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7th September 2025 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

**WELCOME TO OUR PARISH**

*You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.*

**Deacon Simon writes**

Spiritual Cost Benefit Analysis

It is notoriously difficult to quantify the cost of large projects. The Channel Tunnel cost 80% more than the original budget, The London to Birmingham high speed rail line is currently forecast to cost three times the original estimate. But just as important as the cost is the realised benefit. For example, using the Channel Tunnel is far greener than using ferries or flying, as the trains, unlike ships and planes, use electricity from low carbon sources.

In today's gospel Jesus spells out the cost of discipleship in stark terms. To be a disciple we must go all in. As we heard, three weeks ago, Jesus recognised that his teachings have the power to divide families against each other. This week Jesus doubles down saying that his teachings have the power to cause hatred between a disciple and their family.

I think that Jesus is exaggerating to make a point. When it rains heavily, we often say it is raining cats and dogs, we do not mean it is literally raining cats and dogs, we use this figure of speech to emphasise the severity of the rain. I think that Jesus is exaggerating to emphasise the level of commitment that His disciples are expected to show. It may have also served to sift out those, in the great crowds that accompanied Jesus, that were serious in following Him. So if the cost of discipleship is complete commitment to Jesus what is the benefit?

With every blessing,  
Deacon Simon

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time				Mass Intention
Sat 6 Sep	08.30	TT	Mass <i>with Morning Prayer</i>	
	Our Lady (First Saturday)	10.00	SP	Mass <i>For defeat of Assisted Dying Bill</i>
		10.30	SP	Rosary & Fatima Devotions
Sat 6 Sep	17.30	TT	Vigil Mass <i>(for Sunday)</i>	Terry Burchett RIP
Sun 7 Sep	09.00	SP	Mass	Christopher Thorpe RIP
		11.00	CTK	Mass <i>For all Parishioners</i>
Mon 8 Sep	08.00	TT	Mass <i>with Morning Prayer</i>	
	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	09.00	SP	Adoration
		09.30	SP	Mass <i>Ints of Kathleen McAllister</i>
		10.00	SP	Rosary
		19.30	Zoom	Rosary
Tue 9 Sep	09.30	CTK	Rosary	
	Feria (St Peter Claver)	10.00	CTK	Mass <i>Pope Leo, Bishops &amp; Clergy</i>
		10.30	CTK	Adoration & Confessions
		17.30	TT	Mass
Wed 10 Sep	08.00	TT	Mass <i>with Morning Prayer</i>	
Thu 11 Sep	09.00	SP	Adoration	
	Feria	09.30	SP	Mass <i>Wellbeing of Robert John</i>
		16.30	TT	Mass
		19.30	SP	Adoration & Divine Mercy Chaplet (no confessions)
Fri 12 Sep	08.00	TT	Mass <i>with Morning Prayer</i>	
	The Most Holy Name of Mary	10.30	SP	Requiem Mass : Len Crayston RIP
		15.00	Zoom	Divine Mercy Chaplet <i>with Stations of the Cross</i>
Sat 13 Sep	08.30	TT	Mass <i>with Morning Prayer</i>	
	St John Chrysostom	10.00	SP	Mass & Rosary <i>World Apostolate of Fatima</i>
			CTK	Wedding: Mark Wright and Cristina Andretta
Exaltation of the Holy Cross				
Sat 13 Sep	17.30	TT	Vigil Mass <i>(for Sunday)</i>	For all Parishioners
Sun 14 Sep	09.00	SP	Mass	John Yates RIP
		11.00	CTK	Mass <i>Kathleen Dunlea RIP</i>

*"To always be close to Jesus, that's my life plan"* [Blessed Carlo Acutis, who will be canonized on 7th September 2025]



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 starting soon, ‘Come & See’, for people to come and discuss/learn more about our faith and ask questions in an informal setting.

In the meantime, please feel free to bring your questions to Father Graham or Deacon Simon.

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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From YouCat Daily

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

479: What can we learn from the way in which Mary prayed? (Mary's birthday is 8 September)

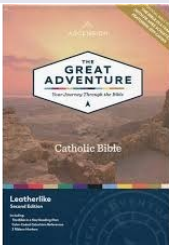
To learn from Mary how to pray means to join in her prayer: "Let it be to me according to your word" (Lk 1:38). Prayer is ultimately self-giving in response to God's love. If we say Yes as Mary did, God has the opportunity to lead his life in our life.

From Right to Life

Let us pray for our politicians and decision-makers, that they would always strive to protect all human life and human dignity from the point of conception till natural death.

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. We are currently walking through 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](mailto:patsydaniels@gmail.com).



Mothers Prayers

Thank you to all who came to our meeting on Friday. The group will next meet on Friday 3rd October, and meeting on the first Friday of each month thereafter.

Preparing for the Sacraments

There will be instruction starting in the coming weeks for the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. If you would like to express an interest at this stage or enquire (for you or your child), please speak to Father Graham or email the office: [adurvalley@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:adurvalley@abdiocese.org.uk).

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, 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** the soul of Len Crayston RIP. Len's Requiem mass will be at St Peter's on Friday 12th September at 10.30am. Please pray for him and his family. May he rest in peace.

**Please pray for** Mark Wright and Cristina Andretta, who will be married at CTK on Saturday 13th September. Please pray for them and their families.

**Please also pray for** PEACE, for the Diocesan Pastoral Plan, vocations, enquirers to Catholicism and the sacraments, our catholic schools, the clergy deanery meeting, and the Cycle of Prayer for Autumn: students and teachers; the spread of the Gospel; the harvest; the fruits of human work, and the reverent use of creation; justice and peace in the world; all victims of war; young people; prisoners and their families.

**From Saint John Chrysostom called Goldenmouth (Feast day on 13th September)**

*If any sorrow is presented to you,  
lean into the New Testament,  
as if it is a remedy.*



HAPPENING THIS WEEK

EVENTS & NOTICES

Sat 6 Sep	OLQP Bible Study Group <i>March for Life</i> event in London
Sun 7	SVP Bookstall
Mon 8	SP Parish Room, 2.30pm: SVP meeting <i>New members welcome</i>
Wed 10	SP Parish Room, 10am until 3pm: Jumble Sale in aid of Cancer Research for Children & Young People
Thur 11	SP Parish Room, 10.00: Coffee Pop-in, Digital Advice and then OLQP Community Lunch Club at 12.00pm <i>Deanery Clergy Meeting</i>
Sat 13	Catenians Retreat Day at The Towers
Sun 14	2nd collection: Education Sunday

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; or by appointment or request

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

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

Witness and Evangelisation: Urgent help needed at CTK

An appeal to parishioners living near to CTK in Steyning. We need people to volunteer to join a rota for opening up and closing the church during the week. A very simple and quick task, that could easily be included in your daily routine. Speak to Fr Graham, Deacon Simon or the office if you can help.

News from the SVP

Our SVP members have been working closely with their counterparts in Worthing for some time now, leading by example as to how things will work when the new larger parish is formed, in line with Bishop Richard’s Pastoral Plan (copies available in the church porch).

A major project (based in East Worthing) involves collecting, sorting, storing and then distributing furniture, clothing and other essentials to refugee families across the whole of our deanery. If you are interested in learning more, speak to any of the SVP members, or email the Parish office.

**Current need: Beds, preferably doubles, in good condition. They can collect. Speak to Ann Olliver if you can help.**



Jumble Sale: Wednesday 10th September

Staff from the Cancer Research Shop in Shoreham are coming to St Peter’s on Wednesday to hold a jumble sale, in aid of the Cancer Research UK for Children and Young People. Open from 10am until 3pm. Refreshments on sale, plus a tombola. Prices from 50p. *Please note it is a cash only sale.*

For more information contact Dorothy on 07528 677810



Season of Creation

Season of Creation is the annual Christian celebration to pray and respond to the cry of Creation. Running from 1<sup>st</sup> September and ending with the feast of St Francis on the 4<sup>th</sup> October, it is an opportunity to ecumenically celebrate the beauty of Creation. See more at <https://seasonofcreation.org/>.

This year’s theme is “Peace with Creation” inspired by Isaiah 32:14-18

*“For the palace is forsaken, the populous city deserted; the hill and the watchtower will become dens forever, a joy of wild donkeys, a pasture of flocks; until the Spirit is poured upon us from on high, and the wilderness becomes a fruitful field, and the fruitful field is deemed a forest. Then justice will dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness abide in the fruitful field. And the effect of righteousness will be peace, and the result of righteousness, quietness and trust for ever. My people will abide in a peaceful habitation, in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting-places.”*

Future Date for your Diary: LIVE SIMPLY

There will be an evening of LIVE SIMPLY on Wednesday September 24<sup>th</sup> 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. See poster in porch for the timetable.



Day of Retreat - The Towers - 13th September 2025, 9.45am - 3.00pm

Join Adur Valley Catenians and The Sisters of The Blessed Sacrament at The Towers, Upper Beeding, as we spend a day reflecting on our faith, the church, the Mass, and praying the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary and The Angelus. Bring a packed lunch and in the afternoon we shall be looking at Christian Apologetics and countering Atheism. To book, call or TXT Adrian on 07976-913774.





## DIOCESAN NEWS

## Festival of Hope

A limited number of tickets have become available for OLQP Adur Valley parishioners to join Bishop Richard for a day of prayer, formation, and mission as our Diocese marks its 60th Anniversary at Ardingly, in this Jubilee Year of Hope.

**Please note: There is a coach being organised with a pick up in Lancing. If you would like a place, please email the office.**



The celebration, on Saturday 20 September, will include inspiring talks from renowned guest speakers, opportunities for Adoration and Reconciliation, the celebration of Mass, and uplifting liturgy with music from One Hope Project and children from the diocesan Schools Singing Programme.

There will also be opportunities to find out more about Catholic aid agency CAFOD, the Bible Society, the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), our diocesan Ecumenical Fighting Modern Slavery volunteers and many more, with an opportunity for attendees to see CAFOD and CBCEW's National Jubilee Icon created by Mulugeta Araya, an Ethiopian artist and engineer, and the Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition created and designed by Blessed Carlo Acutis, which recently featured in BBC's Songs of Praise.

Families are very welcome, with breakout spaces and picnic areas available. Please bring a packed lunch (refreshments and snacks will be available to purchase).

## Readings: 23rd Sunday in OT

1st Reading Wisdom 9:13-18b

Psalm 90(89):3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17, R1

2nd Reading Philemon 9b-10, 12-17

Gospel Luke 14:25-33

*To see the readings for the coming week visit [www.universalis.com](http://www.universalis.com).*

## Diocesan Events

## BUILDING THE DOMESTIC CHURCH

Bringing Jesus into the heart of family life

**Sat 4 Oct**  
**10am-3pm**

The St Philip Howard Centre



## Building the Domestic Church

4 October, 10am-3pm, The St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley, RH10 6RP. How can we help parents bring their family into a more intimate lifelong relationship with the Lord? [Click here](#) to register your free place.

## Cathedral Mass for Altar Servers

Saturday 27 September at 12 noon at Arundel Cathedral

Fr Aaron Spinelli, the Diocesan Director for the Guild of St Stephen, invites diocesan altar servers to a special Mass at Arundel Cathedral led by Bishop Richard. The Mass will offer an opportunity to celebrate and thank servers for their service to our parish communities and is for those who have served, those who are serving, and anybody who would like to serve – everyone is very welcome to attend. Please contact Fr Aaron to confirm attendance and numbers; E: [aaron.spinelli@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:aaron.spinelli@abdiocese.org.uk) - and bring a cassock, cotta or an alb, if possible. Holy Mass will be followed by light refreshments (please bring a packed lunch).



## FIRST SATURDAY

*"My God, I believe, I adore,  
I trust, and I love Thee.  
I beg pardon for all those  
that do not believe,  
do not adore, do not trust,  
and do not love Thee."*



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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.*