



Parish Priest

Fr. Graham Ricketts
01273 464048
graham.ricketts@abdiocese.org.uk

Parish Deacon

simon.wright@abdiocese.org.uk
Also Resident
Fr. Tony Lovegrove & Fr. Alan Sharpe

Parish Administrator

Mrs Antonia Hyatt
01273 452654
adurvalley@abdiocese.org.uk

1st June 2025

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Year C

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

From Father Graham

The martyrdom of Saint Stephen is often remembered for its approval by Saint Paul before his own conversion to Christ. But if we look at the account before this we can see the powerful involvement of the Holy Spirit. Stephen had already witnessed to the death and resurrection of Christ to the antagonistic crowd. Now, "full of the Holy Spirit" he sees heaven open and Jesus enthroned at the right hand of the Father. Being full of the Holy Spirit enables us to see heavenly things. It also, like Stephen, leads to mercy. Stephen forgives those who stone and kill him. The Holy Spirit has come into the world "for the forgiveness of sins" (Prayer of Absolution in Confession).

As we pray for the continuing outpouring of the Holy Spirit on us we can expect to see Jesus more clearly, to see heavenly things and to forgive and be forgiven.

This same Spirit unites us to God and to each other. We are united to the whole Church throughout the world and with the Church in heaven as well as those who have died awaiting heaven in purgatory. This unity is what Jesus prayed for. Jesus' desire is that we are one with Him as He is one with the Father so that we will be with Him in heaven and see His glory.

It is the same Spirit, that filled Saint Stephen, that changes bread and wine into the body and blood of Christ. May we, and our First Holy Communion children, be filled with the Holy Spirit so that receiving Jesus we stay with Him, experience His Mercy and taste Heaven.

With my prayer for every one of you.
God bless you,
Fr Graham

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Mass Intention

| | | | | |
|--|-------|------|---|----------------------|
| Sat 31 May | 08.30 | TT | Mass <i>with Morning Prayer</i> | |
| <i>The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> | 10.00 | SP | Mass & Rosary | Ros Selmes RIP |
| Sat 31 May | 17.30 | TT | Vigil Mass <i>(for Sunday)</i> | For all Parishioners |
| Sun 1 June | 09.00 | SP | Mass | John Morgan RIP |
| | 11.00 | CTK | Mass | Ints of Peter Howell |
| Mon 2 June | 08.00 | TT | Mass <i>with Morning Prayer</i> | |
| <i>Monday after the 7th Sunday of Easter</i> | 09.00 | SP | Adoration | |
| | 09.30 | SP | Mass & Rosary | Edna Kendall RIP |
| | 19.30 | Zoom | Rosary | |
| Tue 3 June | 09.30 | CTK | Rosary | |
| <i>Saint Charles Lwanga & Companions</i> | 10.00 | CTK | Mass | Alan Sorenson RIP |
| | 10.30 | CTK | Adoration & Confessions | |
| | 17.30 | TT | Mass | |
| Wed 4 June | 08.00 | TT | Mass <i>with Morning Prayer</i> | |
| Thu 5 June | 09.00 | SP | Adoration | |
| <i>Saint Boniface</i> | 09.30 | SP | Mass | Betty Hedges RIP |
| | 16.30 | TT | Mass | |
| | 19.30 | SP | Divine Mercy Chaplet, Adoration & Confessions | |
| Fri 6 June | 08.00 | TT | Mass <i>with Morning Prayer</i> | |
| <i>Friday after the 7th Sunday of Easter</i> | 09.00 | SP | Adoration | |
| | 09.30 | SP | Mass | Liberia Iacono RIP |
| | 10.00 | SP | Confessions | |
| | 15.00 | Zoom | Divine Mercy Chaplet <i>with Stations of the Cross</i> | |
| Sat 7 June | 08.30 | TT | Mass <i>with Morning Prayer</i> | |
| <i>First Saturday</i> | 10.00 | SP | Mass <i>Praying for the 1st Holy Communion children</i> | |
| | 10.30 | SP | Rosary & Fatima Devotions | |

Pentecost

| | | | | |
|------------|-------|-----|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Sat 7 June | 17.30 | TT | Vigil Mass <i>(for Sunday)</i> | For all Parishioners |
| Sun 8 June | 09.00 | SP | Mass | Maria, Tony & Peter Bentley RIP |
| | 11.00 | CTK | Mass | Jill Hampton RIP |

SP | St Peter's Shoreham, BN43 5WG

CTK | Christ the King, Steyning, BN44 3PB

TT | The Towers Convent, Upper Beeding, BN44 3TF

44 (0) 1273 452654

44 (0) 1903 812185

Parish Office open Thursdays 09.00—13.00

Please email/telephone to book an appointment at other times.



OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT WITH YOUR FAITH

Welcome to any newcomers or visitors to our Parish

Welcome to our parish. Where are you on your faith journey? Do you have questions? Maybe it is useful for you to know that no one has all the answers. God does. We are all growing in faith, day by day. God bless you.

We have a group, 'Come & See', for people to come and discuss faith and ask questions in an informal setting. Next date: **Tuesday 3rd June, 7.30pm** in the Parish Room at St Peter's. All are welcome.



From Right to Life

Yesterday we celebrated the Feast of the Visitation. Let us pray for couples trying to conceive, that, like Elizabeth, they may be blessed with the gift of children. We pray too, that, like St John the Baptist leaping in his mother's womb, we may recognise Christ in our neighbour, especially the unborn.

From YouCat Daily

<https://www.youcat.org/daily>

223: In what way is the Holy Eucharist an anticipation of eternal life?

Jesus promised his disciples, and us with them, that we will one day sit at table with him. Therefore every Holy Mass is a "memorial of the blessed Passion" (Eucharistic Prayer I, called the Roman Canon), the fullness of grace, and a pledge of future glory. (1402-1405)

To Sing is to Pray Twice (St Augustin)

This week two contrasting settings of O Magnum Mysterium. The first by the American composer [Michael John Trotta](#) who was born in 1978.

The second written over 400 years earlier by [Giovanni Gabrieli](#) (1554-1612) who was an influential Italian composer born in Venice where he lived and worked most of his life.

O great mystery, and wonderful sacrament, that animals should see the newborn Lord, lying in a manger! O blessed virgin, whose womb was worthy to bear the Lord Jesus Christ.

Holy Spirit Novena Prayer

We can listen to the advice of Cardinal Mercier (1851–1926) as we ask for the same intimate relationship with the Holy Spirit:

I am going to reveal to you the secret of sanctity and happiness. Every day for five minutes control your imagination and close your eyes to all the noises of the world in order to enter into yourself. Then, in the sanctuary of your baptised soul (which is the temple of the Holy Spirit) speak to that Divine Spirit, saying to Him:

O Holy Spirit, beloved of my soul, I adore You. Enlighten me, guide me, strengthen me, console me. Tell me what I should do; give me Your orders. I promise to submit myself to all that You desire of me and to accept all that You permit to happen to me. Let me only know Your Will.

If you do this, your life will flow along happily, serenely, and full of consolation, even in the midst of trials. Grace will be proportioned to the trial, giving you the strength to carry it and you will arrive at the Gate of Paradise, laden with merit. This submission to the Holy Spirit is the secret of sanctity.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please pray for Christine, Mary, Margaret, June, Tommie, Sr Zita, Sarah, Christine B, Joanne, Anne C, Ian, Daisy, Lynn, Jenny, David, Michael C, Mary F, Margaret A, Pat O'C, Crispin M, Jennifer R, David R, Harvey R, Phil R, Len C, Michael H, Joan T, Joanna, Richenda, Rachel, Mike D, Ashley R, Mike & Jess D, Trish Y, Maureen C and all who are sick.

Please pray for Gus, Aria, Jayden, Daisy & Emilia, who are receiving their First Holy Communion this Sunday at St Peter's. Please pray for them, their families and catechists.

Please pray for our Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham next weekend. Please pray for all pilgrims.

Please also pray for PEACE, for the Diocesan Pastoral Plan, vocations, enquirers to Catholicism, our Parish Prayer, Formation and Mission group meeting this week, and the Cycle of Prayer for Eastertide (new members of the Church; survivors of abuse; vocations; the right use of the media; the Church; human work).

Pope Leo XIV, [Regina Caeli](#)
25 May 2025

"In all that the Lord calls us to — whether in our life journey or in our journey of faith, sometimes we feel inadequate." However, "we should not rely on our own strength, but rather on the mercy of the Lord who has chosen us, certain that the Holy Spirit guides us and teaches us everything."

Readings: 7th Sunday of Easter C

1st Reading Acts 7:55-60

Psalm 97(96):1, 2b. 6, 7c. 9. R1a, 9b

2nd Reading Revelation 22:12-14,16-17,20

Gospel John 17:20-26

| | | | |
|-----|--|---|--------------------|
| SP | | St Peter's Shoreham, BN43 5WG | 44 (0) 1273 452654 |
| CTK | | Christ the King, Steyning, BN44 3PB | |
| TT | | The Towers Convent, Upper Beeding, BN44 3TF | 44 (0) 1903 812185 |

Parish Office open Thursdays 09.00—13.00
Please email/telephone to book an appointment at other times.



HAPPENING THIS WEEK

EVENTS & NOTICES

| | |
|------------|---|
| Fri 30 | <i>Novena to the Holy Spirit begins</i> |
| Sat 31 | Volunteers needed for the Rosary Garden. 10-3pm. Tea and coffee will be available and all tools provided. All are welcome |
| Sun 1 June | First Holy Communion mass 2nd Collection: World Communications Sunday SVP Bookstall and plants for sale |
| Mon 2 | Parish Prayer, Formation and Mission group meeting |
| Tues 3 | SP Parish Room, 7.30pm: Come and See group Looking at 'Being Catholic Today' All are welcome |
| Thur 5 | SP Parish Room, 10.00: Coffee Pop-in |
| Sun 8 | First Holy Communion mass <i>Day of Prayer for the Church</i> |

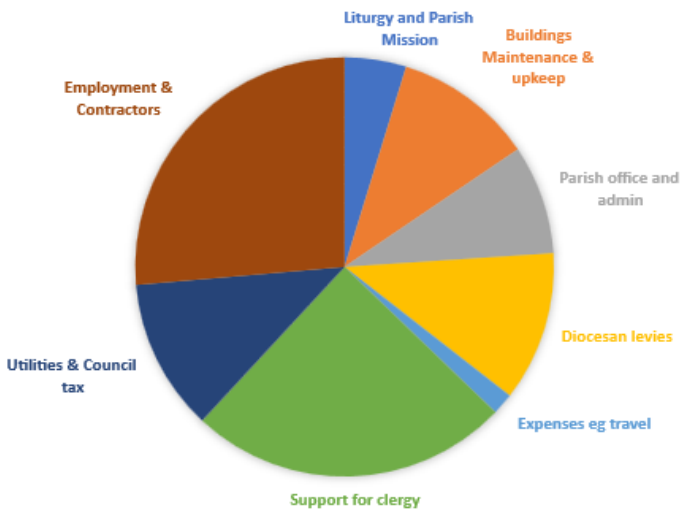
Refugee Week - 15th to 21st June 2025 - Worthing Deanery J&P Group

- There are three events organised by the Worthing Deanery Justice & Peace Group to celebrate Refugee Week 2025. Please put them in your diary and come along to one or all:
- **Faces of Resilience** on **Sunday 15th June** 2-5pm at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church Hall, Vermont Drive. East Preston, BN16 1JU. Come and see photographs and listen to a 'Living Book', vividly telling the stories of Ukrainian women fleeing war and seeking refuge in the UK. Join us in prayer in the church at 3pm for refugees, people seeking asylum and peace in our world. See you there!
 - Display during the week of **Refugee Stations of the Cross** at St Mary of the Angels, Worthing and Holy Family, Lancing.
 - An evening of **Stories and Sharing** on **Saturday 21st June** 7-9pm at St Peter's Church Hall, Shoreham. Come and hear from refugees and those who support them in our local community, with opportunity for discussions and sharing food.
- More details to follow, or please ask Carolyn Fuhrmann 07748326326*

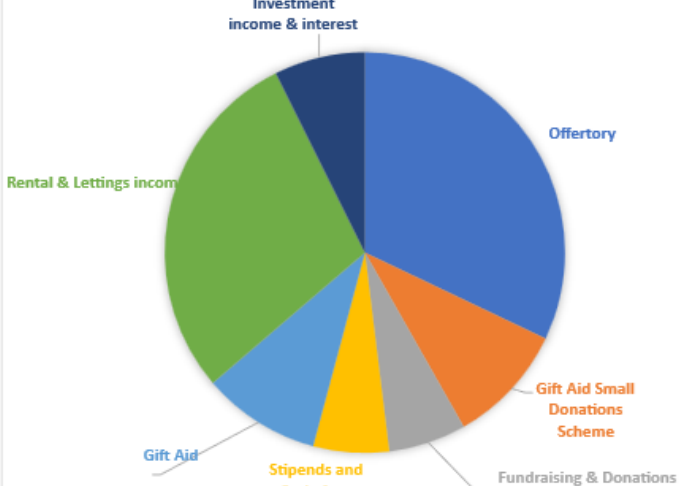
Parish Finances

- Please pick up a copy of the letter from our Parish Finance Chair, Patrick O'Donoghue (audio version available). We are appealing to people to review their offertory giving and consider one of these ways of helping the Parish:
- Firstly, would your family be able to **raise your offertory contribution by 10% or above?** We understand that this may not be possible for everyone, and we are conscious that we are bombarded by price increases in many aspects of daily life.
 - Secondly, do you give via the collection plate or via the dona machine? These are excellent ways of giving. Another way of giving is by **standing order**. This is particularly helpful because it saves you having to remember your cash or your card, and it helps our parish with budgeting.
 - Thirdly, if you are a UK taxpayer, please **gift aid** your donations. By doing this, we can claw back funds for the benefit of the parish.
- If you have any questions please email the office. Thank you for your support.

OLQP ANNUAL COSTS £136525



OLQP INCOMING FUNDS £130700





DIOCESAN NEWS

Pilgrimage of Reparation & Consecration

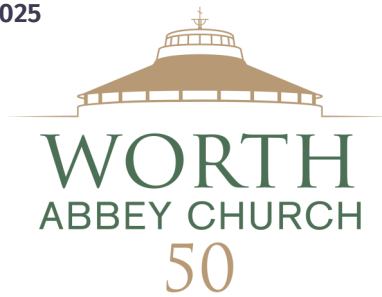
Saturday 5th July, 12pm-4.15pm, Church of Our Lady of Consolation & St Francis, West Grinstead, RH13 8LT.

With Mass, personal consecration to Our Lady, Rosary, Adoration, Chaplet, Benediction and opportunities for Reconciliation. Bring a packed lunch. For details, contact Jayne [by email](#).

**50 Years at Worth Abbey: Saturday 12th July 2025**

This Anniversary of the Consecration marks five decades of faith, hope, and unity at Worth Abbey. Mass is at 11.00am (full schedule on the poster in the porch) and at 2:30pm an Address by Rt Rev. Jeremias Schröder OSB, Abbot Primate of the Benedictine Confederation.

worthabbey.net/latest-news

**Walk the Augustine Camino for Mary's Meals**

Monday 1st September – Sunday 8th September 2025
Join us for the whole pilgrimage or walk with us for a day



During this Jubilee Year we would be delighted if you joined us as Pilgrims of Hope on some or all of the Augustine Camino, starting at Rochester Cathedral and finishing at the Shrine of St Augustine in Ramsgate. The pilgrimage will take us to four of the designated Jubilee churches and shrines in the area:

- The Friars, Aylesford
- St Jude's Shrine, Faversham
- St Thomas of Canterbury, Canterbury
- St Augustine's Shrine, Ramsgate

To find out more details or to book your place on the pilgrimage, please contact Roy Peachey, the Mary's Meals Supporter Engagement Officer for Kent, Surrey, Sussex and South London, on roy.peachey@marysmeals.org.uk or 07593 447297.

New Bereavement Café starting up in Shoreham-by-Sea

Led by St Barnabas House Chaplain Sarah Bell and volunteers, there will be space to share stories and forge friendships, helping each other to find comfort and hope.

The next meeting will be on Friday 13 June at Millward Court Day Centre in Shoreham-by-Sea (Wilmot Road, BN43 6BU) starting at 10.30am to 12pm. The group meets every fortnight.

All meetings are free to attend and open to anyone at any point of their bereavement journey. Refreshments will be provided and there is no need to book so you can just turn up on the day.

Find out more: www.stbh.org.uk/events/bereavement-cafe-shoreham/

From Bishop Richard

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

At this time of the Church's year, we are in Ascensiontide, having celebrated that feast on Thursday. Jesus has returned to the Father and the Apostles are waiting in expectant hope for the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

We, of course, have received the Spirit – in our baptism and in our confirmation. Indeed, at present, we rejoice in the great number of our young people who are receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation at this time of year. All are coming to the Cathedral – making a pilgrimage to the mother church of the Diocese in this Holy Year and in our 60th year.

Those being confirmed hear the words of the prayer: that the anointing of Confirmation conform them more fully to Christ, the Son of God. The more closely we are conformed to Christ, the more effective we shall be in our witness to Him.

St Stephen, whose martyrdom forms the text of the first reading this Sunday, was so closely conformed to Christ that he was ready to shed his blood in witness to Him. The word 'martyr' means 'witness' – so being a martyr in the broadest sense is the call for every Christian.

In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear Jesus tell us that through our witness, the world will come to believe in Him. This is the mission the Lord has given to each and every baptised person. Wherever we are – whatever we do – our lives must speak to others of the wonder of the Lord's love for us and His call to every person, of every age, to life in Him.

With every blessing

+ Richard

