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26th October 2025

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

Alleluia, alleluia. God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Alleluia.

From Father Graham

We are coming to the end of the month of the rosary and the start of November when we pray for the dead.

Our prayers are always heard and answered, but not always in the way we want. God will only give us what is needed for our eternal good. We know what we want but not always what we need. Our eternal good must be to be close to God in Jesus, anything else will be bad for us. So we need to be open to God's will and as the psalmist today says, "The prayer of the humble pierces the clouds".

Our rosaries and our prayers for the dead pierce the clouds because we unite ourselves with the saints who prayed the rosary and we offer prayers for souls (other than ourselves) who cannot pray for themselves after death. We stand with them.

St Paul reminds us that even if we seem to be alone we are never alone in prayer. We are united with each other and with Jesus. "the Lord stood by me and strengthened me", he says. He pleads for forgiveness for those who did not stand with him in prayer.

The self-righteous Pharisee separates himself from the tax collector as he prayed. To "set apart" is another way of describing holiness. Only God is holy in His nature. We are made holy by His grace. The tax collector, however, embodies the psalm and his prayer pierces the clouds. Both prayers are heard but only one is pleasing to God. Both are answered. One is justified the other continues to stand by himself and even separates himself from God.

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Mass Intention

Sat 25 Oct	08.30	TT	Mass <i>with Morning Prayer</i>
<i>Our Lady</i>	10.00	SP	Mass & Rosary <i>For defeat of the Assisted Dying bill</i>
Sat 25 Oct	17.30	TT	Vigil Mass <i>(for Sunday)</i> <i>Ints of Leonie Burchett</i>
Sun 26 Oct	09.00	SP	Mass <i>Giulio Venturi RIP</i>
	11.00	CTK	Mass <i>For all Parishioners</i>

[Weekday masses at The Towers only this week]

Mon 27 Oct	08.00	TT	Mass <i>with Morning Prayer</i>
<i>Feria</i>	19.30	Zoom	Rosary
Tue 28 Oct	17.30	TT	Mass
Wed 29 Oct	08.00	TT	Mass <i>with Morning Prayer</i>
Thu 30 Oct	16.30	TT	Mass
<i>Feria</i>	19.30	SP	Adoration & Divine Mercy Chaplet (no Confessions)
Fri 31 Oct	08.00	TT	Mass <i>with Morning Prayer</i>
<i>Feria</i>	15.00	Zoom	Divine Mercy Chaplet <i>with Stations of the Cross</i>
Sat 1 Nov	08.30	TT	Mass <i>with Morning Prayer</i>
<i>First Saturday</i>	10.00	SP	Mass <i>Raymond Olivier RIP</i>
	10.30	SP	Rosary & Fatima Devotions

All Saints

Sat 1 Nov	17.30	TT	Vigil Mass <i>(for Sunday)</i> <i>For all Parishioners</i>
Sun 2 Nov	09.00	SP	Mass <i>Fleur Pearce & Shirley Sinclair RIP</i>
	11.00	CTK	Mass <i>John Fowley RIP</i>
	12.00	SP	Holy Baptism: Rosa Isabella Wotherspoon

Let us pray, united with each and with the Lord, as we pray for those in need of mercy. Standing with Jesus our prayer pierces the clouds and into the heart of God.

With my prayer for you all everyday. God bless you.

Fr Graham

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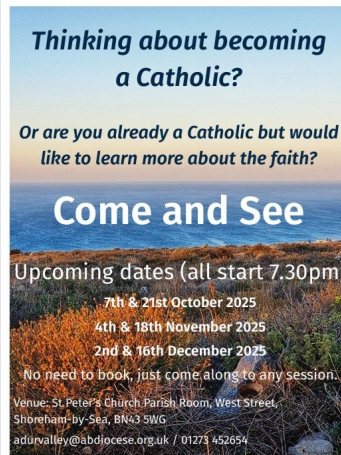
OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT WITH YOUR FAITH

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: Tuesday 4th November, 7.30pm



From YouCat Daily

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

2 Why did God create us?

God created us out of free and unselfish love.

When a man loves, his heart overflows. He would like to share his joy with others. He gets this from his Creator. Although God is a mystery, we can still think about him in a human way and say: Out of the "surplus" of his love he created us. He wanted to share his endless joy with us, who are creatures of his love.

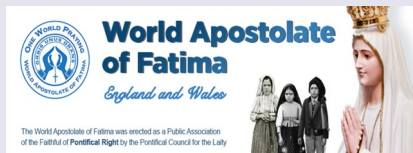
From Right to Life

We pray for all those with disabilities, including the unborn. We pray for protection for them and their mothers from the pressures of assisted suicide and abortion, and that they would instead experience overwhelming support from all who surround them.

World Apostolate of Fatima: Visit to Arundel Cathedral, 8th November 2025

Arundel Cathedral is hosting the Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima and relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco. The day includes the celebration of Mass, a procession and enthronement of the statue and opportunities to venerate the saints' relics, with the rosary and a number of talks. For a timetable of the day, visit the [A&B website](#) and [WAF](#) <https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/udvkhjw>

If anyone is able to offer lifts to other parishioners, please contact the office: adurvalley@abdiocese.org.uk



Readings: 30th Sunday in OT C

1st Reading Sirach 35:15b-17, 20-22b

Psalm 34(33):2-3, 17-18, 19, 23, R7a

2nd Reading 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Gospel Luke 18:9-14

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

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, Peter P and all who are sick.

Please pray for all those who have died this week. May they rest in peace.

Please also pray for PEACE, for the Diocesan Pastoral Plan, vocations, enquirers to Catholicism and the sacraments, Saint Peter's school, cycle of Prayer for Autumn.

To Sing is to Pray Twice (St Augustin)

The first piece this week is a beautiful setting of the very well known '[Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring](#)' sung by Voces 8.

The second piece, '[Abendlied](#)', written by Josef Rheinberger (1839-1901). Remarkably he wrote the first version of this when he was 15.

Pope Francis prayed...

What would happen if we treated the Bible the same way we treat our cell phones? If we turn back to get it because we left it at home, if we pick it up several times a day, if we read the messages of God in the Bible as we read the messages on our phone screens?



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HAPPENING THIS WEEK

EVENTS & NOTICES

Sat 25	OLQP Bible Study Group
Mon 27	Half Term <i>Only weekday masses at The Towers this week</i> There is no coffee pop in this Thursday. The team area taking a well-earned break.
Sat 1 Nov	<i>First Saturday</i> OLQP Bible Study Group
2 Nov	<i>All Saints</i> Blessing of the Graves: St Botolph's at 12.30pm; St Nicholas at 1.30pm and Mill Lane at 2.30pm

FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

7 Nov	Mother's Prayers at St Peter's
13 Nov	OLQP Community Lunch Club <i>followed by a Healing Service with anointing</i>
15 Nov	2.30pm, SP Parish Room: Winter Afternoon Tea
22 Nov	10.00am, SP: Memorial Mass for the dead <i>Please join us for refreshments afterwards</i>
29 Nov	Meeting of the Associates of the Blessed Peter Vigne Eucharistic Association at The Towers, from 2.00pm—4.00pm.

Steyning Christmas Market

Steyning Churches Together will be singing carols at the Christmas Market in Steyning on Saturday December 6th, from 10.00am. All are welcome to come and join in. Meet at the entrance to the market, or speak to Deacon Simon for more information.

Winter Afternoon Tea

Tickets are on sale for our Winter Afternoon Tea on **Saturday 15th November**, from 2.30 to 4.30pm in the Parish Room at St Peter's. Tickets £15. Enjoy a selection of savoury and sweet treats, including homemade scones with jam and cream. A lovely chance to spend time with fellow parishioners and friends. All are welcome.



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.

First Holy Communion

Forms are available from Father Graham. **Please return by Monday 3rd November**, thank you.



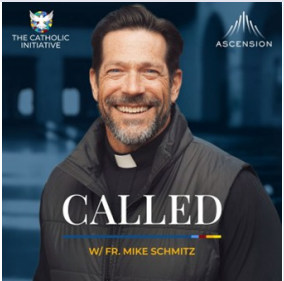
The first meeting for parents and children is on **Tuesday 25th November, 7.30pm**. Further dates to follow soon. The First Holy Communion masses will be in June 2026.

Confirmation

If you would still like to enrol on our Confirmation programme and missed the first meeting this week, there will be an online catchup session via Teams on Tuesday November 4th. Speak to Deacon Simon, or email him for more information: simon.wright@abdiocese.org.uk.

An Inspiring Podcast

Hosted by Fr. Mike Schmitz and brought to you by The Catholic Initiative in partnership with Ascension, each episode features real conversations with individuals who have answered God's call to serve others—from teachers and entrepreneurs to parents and community leaders.



Whether you're seeking inspiration for your own journey or looking for practical ways to live your faith, Called will challenge you to see service not as obligation, but as invitation. This podcast transforms stories into action and belief into boldness.

The family of Teresa Cody, former parishioner, are sad to announce her very peaceful death on 12th October aged 94. Teresa may be remembered by parishioners as loving wife of Jack who died in 2008, mother to Caroline and grandmother to Aisling and Rory Butler.

Funeral arrangements are 2pm 4th November Requiem Mass at English Martyrs Church Goring-by-Sea followed by committal 3.30pm Worthing Crematorium. All are most welcome. Thank you for your thoughts and prayers.

*Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.*



DIOCESAN NEWS

An Historic Meeting in Rome

King Charles III and Queen Camilla made an official State visit to the Vatican on 23rd October. The visit, which had two key themes: Christian unity and care for the environment, marked an historic moment in Anglican-Catholic relations, with King Charles, titular head of the Church of England, the first British monarch to pray alongside the Pope for 500 years.



Pope Leo XIV led an ecumenical prayer service for the care of creation in the Sistine Chapel at midday, followed by a meeting in the Sala Regia with individuals and organisations dedicated to environmental protection. In the afternoon, the King and Queen visited the Basilica of St Paul Outside the Walls,

with King Charles honoured with the title of *Royal Confrater of Saint Paul* in recognition of the long-standing ties between the British Crown and the Benedictine abbey attached to the basilica.

Requiescat in pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of The Right Reverend Dom Kevin Taggart, OSB, who died recently, in the ninety-fifth year of his life, the seventy-sixth year of his Profession, and the seventy-first year of his priesthood. Fr Kevin was the fifth Abbot of the Monastery of Our Lady, Help of Christians, at Worth, from 2010 – 2013.



Grant, we pray, almighty God, that the soul of Kevin, your servant and priest, who for love of Christ walked the way of perfect charity, may rejoice in the coming of your glory and together with his brothers may delight in the everlasting happiness of your Kingdom. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Exploring Catholic Social Teaching: God and the 'Secular World'

On Sunday 9th November, Charles Wookey will be giving a conference afternoon at the Fitzherbert Community Hub, Brighton, 12:45-4:15pm.

Charles Wookey is the founder of 'A Blueprint for Better Business', a charity that acts as a catalyst for change in business using the principles of Catholic Social Teaching. Charles has also worked for the Institute for Fiscal Studies, as a Clerk at the House of Commons on the Trade and Industry select committee, and as Assistant General Secretary of the Catholic Bishops' Conference.

Charles will be exploring the essential principles of Catholic Social Teaching and how they can inspire and guide our lives as lay people in the world of work, involvement in society, and in relation to money and AI.

Sunday 9th November, The Fitzherbert Hub at St John the Baptist Church, BN2 1AP. Starts with a shared lunch 12:45 (please bring a packed lunch or a dish to share) and concludes 4:15pm.

No booking necessary, donation only, tea/coffee and cake provided.

From Bishop Richard

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Jesus' parable that forms this Sunday's Gospel reading teaches us on a number of levels. The first is that of prayer. The prayer of the tax collector has become what is often referred to as the "Jesus Prayer", it is a text used especially, but not exclusively, in the Orthodox Church and, in its simplicity, enables us to place ourselves before the Lord as we truly are – sinners in need of mercy, conscious that the love of the Lord means He wants nothing more than for us to be totally His.

The way in which the Pharisee presents himself is, in fact, not faithful to reality. He looks at himself in a way that is full of pride and compares himself to others, rather than being open to the relationship with God that is the focus for true prayer.

Prayer must always be honest. There is no need to be anything but honest, because God knows us better than we know ourselves. Why try to be someone else?

Truthfulness and humility are deeply related. Michael Casey, the Australian Cistercian Monk and writer of a number of books, describes humility as "Truthful Living." This is, surely, a very helpful reflection. In the parable, the tax collector is truthful about himself, honest before God. Our prayer – our lives – must be the same. Indeed, "Truthful Living" is a mark of the Christian, for real humility enables us to rely not on ourselves, but on Christ. This is the path to life, and to effective witness to the Gospel, for all around us.

With every blessing,

+ Richard

