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28th September 2025

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

From Father Graham

The poor man, Lazarus, died and was "carried by the angels to Abraham's side".

In life, Lazarus had suffered greatly; not only in poverty and sickness but also in shame and being ignored. He begged. The rich man, at whose gate Lazarus sat, didn't even notice him in life and did not know his name or recognise him as a person. Yet Lazarus dies and goes to Abraham, "our father in faith". The rich man dies and goes to Hades and is still far off from Abraham. One experienced suffering on earth and received heaven as a gift. The other received comfort and relied on himself for security and reward in the afterlife. It wasn't quite the reward he was expecting.

Jesus became poor for us and suffered. He died and in His resurrection and ascension He is seated at the right hand of the Father and has Abraham worship Him.

Our Catholic faith demands charity and seeing each person as a human being made in the image and likeness of God. Our faith affirms a life after death which embodies our faith and action in life. If we ignore Jesus here, how will we know and love Him when we see Him face to face? Faith also assures us of our connection with the souls in purgatory. We can assist them with our prayers in the hope of heaven that Jesus has won for us on the cross. We are strengthened in this struggle by grace and the sacraments. We are pledged heaven in the Mass. It is heaven where we shall be carried to by the angels to be with God and the saints for ever.

With my prayer for every day. God bless you.

Fr Graham

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intention

Sat 27 Sep	17.30	TT	Vigil Mass <i>(for Sunday)</i>	For all Parishioners
Sun 28 Sep	09.00	SP	Mass	Cecilia Walls RIP
	11.00	CTK	Mass	For the dying, for a Holy death
Mon 29 Sep	08.00	TT	Mass <i>with Morning Prayer</i>	
<i>Saints Michael, Gabriel & Raphael</i>	09.00	SP	Adoration	
	09.30	SP	Mass	Fr Alan Sharpe RIP
	10.00	SP	Rosary	
	19.30	Zoom	Rosary	
Tue 30 Sep	09.30	CTK	Rosary	
<i>Saint Jerome</i>	10.00	CTK	Mass	Kathleen McAllister RIP
	17.30	TT	Mass	
Wed 1 Oct	08.00	TT	Mass <i>with Morning Prayer</i>	
Thu 2 Oct	09.00	SP	Adoration	
<i>The Holy Guardian Angels</i>	09.30	SP	Mass	Sydney John Almeida RIP
	16.30	TT	Mass	
	19.30	SP	Adoration, Divine Mercy Chaplet & Confessions	
Fri 3 Oct	08.00	TT	Mass <i>with Morning Prayer</i>	
<i>Feria (Day of abstinence)</i>	09.00	SP	Adoration	
	09.30	SP	Mass	Bessie and Harry Donegan RIP
	10.00	SP	Confessions	
	15.00	Zoom	Divine Mercy Chaplet <i>with Stations of the Cross</i>	
Sat 4 Oct	08.30	TT	Mass <i>with Morning Prayer</i>	
<i>Saint Francis of Assisi (First Saturday)</i>	10.00	SP	Mass	Martha Clarke RIP
	10.30	SP	Rosary & Fatima Devotions	

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Sat 4 Oct	17.30	TT	Vigil Mass <i>(for Sunday)</i>	For all Parishioners
Sun 5 Oct	09.00	SP	Mass	Thanksgiving, Lai Family
	11.00	CTK	Mass	Jenny Potter RIP

Alleluia, alleluia. Jesus Christ, though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich. Alleluia.



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 again on 7th October, 'Come & See', for people to come and discuss/learn more about our faith and ask questions in an informal setting (see posters and leaflets in the porch). In the meantime, please feel free to bring your questions to Father Graham or Deacon Simon.

Thinking about becoming a Catholic?

Or are you already a Catholic but would like to learn more about the faith?

Come and See

Upcoming dates (all start 7.30pm)

7th & 21st October 2025
4th & 18th November 2025
2nd & 16th December 2025

No need to book, just come along to any session.

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>

112: What will it be like when Christ judges us and the whole world?

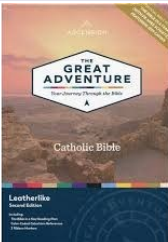
Even Christ cannot help someone who does not want to know anything about love; such a person judges himself. Because Jesus Christ is "the way, and the truth, and the life" (Jn 14:6), he will show what is of lasting value in God's sight and what is not. Held up to the standard of his life, the full truth about all people, things, thoughts, and events will come to light.

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, Deacon Simon or email the office: adurvalley@abdiocese.org.uk.

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? Next sessions on 4th & 25th October. All are welcome. For more information email patsydaniels@gmail.com.



A prayer from the Latin Mass...

Some text here (translated into English), that the priest says in the Latin mass, which is no longer in the English translation:

Let not the partaking of Thy Body, O Lord Jesus Christ, which I, unworthy, presume to receive, turn to my judgment and condemnation; but through Thy kindness, may it benefit me, a safeguard both of mind and body, and a certain remedy.

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 Kathleen McAllister RIP whose funeral is on Tuesday. May she rest in peace.

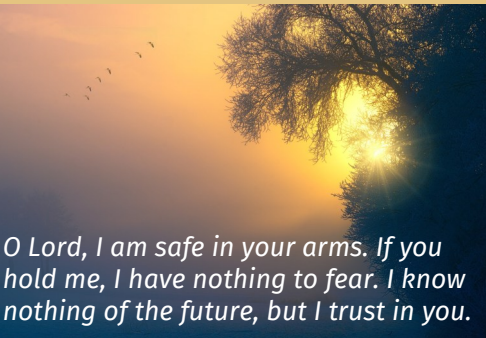
Please pray for the soul of Fr Alan Sharpe RIP. Fr Alan retired to live in our parish. Please pray for all his family. Funeral details to be announced. May he rest in peace.

Please also pray for PEACE, for the Diocesan Pastoral Plan, vocations, enquirers to Catholicism and the sacraments, St Peter's School, and the Cycle of Prayer for Autumn.

From Right to Life

This week we will be celebrating the feast days of both St Thérèse of the Child Jesus and St Francis of Assisi. Let us pray with their powerful intercession for our Government, that they would anchor themselves on the desire to protect all human life.

Saint Francis of Assisi (Feast Day on 4 October) prayed...



O Lord, I am safe in your arms. If you hold me, I have nothing to fear. I know nothing of the future, but I trust in you.



HAPPENING THIS WEEK

EVENTS & NOTICES

Tue 30	No Adoration or Confessions at CTK today
Wed 1	Fair Trade wine and cheese tasting
Thur 2	SP Parish Room, 10.00: Coffee Pop-in 8pm Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration Presentation (Crawley)
Fri 3	CAFOD Harvest Family Fast Day 10.30am, SP Parish Room: Mothers Prayers
Sat 4	OLQP Bible Study Group
Sun 5	2nd Collection: CAFOD

SVP: Current needs

Beds, preferably doubles, in good condition. We can collect. Speak to Ann Olliver if you can help.



Calling all mothers

Including spiritual mothers, godmothers and grandmothers



You are invited to come and pray for our children

Meetings on first Friday of each month, 10–11am in the St Peter's Parish Room

For more information, contact Tessa Ricketts via Parish Office: adurvalley@abdiocese.org.uk



Confirmation 2026: from Deacon Simon...

The younger people of the parish are invited to participate in a series of seven meetups, some in person and some on-line, between now and next April, in preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation in 2026. The sessions will last for no more than an hour and be held on Thursday evenings starting at 7:30pm. The first session will be an in person meeting on Thursday 23rd October in the Parish Room at St. Peter's Church, when the schedule and content of the programme will be discussed.

2025 First Holy Communion Parents

Please remember to come and collect your child's decorated cross from the noticeboard in St Peter's. Thank you.

Devotions, Adoration and Confessions this week

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

Confessions: Thursday (SP) 19.30; Friday (SP) 10.00; or by appointment or request

Adoration: Monday (SP) 09.00; Thursday (SP) 19.30; Friday (SP) 09.00

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

Fairtrade Fortnight 2025

There will be Fairtrade Wine and local Cheese tasting on Wednesday 1st October, 19.00 – 21.00 in the Parish Room at St Peter's.

The Co-op and Mr and Mrs Cheese are very kindly supporting us by supplying the wine and cheese. We very much look forward to seeing you.

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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."



Readings: 26th Sunday in OT C

1st Reading Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Psalm 146(145): 7. 8-9a. 9b-10. R5a.

2nd Reading 1 Timothy 6:11-16

Gospel Luke 16:19-31

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

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.



DIOCESAN NEWS

Diocesan Festival of Hope

Some of our parishioners went to this event last Saturday and sent this summary of the day:

The A&B Festival of Hope at Ardingly was very uplifting and enjoyable, with around 1,000 people from across the Diocese attending.

There were four engaging speakers during the day, with worshipful music provided by the One Hope project. The programme culminated with Mass celebrated by Bishop Richard.

*Some takeaways - During this jubilee year, we are **encouraged to be enthusiastic about, and confident in our faith**. Our parishes should be places of warm welcome, where **each person is 'seen, heard and valued.'***

In our larger parishes, we need to collaborate, which may involve new ways of doing things, not because we may have 'done it this way for years.'

We are 'the new wine in new wine skins', pilgrims of hope.



Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration – information evening on Thursday 2 October at the St Francis School hall, Crawley

The Diocese is renewing and developing the Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration which has as its primary purpose 'prayer for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious life'. The Apostolate encourages Parishioners to commit themselves to One hour's Adoration every week for this intention. You are welcome to attend an information evening on Thursday 2 October starting promptly at 8pm (to finish by 9pm) at the St Francis School Hall (immediately behind the St Philip Howard centre) Crawley, RH10 6RP.

CAFOD Harvest Family Fast Day: Friday 3rd October 2025

Next weekend there will be a second collection for CAFOD.

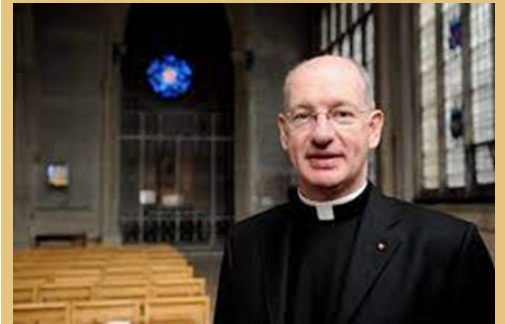
Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection to share God's abundant gifts with our global neighbours as they find lasting solutions to poverty and climate challenges.



Your generosity offers "signs of hope" in this Jubilee Year, helping build more water tanks in communities like Waré's in Ethiopia where women have to walk for hours to get water. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFOD to 70560 to donate £10.

The New Worthing Parish

Please take a copy of the update from Fr Irek Stadler, about plans for the new Worthing Parish, in line with Bishop Richard's Pastoral Plan, The Word is Life.



From Bishop Richard

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus is, I always find, especially strong in tone. Jesus gives the rich man no name, yet the poor man has that dignity. At the end of the parable, Jesus points out that "even if someone should rise from the dead" the rich man's relatives would not be convinced. Jesus, of course, does rise from the dead and His warning is an indication of the all-absorbing lure of riches and power.

Like the people against whom Amos speaks in the first reading, the rich man in the parable cares nothing for others.

Jesus speaks elsewhere in the Gospel about the lure of riches – in the Parable of the Sower, this is one of the things that chokes the growing shoots, strangling them and preventing the crop.

St Paul, writing to Timothy, provides us with the way forward: our lives must be marked by faith, love, patience and gentleness. We are called to be saints.

This path is not an easy one – the gospels are filled with the Lord's warning of the hard road, the narrow gate, the call not to look back, but to keep our gaze on Him, that our steps do not stray.

Let us take the warning of the parable to heart, together with the guidance offered us by St Paul, that we do not fall into the traps that lie all around us, but keep mind and heart, every effort, on the building of the Kingdom of God in love and service – for this is true riches.

With every blessing,

+ Richard

