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12th October 2025

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

Alleluia, alleluia. In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Alleluia.

From Father Graham

The Samaritan that came to thank Jesus for being healed had been deemed to be unclean twice over. Firstly, he was suffering from leprosy and secondly, he was a Samaritan. Jesus healed him from his contagious disease and the exclusion of his religion. The Samaritans were thought to be idolaters for they had mixed their worship of God with that of other gods (2Kings17). Jesus now restored this man to his family and village as well as to the true worship of God. How did Jesus do this?

The leper was healed while obeying Jesus' instructions of going to Jerusalem to show himself "to the priests". This was to prove he had been healed but also because a priest represents God in the Temple. Jesus was telling him to give thanks to God for his healing. But this Samaritan obeys Jesus fully even though it appears that he disobeys Him. He realises he is healed and recognises that God had healed him, and Jesus is God and so goes to Him.

In one moment of turning around he is healed, reconciled and restored to true worship by recognising and thanking God for His goodness.

We may feel unclean, isolated, unloved or lost in life. But, in the same movement of repentance and thanksgiving we can and are healed, forgiven and restored to worship of the one, true God who is Jesus Christ. He is our peace plan. Our lasting peace.

With my prayer of healing for you all. God bless you.

Fr Graham

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intention

Sat 11 Oct	08.30	TT	Mass <i>with Morning Prayer</i>	
<i>Our Lady</i>	10.00	SP	Mass & Rosary	<i>Susan Atkins RIP</i>
Sat 11 Oct	17.30	TT	Vigil Mass <i>(for Sunday)</i>	<i>For all Parishioners</i>
Sun 12 Oct	09.00	SP	Mass	<i>Anthony Hammonds RIP</i>
	11.00	CTK	Mass	<i>Thanksgiving, Kerry & Tricia Callaghan</i>
Mon 13 Oct	08.00	TT	Mass <i>with Morning Prayer</i>	
<i>Feria (Saint Edward the Confessor)</i>	09.00	SP	Adoration	
	09.30	SP	Mass	<i>World Apostolate of Fatima</i>
	10.00	SP	Rosary	
	19.30	Zoom	Rosary	
Tue 14 Oct	11.00	TT	Requiem Mass: Fr Alan Sharpe RIP	
<i>Feria (Saint Callistus)</i>	17.30	TT	Mass	
Wed 15 Oct	08.00	TT	Mass <i>with Morning Prayer</i>	
Thu 16 Oct	09.00	SP	Adoration	
<i>Feria</i>	09.30	SP	Mass	<i>Ints of Edward and Mary Hughes</i>
<i>(Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque)</i>	16.30	TT	Mass	
	19.30	SP	Adoration & Divine Mercy Chaplet (no Confessions)	
Fri 17 Oct	08.00	TT	Mass <i>with Morning Prayer</i>	
<i>Saint Ignatius of Antioch</i>	09.00	SP	Adoration	
	09.30	SP	Mass	<i>Pamela Goodwin RIP</i>
<i>Day of abstinence</i>	10.00	SP	Confessions	
	15.00	Zoom	Divine Mercy Chaplet <i>with Stations of the Cross</i>	
Sat 18 Oct	08.30	TT	Mass <i>with Morning Prayer</i>	
<i>Saint Luke</i>	10.00	SP	Mass & Rosary	<i>For victims of modern slavery</i>

Saint Philip Howard

Sat 18 Oct	17.30	TT	Vigil Mass <i>(for Sunday)</i>	<i>For all Parishioners</i>
Sun 19 Oct	09.00	SP	Mass	<i>Kate, Jon & Louise Abbott RIP</i>
	11.00	CTK	Mass	<i>John Green RIP</i>

*If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.*

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Parish Office open Thursdays 09.00—13.00

CTK | Christ the King, Steyning, BN44 3PB

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

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

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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 (see posters and leaflets in the porch). In the meantime, please feel free to bring your questions to Father Graham or Deacon Simon.

Next session: 21st October 2025, 7.30pm

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>

488: Why should we thank God?

Everything that we are and have comes from God. Paul says, "What have you that you did not receive?" (1 Cor 4,7). Being grateful to God, the giver of all good things, makes you happy.

The greatest prayer of thanks is the "Eucharist" ("thanksgiving" in Greek) of Jesus, in which he takes bread and wine so as to offer in them to God all of creation, transformed. Whenever Christians give thanks, they are joining in Jesus' great prayer of thanksgiving. For we, too, are transformed and redeemed by Jesus, and so from the depths of our hearts we can be grateful and tell God this in a variety of ways.

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.

Dates for your diary:

First Holy Communion meeting for parents and children: Tuesday 25th November, 7.30pm (please pick up a form from Fr Graham from this weekend)

Confirmation candidates: Thursday 23rd October, 7.30pm.

From Right to Life

This week, we will celebrate the feast day of St Gerard Majella, the patron saint of expectant mothers. We pray for all who work in maternity units with pregnant women, that they may recognise that God is truly with us in each unborn child.

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 Fr Alan Sharpe RIP. Please pray for all his family. Fr Alan's Requiem Mass is at the Towers Convent on Tuesday 14 October at 11am. May he rest in peace.

Please pray for the soul of Daniel RIP, and all those who have died this week. May they rest in peace.

Please pray for Kerry & Tricia Callaghan, celebrating 60 years of marriage. Please pray for them and their family.

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

Saint Gerard Majella (Feast on 16th October) prayed...



Who except God can give you peace? Has the world ever been able to satisfy the heart?



HAPPENING THIS WEEK

EVENTS & NOTICES

Sun 12	Prisoners' Sunday 2nd Collection: PACT
Tue 14	No Mass or confessions at CTK
Thur 16	SP Parish Room, 10.00: Coffee Pop-in Deanery Clergy Meeting
Sun 19	World Mission Sunday
FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
2 Nov	Blessing of the Graves (times to be confirmed)
15 Nov	2.30pm, SP Parish Room: Winter Afternoon Tea  
22 Nov	10.00am, SP: Memorial Mass for the dead Please join us for refreshments afterwards

St Philip Howard Mass, 19 October, 3pm, Arundel Cathedral.

Join Bishop Richard and people from across the Diocese for Mass for the Feast of St Philip Howard, our diocesan patron saint, followed by refreshments and the Friends of Arundel Cathedral AGM.

SVP: Current needs

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

CTK opening

Thank you to all who have volunteered to help with opening and locking up CTK during the week. We hope to start from this week. If anyone else can help, please speak to Monique Cummings or Fr Graham.

Prisoners' Sunday: 12th October 2025

Prisoners' Sunday is a day of National Prayer for Prisoners, their families and children. In this jubilee year, we have the opportunity to remember those impacted by the criminal justice system. Pope Francis started this year of hope by opening five jubilee doors. The second was opened at Rebibbia Prison in Rome, where Pope Francis reminded us that we each can be prisoners in our own way. He spoke to the prisoners about the need to have hope in their hearts and not leave them closed. We remember the legacy of Pope Francis and his reminder of Jesus's words, "I was in prison, and you came to visit me".

Our 2nd collection this weekend will be for PACT. Thank you for your support.

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.

Winter Afternoon Tea

All are welcome to come to our Winter Afternoon Tea on Saturday 15th November, from 2.30 to 4.30pm in the Parish Room at St Peter's. Tickets £15.



WINTER AFTERNOON TEA
1 Ticket £15
Saturday 15th November 2025
From 2.30pm – 4.30pm
At St Peter's Church, Parish Room, West Street
Shoreham-by-Sea, BN43 5WG

Devotions, Adoration and Confessions this week

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

Confessions: 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)

SVP: The St Charles Borromeo Project in Worthing

There is a short film that has been produced about the amazing work our SVP has been undertaking, alongside members from across our Deanery, which will be available for parishioners to watch after mass on Sunday 19th October in the Parish Room at St Peter's. All are welcome.



October: Month of the Holy Rosary

The rosary is a mysterious prayer because of its simplicity, but also because of its depth. It has been prayed and loved consistently by faithful Catholics since the beginning of the second millennium. It is a prayer beginners can learn, and it can lead us into the depth of the Christian life. It is loved by the simplest souls and some of the greatest mystics of the Church.

Our Lady herself, most especially in her appearance at Fatima, but also in other apparitions, has begged us to pray the rosary daily. She said that it was essential to bring peace to our families and to our world, and she asked us to pray the rosary to bring an end to war.



Bishop Andrew Cozzens,
Bishop of Crookston,
Minnesota, USA



DIOCESAN NEWS

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.

Job Opportunity at the Diocese

Communications Officer, part-time, permanent

Salary: £17,500 for 0.5 FTE (Based on a full-time salary of £35,000)

Location: Based in Crawley, with hybrid working & travel across the Diocese required

Application deadline: 16 October; Interviews: 22 October in Crawley

The successful applicant will produce and edit accurate, well-written online and offline content across diocesan platforms, telling the Church's story and its contribution to society. The successful candidate will support the Head of Communications in managing the digital and print presence of the diocese, including content management for our website and social platforms and communications for fundraising campaigns. To find out more and to apply, go to the Diocesan website: abdiocese.org.uk/careers/p-tcomms

Ministry of Consolation

Do you have a good listening ear? Do you feel you could support those who are struggling with loss or bereavement? We are recruiting for our training course to become a member of the Ministry of Consolation team of volunteer befrienders. The course runs online for a total of 7 weeks on each Wednesday throughout January and February 2026 (9.30am-1.30pm). To find out more contact E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk. Application process ends on 15 November 2025.

Quiet Revival

Catholic Radio Station "Radio Maria England" is holding its annual Mariathon from 15-17 October, with special programming focused on the "Quiet Revival". Inspiring guest speakers will share how they have witnessed the growth of faith, church attendance, and ministries in this country over the past decade. You can listen on a DAB radio or smart speaker, the Radio Maria App, or online at www.radiomariaengland.uk.



Readings: 28th Sunday in OT C

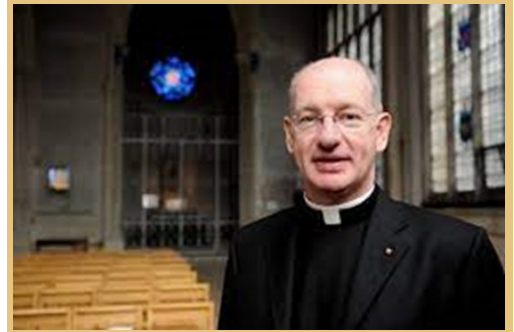
1st Reading 2 Kings 5:14-17

Psalm 98(97):1. 2-3b. 3c-4. R1a

2nd Reading 2 Timothy 2:8-13

Gospel 1 Thessalonians 5:18

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



From Bishop Richard

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Prisoners' Sunday falls on 12 October, and it takes place, too, in the Jubilee Year that was started by Pope Francis before Christmas last year. The theme of the Jubilee Year is "Pilgrims of Hope", and so we might reflect this Prisoners' Sunday, on the need to enable those who are serving sentences, all those affected by crime, and those who work in our prison system, to be able to re-find hope that they have perhaps lost.

I ask you on this Prisoners' Sunday to pray very particularly for victims of crime, for those who work in our prison system and in our justice system, and to remember very specially those who are serving sentences, and those who are the hidden victims of crime, particularly young ones.

Keep them in your prayers, reflect on ways in which you might perhaps volunteer for Pact: perhaps become a prison visitor or volunteer with the chaplaincy in your local prison.

I encourage everybody to pray on Prisoners' Sunday, especially during the celebration of Mass, and also for parishes, where they can, please, to hold a Second Collection for the support of [Pact](http://www.pact.org.uk), the Prison Advice and Care Trust.

Pact has the most wonderful history, and holds a very special place in care for prisoners and their families.

With every blessing

+ Richard

