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13th July 2025

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

From Father Graham

It is said that it is hard being a Christian. We certainly seem to make hard work of it. But it could be said that we are created to follow God's laws and desires because we are made in the "image and likeness of God". But since the first temptation and Fall we have been pulled away and led to follow our own desires. Baptism puts this right and resets us or re-orientates us towards God.

But we live in a world of conflicting goals. Our internal world is still tainted with the old way of thinking and the external world is groaning with the ache of a world that is dying and being restored to the Kingdom of God.

This is played out in our everyday decisions and world view.

The "good" Samaritan was made of the same stuff as the Priest and the Levite, except he saw things differently. He didn't see a problem or inconvenience, he saw a person lying in the gutter. Both the Priest and Levite "saw him" but only the Samaritan engaged with what he saw and allowed the man to move him with compassion. Perhaps he knew what it was like to be forgotten, avoided or judged? He allowed the man into his life and in so doing invited Christ into his heart.

It is not difficult, it is easy. "The word is very near to you". We can do it. We do not need to justify ourselves or prove ourselves. Jesus has done exactly this for us. He has picked us up, bandaged our wounds and brought us safely home. All we need to do is "go and do likewise."

With my prayer for you everyday. God bless you

Fr Graham

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intention

Sat 12 July <i>Feria</i>	08.30	TT	Mass <i>with Morning Prayer</i> [No mass at St Peter's today]
Sat 12 July	17.30	TT	Vigil Mass <i>(for Sunday)</i> For all Parishioners
Sun 13 July	09.00	SP	Mass Good health of Teresa Price
	11.00	CTK	Mass Gill Ness-Collins RIP
Mon 14 July <i>Feria (Saint Camilus)</i>	08.00	TT	Mass <i>with Morning Prayer</i>
	09.00	SP	Adoration
	09.30	SP	Mass & Rosary Dorothy Olivier RIP
	19.30	Zoom	Rosary
Tue 15 July <i>Saint Bonaventure</i>	09.30	CTK	Rosary
	10.00	CTK	Mass Matthew Gunstone RIP
	10.30	CTK	Adoration & Confessions
	14.00	Sch	Leavers Mass at St Peter's School
	17.30	TT	Mass
Wed 16 July	08.00	TT	Mass <i>with Morning Prayer</i>
Thu 17 July <i>Feria</i>	09.00	SP	Adoration
	09.30	SP	Mass Pope Leo, Bishops & Clergy
	16.30	TT	Mass
	19.30	SP	Divine Mercy Chaplet, Adoration & Confessions
Fri 18 July <i>Feria (Day of Abstinence)</i>	08.00	TT	Mass <i>with Morning Prayer</i>
	09.00	SP	Adoration
	09.30	SP	Mass Joseph & Geraldine Glancy RIP
	15.00	Zoom	Divine Mercy Chaplet <i>with Stations of the Cross</i>
Sat 19 July <i>Our Lady</i>	08.30	TT	Mass <i>with Morning Prayer</i>
			Mass Brian O'Kane RIP

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intention

Sat 19 July	17.30	TT	Vigil Mass <i>(for Sunday)</i> For all Parishioners
Sun 20 July	09.00	SP	Mass Ann Thomas RIP
	11.00	CTK	Mass Fr Ray Blake RIP

Alleluia, alleluia. Your words, O Lord, are Spirit and life;
you have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

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an appointment at other times.

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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/learn more about our faith and ask questions in an informal setting. Next date: **Tuesday 15th July, 7.30pm** in the Parish Room at St Peter's. The theme will be Catholic Social Teaching: the Church's Best Kept Secret, putting our faith into action. All are welcome.

Would you like to find out more about the Catholic faith?
Do you have questions about a particular area of the Catholic faith?
Would you like to discuss your questions in a relaxed, open environment?
...A group will be starting soon

Come and See

Initial meeting taking place on
Tuesday 12th November 2024 at 7.30pm.
No need to book, just come along.

Venue: St Peter's Church Parish Room, West Street,
Shoreham-by-Sea, BN43 5WG
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286: What is freedom and what is it for?

Freedom is the God-given power to be able to act of one's own accord; a person who is free no longer acts under the influence of someone else.

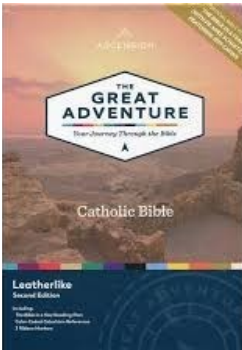
God created us as free men and wills our freedom so that we might decide wholeheartedly in favor of the good, indeed for the greatest "good" - in other words, for God. The more we do what is good, the freer we become.

From Right to Life

Let us pray for the ears to hear God's call to help the vulnerable in our midst, including people with disabilities, people in hospital, those in nursing homes, the housebound, and the unborn.

OLQP Bible Group: What do we do when we meet?

Our friendly group usually come together on Saturday mornings, after mass at St Peter's. We meet in the Parish Room and after a cup of tea/coffee, we watch a video, usually lasting around 50 minutes. There is one more session this summer on 19th July, in which we will be continuing the Book of Revelations, via a series of films from renowned Bible Scholar and broadcaster, Jeff Cavins, a member of the Ascension Press team. Here he explains his 'Great Adventure Bible Timeline'.



Why not come along and give it a try? All are welcome. For more information email patsydaniels@gmail.com.

After Saturday 19th July, the group will take a break and resume in September.



Mothers Prayers

Thank you to all who came to our first meeting last Friday. The group will start up again on Friday 5th September, meeting on the first Friday of each month thereafter.

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, Pauline R, and all who are sick.

Please pray for St Peter's School, particularly this year's leavers.

Please also pray for PEACE, for the Diocesan Pastoral Plan, vocations, enquirers to Catholicism, our First Holy Communion children and families, and the Cycle 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).

Prayer for Sea Sunday

Let us ask God to protect all seafarers and fishers, who work hard on the perilous sea, to bring us so many of the goods that we rely on in our daily lives. We pray especially for those affected by conflicts around the world, particularly in the Red Sea, Ukraine and Israel and Palestine.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer

From Saint Bonaventure (1221-1274), Doctor of the Church (Feast on Tuesday 15 July)



If you learn everything, except Christ, you learn nothing. If you learn nothing, except Christ, you learn everything.



HAPPENING THIS WEEK

EVENTS & NOTICES

Sun 13	Sea Sunday 2nd Collection: Stella Maris
Tues 15	SP Parish Room, 7.30pm: Come and See group The theme for this week is The Church's Best Kept Secret: Catholic Social Teaching All are welcome
Thur 17	SP Parish Room, 10.00: Coffee Pop-in
Fri 18	No confessions today at SP
Sat 19	OLQP Bible Group

Devotions, Adoration and Confessions this week

Rosary: Monday (SP) 10.00 & (Zoom) 19.30; Tuesday (CTK) 09.30; Saturday (SP) after Mass

Confessions: Tuesday (CTK) 10.30; Thursday (SP) 19.30; or by appointment or request

Adoration: Monday (SP) 09.00; Tuesday (CTK) 10.30; Thursday (SP) 19.30; Friday (SP) 09.00

Divine Mercy Chaplet: Thursday (SP) 20.00; Friday (Zoom) 15.00 (with Stations)

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

Readings: 15th Sunday in OT

1st Reading Deuteronomy 30:10-14

Psalms 19(18):8. 9. 10. 11. R10b

2nd Reading Colossians 1:15-20

Gospel Luke 10:25-37

Sea Sunday: Sunday 13th July 2025

Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. Sea Sunday is Sunday 13th July. It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need.



STELLA MARIS

You can donate in church, by visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate, or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work, so please give generously. Thank you.

To Sing is To Pray Twice (St Augustine)

This week a short piece by John Taverner (1944-2013) who is probably best known for writing *Song for Athene* which was sung at Princess Diana's funeral and *The Lamb: Mother Of God, Here I Stand*

*Mother of God, here I stand now praying,
Before this icon of your radiant brightness,
Not praying to be saved from a battlefield,
Not giving thanks, nor seeking forgiveness
For the sins of my soul, nor for all the souls.
Numb, joyless and desolate on earth,
But for her alone, whom I wholly give you.*

Mikhail Lermontov (1814-41)



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:

- 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.

SVP National Raffle

Tickets will be on sale from next weekend at SP and CTK for the annual SVP National Raffle. Tickets are £1 each and the top two prizes are £5,000 and £1,000 respectively, plus many other prizes available.

See Church porch after Sunday mass.



Future Date for your Diary: LIVE SIMPLY

There will be an evening of LIVE SIMPLY on Wednesday September 24th open to all (in the Parish Room at St Peter's).

Come and find out how you can get involved with parish, local and regional events. Be proactive by helping out with groups, and your parish needs. Be ready to talk to your neighbours in the new Worthing area. Follow a readymade plan via LIVE SIMPLY guidelines.

More information next month.



DIOCESAN NEWS

Two new priests for our Diocese

Bishop Richard ordained Gary Carter and Scott Coleman to the priesthood on Saturday 5 July, with people from across the Diocese, and beyond, joining members of clergy and religious for the Ordination Mass at Arundel Cathedral.

Towards the end of the Mass Bishop Richard announced that Fr Gary (right) will begin his priestly ministry at St Joseph's in Epsom, with Fr Scott (below) joining Burgess Hill, Haywards Heath & Keymer.



Prayer at the Memorial for Children Lost Before Birth

On Sunday 20 July at 4pm there will be a short service of prayer to remember all children who have died before birth and to pray for respect and protection in our society for all people from conception to natural death, at Arundel Catholic Cemetery, London Road, Arundel, BN18 9BA, followed by refreshments in the Cathedral Centre. All welcome. Please contact Maria Whitehouse on 07413 267267 with any queries.

Building the Domestic Church – Saturday 4 October at the St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley

The Church teaches that parents are the primary teachers of the faith. During baptism, parents are also called to promise the Lord, that they will teach and pass on the faith to their children. But what do they pass on? It can be a daunting promise, and after all "you can't give what you don't have" (2Cor 8:12). So how can we help parents, future parents and perhaps grandparents to experience a deeper encounter with Christ and build a plan to bringing their family into a more intimate, lifelong relationship with the Lord. Join us as we explore the concept of the Domestic Church and all it means for our families in faith. Teas and coffees will be available from 9.30am. Please bring a packed lunch with you. To book a place follow this link [Building the Domestic Church \(04-Oct-2025\) · ChurchSuite Events](#) or you can book through the events page on the Diocesan website. If you have any questions about this event please contact Deacon Simon South, Marriage and Family Life Advisor E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk.

Pilgrimage of Reparation & Consecration

Some of our parishioners joined others last Saturday for a day of prayer, adoration, mass and reconciliation at the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation, West Grinstead.

Fr Chris Benyon is pictured here. He recently celebrated 60 years in the priesthood.

Thanks to Bernie Glancy for the photograph.



From Bishop Richard

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

This Sunday's Gospel is the Parable of the Good Samaritan. This is a text that we know so well, that there is a danger that familiarity hampers a real listening to the proclamation of the Gospel. St Benedict, whose feast we celebrate on Monday 11th, speaks of 'Listening with the ear of the heart.' This is so much more than hearing, it is more than listening at the level of the mind, it is a listening that brings the Word of God to the very core of our being, the place of love. This Sunday, with a Gospel we know so well, listening at that depth brings so many blessings.

Pope Francis, in his encyclical letter [Fratelli Tutti](#), uses the Good Samaritan as a model for every interaction – including the international stage. The going out to brothers and sisters, enjoined by the Lord in this parable, is the way forward for the world, he tells us. This may seem so difficult – even in our homes, with those closest to us, it can be hard. Yet we are reminded in this Sunday's First Reading, from the Book of Deuteronomy, that the law given by God is truly possible, for the Word is IN us.

This is reflected again when we read the Parable of the Good Samaritan in a slightly different way – seeing ourselves as the one who is in the ditch and the Lord Himself coming to our aid. St Paul expresses this in his hymn at the beginning of the Letter to the Colossians (the Second Reading this Sunday), where he rejoices at the victory Christ has won. We need have no fear, the Lord has rescued us and now we – with the Word Who is Life in our hearts – can go out to our brothers and sisters, carrying out the work the Lord calls us to do in His name.

With every blessing,

+ Richard

