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November 2025

Saturday 22nd Mem. St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr

9.30 Celebrant's Int

Saturday Evening FEAST:- Christ, the Universal King

6.00 Lewis Horner R.I.P

19/0010

Sunday 23rd FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

8.00 People of the Parish

10.00 David Gray R.I.P

11/0010

Monday 24th Mem. St Andrew Dung-Lac & Companion Martyrs

9.30 Peter Frearson R.I.P

15/0011

Tuesday 25th Weekday

9.30 Tom Tyndale R.I.P

19/0011

Wednesday 26th Weekday

No Liturgy today

Thursday 27th Weekday

9.30 June Comyn R.I.P

14/0011

Friday 28th Weekday

9.30 Charles Goldsmith's well-being

16/0011

Saturday 29th Weekday

9.30 Celebrant's Int

Saturday Evening First Sunday of Advent

6.00 Thanksgiving (N.H.)

20/0010

Sunday 30th FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8.00 People of the Parish

10.00 Celebrant's Int

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

ROSARY CIRCLE FOR PRIESTLY VOCATIONS:- There is a new 'Rosary Circle Chart' on the noticeboard, to encourage us all to pray for vocations to the Priesthood.

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 November, 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.

NOVEMBER, MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS:- During the month there will be the **blessing of graves** at Dorking Cemetery at 12 pm this **Sunday 23rd November**. Everyone is welcome to attend.

After Mass this **Friday, 28th November** we will have the blessing of those whose remains are in the 'Garden of Remembrance' after the 9.30 Mass.

BLESSING OF ADVENT WREATHES

With Advent beginning next weekend, you are invited to bring any Advent wreathes along to be blessed at the beginning of Mass. There will be nothing complicated, other than to stand at the front of the sanctuary with your wreath which will be blessed with holy water, after which you'll simply return to your seat.

ADULT FORMATION:- Continues this Monday 24th November at 7.30 pm. Having covered some basics about different Bibles and how to use them, this week we will look at something of the unfolding of Divine revelation and where the Bible comes from as the inspired Word of God. Everyone is welcome to attend.

BEWARE:- There will be scaffolding around the Remembrance Garden end of the hall for a couple of weeks.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME:- Parents need to work through the second chapter of the book 'We need God to Save Us' with their child/ren before the meeting THIS THURSDAY 27th November at 5 pm. The catechist will review the chapter with the children, while parents, with Fr. Ian, will look at the next chapter, chapter 3. Donations towards the cost of the books and Bibles would be welcome.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2025 /2026:- The programme will begin on January 8th but remember the expectations of you, one of which was and is, to be at Sunday Mass, whether you come on Saturday evening or Sunday morning is entirely up to you; if you are going to be elsewhere at the weekend, to make sure you get the priest to sign the 'attendance card' you were given. Thank you. Many thanks.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY at the 10.00 am Sunday Mass:- The remaining dates are each Sunday during the **Advent Season: November 30th, December 7th, 14th, and 21st.** Let's keep growing together in faith and friendship!

Oil & Swarfega:- Again, 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. At the moment this is a work in progress, but we hope to give further information soon. Many thanks.

CHARITY CHRISTMAS CARDS:- Various charities, one of which is, 'Aid to the Church in Need' (a charity which particularly supports the persecuted Church) produce beautiful Christmas cards, with both Greek icons and Renaissance images of the Nativity, which are available for you to purchase in the narthex / lobby/ church porch. Purchasing their cards supports the persecuted Church and reminds all of us, that it is the Christmas Season into which we will be entering after Advent.

P.S. when buying stamps for your Christmas cards, do ask for the 'Christmas stamps' in doing so, others, over-hearing your request, will be reminded of the reason for the season.

Christmas cards & cribs:- This weekend, 29th November and next, 6th December, the parish 'Christmas' repository will be selling items in the parish hall after the Masses. If you don't have a Christmas crib for the family this would be an opportunity to buy one to use as a 'centre piece' at home, perhaps adding figures to it, year by year. Your purchases will support the work of 'Aid to the Church in Need', their work in the Holy Land and those parts of the world where the Church is suppressed.

CATHEDRAL MAINTENANCE FUND:- This weekend there is a second collection to support the maintenance cost of the cathedral church of the diocese, which give the size of the building, is not insignificant.

Mass and Meet Christmas Lunch:- on Friday 5th December there will be the 'Christmas Lunch' including a starter, main course and desert, along with Christmas Crackers and paper hats. Mass will be at 12 midday followed by the lunch in the main hall at approximately 12.40

Diocesan events: A Day of Reflection for Ministers of the Word – Saturday 24 January 2026 11-4pm at St Michael's church, High Salvington , Worthing BN13 3AL Cost: £40

Mental Health Awareness training – Saturday 7 February 2026 10-3pm at the St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley. Please see the Diocesan web site for further details:- [Home | Arundel & Brighton Diocese](#)

THE SEASON OF ADVENT:- A penitential season in which the Church calls us to conversion of mind and heart as we begin to focus our thoughts upon the humble birth of our Lord in Bethlehem. So, like the season of Lent, the liturgical colour is purple, reminding us that prayer, fasting, abstinence and the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Confession, should be part of our preparation for the of the birth of our Lord. Just as we might clean and tidy our homes, investigate the Christmas decorations so we should make the spiritual preparation to celebrate the great feast of the Incarnation. It is a celebration which reminds us that 'God sent His Son into the world so that everyone who believes in him, may not be lost, but may have eternal life.' (Cf. Jn 3:16)

So, for all of us then, to make the effort to have a penitential season, with prayer, fasting, abstinence and almsgiving, our self-denial, saying 'no' to self for the sake of Christ, offering our penance so as to be more conformed to the person of Christ and for the conversion the world, then we will be truly able to rejoice in the real meaning of Christmas, the birth of Christ Jesus, our Lord and God become a man like us in all things but sin.

To help us in our spiritual preparation we will have a **Penitential Services on Sunday 21st December at 3.00 pm.** Additionally, there will be Penitential Services on 16th Dec at Epsom at 7:30 pm; 19th Dec in Cobham at 7:30 pm.

We should remember and be reminded that in this Sacrament, it is the grace and mercy of our Lord which is being offered, and that it is through His priests, both worthy and unworthy, that He chooses to minister to us.

Terminally Ill (Adults End of Life) Bill:- From SPUC on Friday last: "*Today, the first (and only completed) grouping of amendments focused on coercion and pressure..... In Westminster, peers are clearly very unhappy with the Bill, and there are currently only two days left of committee stage in which to improve it (though this could change)..... But we cannot be complacent, and need to keep up the pressure on politicians to reject both bills. Please send letters to Peer asking them to oppose the Bill.*" Please use the link:- [Fight the Leadbeater bill - SPUC](#)