
□ Liv	ve-Stream /Recorded	09.00	Jim Begley (90 th)	
□ Liv	ve-Stream /Recorded	11.00	For the Parishioners	
Mon.	20 th October	Ferial Weekday		
			No Service Today	Mass 10.00 at Leatherhead
Tue.	21st October	Ferial Weekday		
		PLEASE NOTE : N	o Morning Prayer of the Church Today	
		P	PLEASE NOTE: No Service Today	Mass 10.00 at Leatherhead
		PLEASE NOTE : No E	xposition of Blessed Sacrament Today	

Wed. 22nd October St John Paul II, Pope PLEASE NOTE: No Morning Prayer of the Church Today

PLEASE NOTE: No Service Today Mass 09.30 at Walton

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Thu. 23rd October Ferial Weekday PLEASE NOTE: No Morning Prayer of the Church Today

PLEASE NOTE: No Service Today Mass 10.00 at Leatherhead

24th October Ferial Weekday (Day of Abstinence) PLEASE NOTE: No Morning Prayer of the Church Today

PLEASE NOTE: No Service Today Mass 09.30 at Walton

25th October Ferial Weekday 17.00 - 17.30 **Sacrament of Reconciliation** □ Live-Stream /Recorded 18.00

M. Drury Fr Tony Collins 26th October **30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C** Sun. □ Live-Stream /Recorded 09.00 Yola Bovlan † For the Parishioners □ Live-Stream / Recorded 11.00

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 John Paul II

Before John Paul II's funeral that last Easter Sunday of his ■ Mass in St. Peter's Square, I life, the Holy Father, marked hundreds of thousands of by suffering, came once Jesus Christ. Amen. for a brief moment to pray | Apostolic Palace and one last before his body, which lay in state inside St. Peter's for several days. The media coverage of his funeral was unprecedented.

Presiding at the funeral Mass, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger then dean of the College of Cardinals who later became Pope Benedict XVI - finished his homily by saying: "None of us can ever forget how, in

people had waited patiently more to the window of the time gave his blessing *urbi et orbi* (to the city and to the world').

"We can be sure that our beloved pope is standing today at the window of the Father's house, that sees us and blesses us. Yes, bless us, Holy Father. We entrust your dear soul to the Mother of God, your Mother, who guided you each day and who will guide you now to the glory of her Son, our Lord



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Parish Ministries For Next Weekend

DATE / MASS	WELCOME MINISTERS	<u>Readers</u>	Extraordinary Ministers	REPOSITORY AFTER MASS
SATURDAY 30 C 25/10/25 18.00	Still Required; please offer	J. Granström	N/A at present	P. Hunt A. Essien
SUNDAY 30 C 26/10/25 09.00	Still Required; please offer	A. Gilroy	L. Kolber G. Fisher	B. Harris M. Jethwa
SUNDAY 30 C 26/10/25 11.00	Still Required; please offer	A. Cowper	P. Mascolo J. Foster	I. Heims S. Williams

PLEASE REMEMBER: If you are unable to complete your particular ministry then it is <u>your responsibility</u> 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

Cheerios

UPDATED LIST OF WANTED ITEMS

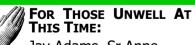
Please can you help local people in crisis by purchasing items on the list below and placing them in the Foodbank's collection point in the narthex when you come to Mass at the weekend? Thank You!

- 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

Prayers Please

UILDINGS



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 Sproul.

THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Fr John Horn †

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:

Mary Swain †
Sr Julia Lanagan †
Algy Allington †
Joanna Watling †
Joan McKeeve †
Canon Geoffrey †
Fr Jerome Bertram †
Fr Kenneth McCarthy †
Fr John Comerford †
Canon Bernard Thom †

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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CHRISTMAS BAZAAR GRAND DRAW TICKETS - If you were not able to collect Christmas Grand Draw Tickets after Mass over the last three weekends please make a point of collecting them as you leave Mass this weekend. ALL parishioners are being asked to take <u>four books</u> of tickets to try and sell to family, friends, and work colleagues over the next few weeks before the 'big event.' The Grand Draw is the major 'money spinner' of the Bazaar and we hope to have sold as many tickets as possible before the doors open on the day; this is also a way of everyone in our community getting involved! Don't forget that if you are the seller of the first prize ticket (and you have correctly filled in the ticket stub) you too will win a prize!

CLOCKS GO BACK! - Next weekend (Sunday 26th October) British Summertime comes to an end and our clocks **go 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.

Don't get caught out!

WORLD MISSIONS SUNDAY - This weekend our Retiring Collection will be the annual one for the Pope's own missionary society the Association for the Propagation of the Faith (now known as Missio). Last year Missio raised £5.6 million in England and Wales, helped 30,000 of the world's poorest children, and trained 1,751 seminarians on the way to becoming priests.

PARISH BUILDINGS FUND - Next 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.

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

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: Sat. 25th Oct. 10.30, 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

a 01483 471133

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.