

NOTICES:

Volunteers: Urgently needed to support the running of services. Servers, Sacristy, Counting, reading, interceding. Without more help services will need to be cancelled. If you want to know how you can help see Fr Ben.

HUGE thank you: Heartfelt thanks to all who supported Judith Rawlinson's walk from Worthing pier to Brighton pier (12.5 miles). A whopping amount of over £900 was raised! Well done Judith and sponsors!

Prayer Ministry Team: Meets Wed 10th June 2.30pm

Parish Office: closed from Friday 15th May and reopen on Tuesday 26th May

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER: resumes at Pentecost. Please write your name on a slip of paper (provided) and put it in the box near the door if you would like someone to pray for you daily till Easter, and undertake to pray for someone likewise. Judy P

Turning Tides: Please see Wish List notice on box in church for items needed.

Lancing & Sompting Foodbank: Food items to be left in the box in the porch

Clergy Team: Curate: Fr Ben Scott CMP,SSC 07492930704 chalkspringscurate@outlook.com
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St James the Less

Parish of Lancing with Coombes

**Easter 7**

Sunday 17th May 2026
10.30am Sung Parish Mass

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Jerry Garton

Welcome to Mass today.
Follow the service from this paper.

Refreshments are served after the service - everyone is welcome to stay.

For your prayers...

The Sick: Jo Q, Pam Durrant, Sally Best, Christy Q, Chris Moran, Robin Reeve, John Godden, Enid White, Kath Cosson, Ian Parsons, Laura P, Pam Filmore, Debbie Demarco, Elaine Groves.

Pray also: Ian David, David Scott, Stella, Jaxson, Adam Mitchell, Richard Pullin, Teddy Bridges, Ann & Ernest, Nick Battershill, Margaret Sands, Celia Poetz, Gill Agate, Tommy Eames, Fiona Scott, Andrew, Paula Kinsella, Brad Holland.

The Departed commemorated this week:
George Gazzard, Edward Wise, Diane Taylor, Florence Tanser, Sheila Padwick, Ashley Williams, Kate Whittaker, Ruth Allen, Madeleine Mills, Marion Cleveland.

Intentions: Turning Tides and those living in Manor Way, Manor Park & Manor Close.

Events and Services this week:

Morning Prayer everyday @ 8.00am

Tue 19th May: 2pm Chat & Chill—Eco-gardening

Wed 20th May: 11am Mass
3pm Cursillo Group meets at 22 Rossiter Rd

Thurs 21st May: 12.15pm Lunch Club: Enzo Fiore restaurant in the Queensway, Lancing.
RSVP Margaret on 07788 712026

Fri 22nd May: 2pm Memory Lane Café @ St Michael's

Sun 24th May: 10.30am Sung Parish Mass

All at St James unless otherwise stated.

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ENTRANCE HYMN *Stand*
NEH 345 Christ is the King! O friends rejoice

GREETING

In the name of the Father,
 and of the Son,
 and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

Lord, have mercy. *Sung together*
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *Sung together*

*R. Glory to God, Glory to God,
 Glory to God in the Highest.*

**Glory to God in the Highest,
 and peace to his people on earth.
 Lord God, Heav'nly King
 Almighty God and Father,
 We worship you, we give you thanks,
 we praise you for your glory. *R.***

**Lord, Jesus Christ, only son of the Father,
 Lord God, Lamb of God,
 you take away the sin of the world,
 have mercy on us;
 You are seated at the right hand of the
 Father, receive our prayer. *R.***

**For you alone are the Holy one,
 You alone are the Lord,
 You alone are the most high,
 Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
 In the Glory of God the Father. *R.***

AGNUS DEI *(Sung together)*

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
 Jesus, bearer of our sins; have mercy on us.
 Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your
 peace.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

If you would like to receive a blessing, please bring your service sheet with you

COMMUNION ANTHEM *Sit*
Choir: Prayer of St Richard

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *Kneel/Sit*

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

NOTICES *Sit*

DISMISSAL *Stand*

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

FINAL HYMN:
NEH 271 Alleluia, sing to Jesus



OFFERTORY HYMN: *Stand*
NEH 443 Rejoice the Lord is king

OFFERTORY PRAYERS

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his Church.

Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful with the sacrificial offerings, that through these acts of devotedness we may pass over to the glory of heaven. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
It is right to give thanks and praise

The Priest continues singing the Preface, ending with:

Holy, Holy, holy Lord *(Sung together)*
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The Priest concludes the Eucharistic Prayer.
*At the end all respond boldly; **AMEN!***

THE LORD'S PRAYER *Sit/Kneel*

Our Father,
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen

BREAKING THE BREAD

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.

COLLECT

O God the King of glory,
 you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
 with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
 we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
 but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
 and exalt us to the place
 where our Saviour Christ is gone before,
 who is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.
Amen

FIRST READING: Acts 1:6-14 *Sit*

So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.' Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

This is the word of the Lord:
Thanks be to God

RESPONSE TO PSALM 68: Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 5:6-11

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

This is the word of the Lord:
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION*Stand***Alleluia! Alleluia!**

I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord;
I will come back to you, and you hearts will be
full of joy.

Alleluia!**GOSPEL: John 17:1-11**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

+ Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. 'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

The Gospel of the Lord:

Praise to you, O Christ**HOMILY****NICENE CREED***Stand*

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets
We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

INTERCESSIONS*Kneel/Sit*

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

+ Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord,
and let light perpetual shine upon them.

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

PEACE*Stand*

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles:
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not
on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and
graciously grant her peace and unity in
accordance with your will. Who live and reign for
ever and ever.
Amen.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.