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WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

From Father Graham

Eastertide ends with a "bang" this Sunday. It would be easy to think that the party is over on Monday and we forget all that we have learnt or experienced though Lent, the celebration of the Passion of Christ and the days of the Resurrection. However, God is always calling us deeper into faith.

Those who accused Jesus of blasphemy and shouted for Barabbas were pleased to get rid of Jesus. He was an inconvenience and demanded too much. They were unknowingly part of God's providence. Even betrayal and death cannot outwit the wisdom or love of God. How unsettling it must have been that this group of disciples were still talking about Jesus. They were growing in number and speaking of Jesus being alive - resurrected. The disciples themselves must have thought it was all over after the Ascension. But, no. It was just beginning.

Jesus spent 40 days preparing the disciples for this moment: the rushing wind, the tongues of flame, the Ruah*. Until this moment Jesus was only able to be present to them. But when the Holy Spirit comes He will "(fill) the entire house" and He and the Father will "come to him and make (their) home with him". The Holy Spirit dwells within us. Amazing. But we must love Him for who He really is - God - and keep His word.

This is not the end but the beginning of the next stage in our faith, in our following Jesus, in our parish life and the Church's witness to the risen Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.

With my prayer for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit on us all. God bless you

Fr Graham

Pentecost			Mass Intention
Sat 7 June	08.30	TT	Mass <i>with Morning Prayer</i>
First Saturday	10.00	SP	Mass <i>Praying for the 1st Holy Communion children</i>
	10.30	SP	Rosary & Fatima Devotions
Sat 7 June	17.30	TT	Vigil Mass <i>(for Sunday)</i> <i>For all Parishioners</i>
Sun 8 June	09.00	SP	Mass <i>Maria, Tony & Peter Bentley RIP</i>
	11.00	CTK	Mass <i>Jill Hampton RIP</i>
Mon 9 June	08.00	TT	Mass <i>with Morning Prayer</i>
Mary, Mother of the Church	09.00	SP	Adoration
	09.30	SP	Mass <i>Oscar & Little Flower Teresa Jackson RIP</i>
	10.00	SP	Rosary
	19.30	Zoom	Rosary
Tue 10 June	09.30	CTK	Rosary
	10.00	CTK	Mass <i>For Tom O'Neill</i>
	10.30	CTK	Adoration & Confessions
	17.30	TT	Mass
Wed 11 June	08.00	TT	Mass <i>with Morning Prayer</i>
Thu 12 June	09.00	SP	Adoration
	09.30	SP	Mass <i>Beryl Holland RIP</i>
	16.30	TT	Mass
	19.30	SP	Divine Mercy Chaplet, Adoration & Confessions
Fri 13 June	08.00	TT	Mass <i>with Morning Prayer</i>
	09.00	SP	Adoration
	09.30	SP	Mass <i>For Defeat of Assisted Dying Bill</i>
	10.00	SP	Confessions
	15.00	Zoom	Divine Mercy Chaplet <i>with Stations of the Cross</i>
Sat 14 June	08.30	TT	Mass <i>with Morning Prayer</i>
	10.00	SP	Mass & Rosary <i>World Apostolate of Fatima</i>
The Most Holy Trinity			
Sat 14 June	17.30	TT	Vigil Mass <i>(for Sunday)</i> <i>Patricia Kettle RIP</i>
Sun 15 June	09.00	SP	Mass <i>For the family of John Morgan</i>
	11.00	CTK	Mass <i>For all Parishioners</i>



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 10th June, 7.30pm** in the Parish Room at St Peter's. All are welcome.



To Sing is to Pray Twice (St Augustin)

Two pieces this week for Pentecost. The first was written in 2015 by the American composer David Lantz. The second is by Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625).

From YouCat Daily

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

120: What does the Holy Spirit do in my life?

The Holy Spirit makes me receptive to God; he teaches me to pray and helps me to be there for others.

Augustine calls the Holy Spirit "The quiet guest of our soul". Anyone who wants to sense his presence must be quiet. Often this Guest speaks very softly within us and with us, for instance, in the voice of our conscience or through other interior and exterior promptings. Being a "temple of the Holy Spirit" means being there, body and soul, for this Guest, for God in us. Our body is therefore God's living room, so to speak. The more receptive we are to the Holy Spirit in us, the more he becomes the master of our life, the sooner he will bestow on us even today his Charisms for the upbuilding of the Church. And so, instead of the works of the flesh, the fruits of the Spirit grow in us.

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](#).



*Explanation of the word 'Ruah' (from Fr Graham's reflection)

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church

691 "Holy Spirit" is the proper name of the one whom we adore and glorify with the Father and the Son. The Church has received this name from the Lord and professes it in the Baptism of her new children.¹⁶

The term "Spirit" translates the Hebrew word *ruah*, which, in its primary sense, means breath, air, wind. Jesus indeed uses the sensory image of the wind to suggest to Nicodemus the transcendent newness of him who is personally God's breath, the divine Spirit.¹⁷ On the other hand, "Spirit" and "Holy" are divine attributes common to the three divine persons. By joining the two terms, Scripture, liturgy, and theological language designate the inexpressible person of the Holy Spirit, without any possible equivocation with other uses of the terms "spirit" and "holy."

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 Alesha, who is receiving her First Holy Communion this Sunday at St Peter's. Please pray for her, her family and the catechists.

Please pray for the soul of Patricia (Trish) Goodchild RIP who died last week. Her Requiem is to be decided. May she rest in peace.

Please also pray for PEACE, for the Diocesan Pastoral Plan, vocations, enquirers to Catholicism, our First Holy Communion children and families, the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham this weekend and the Cyle of Prayer for Ordinary Time (a deeper understanding between Christians & Jews; those who suffer persecution, oppression & denial of human rights; Europe; Human Life; and Seafarers).

From Right to Life

At those times when we believe we must defend the weak and the vulnerable, let us pray for knowledge, wisdom and fortitude - three of the Holy Spirit's seven gifts.

Our Lady of Fatima, June 13, 1917

Jesus wishes to establish devotion to my Immaculate Heart in the world. I promise salvation to those who embrace it, and these souls will be beloved of God, like flowers arranged by me to adorn His throne.



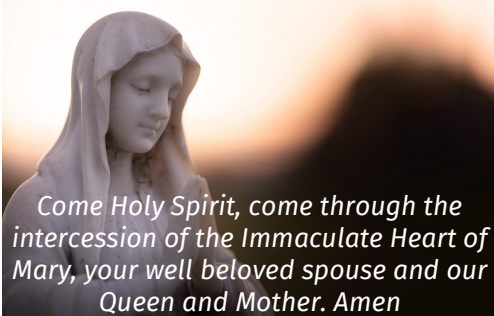
HAPPENING THIS WEEK

EVENTS & NOTICES

Fri 6— Sun 8	<i>Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham</i>
Sat 7	First Saturday <i>Novena to the Holy Spirit</i>
Sun 8	First Holy Communion mass <i>Day of Prayer for the Church</i>
Tues 10	SP Parish Room, 7.30pm: Come and See group Looking at the ' Power of the sacraments & the liturgy ' All are welcome
Thur 12	SP Parish Room, 10.00: Coffee Pop-in plus Digital Advice (from 11.00am until 1.00pm) SP Parish Room, 12.00: OLQP Community Lunch Club
Sat 14	OLQP Bible Study Group
Sun 15	First Holy Communion masses (SP & CTK) 2nd Collection: Day for Life

Shoreham Beach Dreams Festival

There are plans for a cake stall to be run by Shoreham Churches together on the Saturday of Beach Dreams (14th June). Volunteers are needed to bake cakes but also to run the stall in the afternoon, 1.00-2.00 and 2.00-3.00 and to help with tidying up from 4.00pm. If you can help, please contact Hilary Jolly: jollyhilary@yahoo.co.uk.



The Rosary Garden

Thank you to the team of volunteers who have been working hard to get this project going. Thank you for all the generous donations we have received. Come and spend some time in the new space. All are welcome.



Parish Finances

Please pick up a copy of the letter from our Parish Finance Chair, Patrick O'Donoghue (audio and video versions available). We are appealing to people to review their offertory giving and **consider one of these ways** of helping the Parish:

- Raising your offertory contribution by 10%
- Setting up a standing order.
- If you are a UK taxpayer, please gift aid your donations.

If you have any questions please email the office. Thank you for your support.

Free Help with your IT: Thursday 12th June, 11am—1pm

One of our parishioners is offering free help with IT. Advice on using mobile phones, tablets, laptops etc. as well as problems with apps or online setup and services. It is useful if people bring along details of usernames and passwords. No booking needed. David also volunteers as a Digital Advisor in Shoreham Library every Tuesday 10:00-13:00 (2x 1hr sessions, contact library by phone or in person to book).

An Appeal from the Foodbank

We have been contacted by the Shoreham & Adur Community Foodbank. Every week they post a wish list on Facebook, of particular items they need. Most weeks they are having to use funds to buy these items that they are lacking.



Here is where you can make a real difference: would you be able to donate just one item regularly from this list?

We always have a collection box in the church porch, but you can also take donations direct to them on Friday mornings. For more information search Shoreham & Adur Community Foodbank on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/shorehamadurcommunityfoodbank).

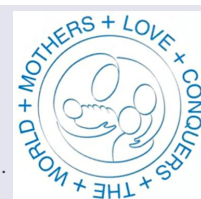
Calling all mothers!

(Including spiritual mothers, godmothers and grandmothers)

Come and pray for our children. Mothers prayers group starting Friday July 4, 10-11 am in the Parish Room at St Peter's.

You are all welcome to join us.

For more information, please contact Tessa Ricketts, via parish Office.



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an appointment at other times.



DIOCESAN NEWS

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

The Jubilee Logo

The Jubilee logo shows four stylised figures to indicate all of humanity from the four corners of the earth. They are embracing one another, indicating the solidarity that unites all people. The first figure is clinging to the cross. The underlying waves are choppy to indicate that the pilgrimage of life is not always on calm waters.

Sometimes personal circumstances and world events call for a greater sense of hope. This is why the lower part of the cross is turning into an anchor which dominates the movement of the waves.

The anchor has often been used as a metaphor for hope. In fact, in maritime jargon, the hope anchor is the name given to the spare anchor, used by vessels in emergency manoeuvres to stabilise the ship during storms. The image shows how the pilgrim journey is not individual, but rather communal, with the signs of a growing dynamism moving towards the cross. This cross is by no means static; it too is dynamic, bending toward and meeting humanity so as to not leave alone, but rather offering the certainty of its presence and the reassurance of hope, expressed in the Jubilee motto: "Pilgrims of Hope".

Thank you to one of our parishioners for sharing this from a priest friend. We pray for all pilgrims during this Jubilee year, and in particular, the people joining the Diocesan pilgrimage to Walsingham this weekend.



From Bishop Richard

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We rejoice this Sunday as we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the young Church – Our Lady and the Apostles gathered in the Upper Room. The coming of the Holy Spirit transforms their lives. No longer do they remain locked in the room together, fearful for the future. They go out to proclaim the message of the Risen Christ.

So with us, who have received the Holy Spirit at our baptism and confirmation.

We are called to be fearless in announcing the Good News in our present, often darkened, world. Into the difficulties, struggles and sorrows around us, the Lord Himself calls us to take His message, our every step guided by the Spirit, our every word given us by the Spirit.

At this particular moment, as MPs prepare to debate the "Assisted Dying Bill", I renew the call for us to write to our MPs, asking them to vote against this potential legislation. The vote will take place on the 20 June. May the Holy Spirit strengthen us in our prayer and our action to do all we can to promote the dignity of life.

At this time, too, so many young people of the Diocese are receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. They do this at an exciting moment for the Church, when we are seeing the green shoots of increased numbers of adults being baptised and more people coming to our churches in search of the gospel message. Please join with me in praying for our young people, that strengthened by the gifts of the Spirit that they receive, they continue their journey of life with Christ, taking their place in the mission of the Church.

With every blessing,

+ Richard



To see the readings for the coming week visit
www.universalis.com.

Readings: Pentecost C

1st Reading Acts 2:1-11

Psalm 104(103): 1ab, 24ac, 29b-30, 31, 34 R cf.30

2nd Reading Romans 8:8-17

Gospel John 14:15-16, 23b-26

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