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January / February 2026

Saturday 24th Mem. St. Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

9.30 Celebrant's Int

Saturday Evening Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

6.00 Olive Tickell, Eileen Mooney & Howard Mortimer R.I.P

20/0012

Sunday 25th THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

8.00 Tonia Temple R.I.P (P.C.)

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10.00 People of the Parish

Monday 26th Mem. St Timothy & St. Titus, Bishops

9.30 Will & Vivienne van der Lande's Int

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Tuesday 27th Feria

9.30 Thanksgiving (A.P.)

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Wednesday 28th Mem. St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church

No liturgy today

Thursday 29th Feria

9.30 Celebrant's Int

Friday 30th Feria

9.30 Holy Souls

Saturday 31st Mem. St. John Bosco, Priest

9.30 Ian Devaux's Int

5/0013

Saturday Evening Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

6.00 Celebrant's Int

Sunday 1st FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

8.00 Evelyn Hennessy R.I.P (P.C.)

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10.00 People of the Parish

The Sacrament of Reconciliation / Confession

is available after the Saturday morning Mass and from 5.15 to 5.45 Saturday afternoon.

Each Saturday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & the Rosary follow on from Mass until 11.00 am

The Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity finishes this weekend on the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul 25th January

ROSARY CIRCLE FOR PRIESTLY VOCATIONS:- If you haven't already done so, but would still like to commit to praying a decade of the Rosary each day during January, then please do put your initial or a tick in one of the boxes on the 'Rosary Circle' chart in the church porch.

The 'Chart' lists the 20 decades of the Rosary and a number of columns for people to put their initial or a tick in a box to indicate they will commit to praying the particular decade each day for the month of January, and hopefully, this will create a number of 'circles' praying for this intention. This is a very simple spiritual exercise many of us could join in with; at least 20 people praying one decade of the Rosary each day, so the whole of the Rosary is prayed for this particular intention, thus creating a 'Rosary Circle'. Let it be said, however, that anyone can join the Rosary Circles at any time.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY at the 10.00 am Sunday Mass:- The children's liturgy continues at the 10 am Mass this Sunday, 25th January and then every two weeks until half term. Our thanks to all have supported and helped with this initiative over the last number of months. We look forward to growing this ministry this year!

ADULT FORMATION:- The programme is open to everyone, but especially those who wish to know more about the Catholic faith with a view to becoming a Catholic.

This week, Monday 26th January, we will consider the call and the role of the Old Testament prophets, seeing how God builds an ever bigger and clearer picture of Himself for the people of Israel. We meet at 7.30 in the small hall.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2025 /2026:- Just to keep this in our minds, the programme continues this Thursday 29th January at 7 pm in the small hall. This week we give thought to ‘Adam and Eve and all that’. Many thanks for being so prompt at our first meeting.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME:- The programme continues this Thursday 29th January at 5 pm. The children should have looked Chapter 5 of their books, entitled ‘Jesus calls people to follow Him’ and worked their way through it for revision that day.

Oil and Swarfega:- An informal opportunity for those interested in cars and transport to meet, share experiences and perhaps teach and learn something in the university of life. An inaugural meeting for anyone interested will take place on Friday 6th February at 7 pm in the small hall. Francis, a seasoned rallying mechanic will give an audio-visual presentation on rallying across central Europe and North Africa. Light beverages will be available.

BABY FEST:- Having had a wonderfully successful first ‘Baby Fest’ whereby parents with small children had a shared lunch and an opportunity to talk about more than sleep or the lack thereof, it was agreed that this should be a regular event. After some discussion the agreed date is **Sunday 22nd February, from 12 mid-day**.

Any parents with children of pre-school age are invited to come along, bring some food etc to share for this very informal opportunity to meet and talk about things other than ‘sleep patterns and the like’.

Bishop Richard will celebrate a Farewell Mass at 6.30pm this Friday, 30th January in Arundel Cathedral. All are welcome to attend. Please be mindful that parking around the cathedral is limited, so it is wiser to park in the town and allow 20 minutes or so, to walk up to the cathedral.

The Pastoral Plan – *The Word Who is Life* Please take a copy of the Deanery newsletter, which is available separately, in which you will find a detailed explanation of the situation, since Bishop Richard is now the Archbishop Elect for the Diocese of Westminster.

Lenten Study Group:- We hope to have a study group running on a Tuesday morning from 11 am for about an hour. The penitential season of Lent is an opportunity for us to be with our Lord in the wilderness and /or to journey with the people of Israel during their forty-year sojourn. The study group would hope to assist us in our prayer, penance and reflection.

Music Group at 10.00 Sunday Mass: Many thanks to Sean Cleary who has been helping to lead the music at our church for something like 20 years and will be much missed as he moves to pastures new. We will be celebrating Sean’s contribution to our Parish at the 10am Mass on Sunday Jan 25th.

We would love to invite more people to become involved with the music at the 10am Mass, as well as for the major Feasts in the life of the Church (Christmas and Easter) and Holy days.

We are particularly looking for instrumentalists to join the music group; you need to be reasonably confident on your instrument but please just come and have a chat to explore if it’s for you. And if you’d like to sing with us you’re very welcome too! And are there any organists out there who might want to play sometimes? You don’t have to be available every week to be involved !

For the Music Group please either speak to Gabrielle or anyone else in the Music Group after Mass, or email gabrielle.musicotherapy@gmail.com. And if you’re a budding organist please speak to Vinita after Mass or email vmgoveas@hotmail.com

PARISH REPOSITORY / BOOK STALL: - Is something perhaps, which we take for granted in the church narthex, but which has been looked after and managed for many years by one person with assistance from others. Given the passage of time, it would be appreciated if a couple of people would assist in learning of how to manage and order items for the repository with a view to taking on the role in due time. If you would be willing to help withs, please e-mail the parish office with your details, which will then be passed on to the current manager. Many thanks.

Could be useful:- While looking for some other literature, a small bundle of A4 leaflets entitled ‘Instructions for my Funeral Mass’ were ‘discovered’. There is a page in which an individual can fill out various details, a sample copy (purple /violet colour) is on the shelf at the side entrance of the church. **If you would like to have a copy for your use, please enquire in the sacristy.**

ST. JOSEPH’S SCHOOL FUND RAISER: Crepes and waffles after 10am mass on Sunday 1st February:- As part of a school fundraiser, St Joseph’s Primary School families will be making and selling crepes and sweet waffles after the 10am Mass on Sunday 1st February. All proceeds go towards the school’s fundraising efforts this term, including a new outdoor area for the reception class. Please come along and support.