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All Saints

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WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

From Father Graham

Some say "happy" and some say "blessed". These are the different words used to translate the words of Jesus in the Beatitudes. Our new lectionary uses the probably more accurate term "blessed". The beatitude describes the state of those who seek and desire the kingdom of God - heaven.

Heaven is to be with God. It is there where "we shall see God as He is". We will see His face. Through this life we are constantly seeking His face because we know that in finding God we will be blessed and at peace.

The saints are with God, all of them. The known and unknown. More than we can count. On this feast of All saints we receive the merits of ALL the saints and we have so many intercessors praying for us. Get to know them. Learn about some of their lives and how they can help us in particular situations.

In this present time, before we see God's face we long for their company. Saint Bernard also voices our yearning when he says, "that Christ our life may also appear to us as he appeared to them and that we may one day share in his glory."

There is no reason why we cannot join them and share in heaven. Christ, Himself, appears to us as He appeared to them: the same sacraments, the same prayer, the same faith, the same Holy Spirit and the same Church. Their merits spur us on to finish the race and persevere through all trials to the glory that awaits the blessed. Then we will be truly happy.

With my prayer for you all and our deceased parishioners. God bless you.

Fr Graham

All Saints

Mass Intention

Sat 1 Nov	08.30	TT	Mass <i>with Morning Prayer</i>	
<i>Our Lady</i>	10.00	SP	Mass	Raymond Olivier RIP
<i>First Saturday</i>	10.30	SP	Rosary & Fatima Devotions	
Sat 1 Nov	17.30	TT	Vigil Mass <i>(for Sunday)</i>	For all Parishioners
Sun 2 Nov	09.00	SP	Mass	Fleur Pearce & Shirley Sinclair RIP
	11.00	CTK	Mass	Private Intention
	12.00	SP	Holy Baptism: Rosa Isabella Wotherspoon	
	From 12.30		Blessing of the Graves <i>(see overleaf for details)</i>	
Mon 3 Nov	08.00	TT	Mass <i>with Morning Prayer</i>	
<i>All Souls</i>	09.00	SP	Adoration	
	09.30	SP	Mass & Rosary	Thanksgiving, Labelle family
	19.30	Zoom	Rosary	
Tue 4 Nov	09.30	CTK	Rosary	
<i>St Charles Borromeo</i>	10.00	CTK	Mass	Derek Hyatt RIP
	10.30	CTK	Adoration & Confessions	
	17.30	TT	Mass	
Wed 5 Nov	08.00	TT	Mass <i>with Morning Prayer</i>	
Thu 6 Nov	09.00	SP	Adoration (no mass)	
<i>Feria</i>	16.30	TT	Mass	
	19.30	SP	Mass	Patrick & Mary McAuley RIP
Fri 7 Nov	08.00	TT	Mass <i>with Morning Prayer</i>	
<i>Feria (Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart)</i>	09.00	SP	Adoration	
	09.30	SP	Mass	Lisa Oakley RIP
<i>Day of abstinence</i>	10.00	SP	Confessions	
	15.00	Zoom	Divine Mercy Chaplet <i>with Stations of the Cross</i>	
Sat 8 Nov	08.30	TT	Mass <i>with Morning Prayer</i>	
<i>Our Lady</i>	10.00	AC	World Apostolate of Fatima at Arundel Cathedral	
Consecration of the Lateran Basilica (Remembrance Sunday)				
Sat 8 Nov	17.30	TT	Vigil Mass <i>(for Sunday)</i>	Don Hollingsworth RIP
Sun 9 Nov	09.00	SP	Mass	Mirijam de Bulett RIP
	11.00	CTK	Requiem Mass	For all Parishioners
	11.00	SP	Holy Baptism: Freya Cruttenden	

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CTK | Christ the King, Steyning, BN44 3PB

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

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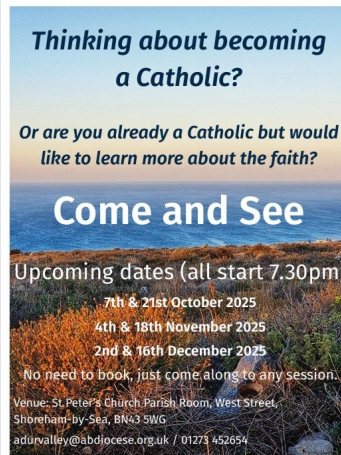
OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT WITH YOUR FAITH

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: Tuesday 4th November, 7.30pm



From YouCat Daily

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

146: What does the "communion of saints" mean?

The "communion of saints" is made up of all men who have placed their hope in Christ and belong to him through Baptism, whether they have already died or are still alive. Because in Christ we are one Body; we live in a communion that encompasses heaven and earth.

The Church is larger and more alive than we think. Among her members are the living and the deceased (whether they are still undergoing a process of purification or are already in the glory of God), individuals known and unknown, great saints and inconspicuous persons. We can help one another even beyond the grave. We can call on our patrons and favourite saints, but also our departed relatives and friends whom we believe are already with God. Conversely, by our intercessory prayer, we can come to the aid of our dear departed who are still undergoing purification. Whatever the individual does or suffers in and for Christ benefits all. Conversely, this unfortunately means also that every sin harms the communion.

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/udvkxhjw>

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



November: Month of the Holy Souls

The annual blessing of the graves will take place this Sunday, 2nd November (see diary in 'Events & Notices' for details) and throughout November, we will have the Books of Remembrance in the church. Please come and write in names of loved ones who have died in the past year (no need to rewrite names from previous years).

On 22nd November, please join us for a special Memorial Mass to pray in particular for loved ones who have died this year, and all those who are bereaved. All are welcome.

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 the soul of Barbara Fisher RIP, who died this week. Please pray for her and her family. May she rest in peace.

Please 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)

This week just one piece of music written by John Tavener (1944-2013): [Dum Transisset Sabbatum](#).

And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and (the other Mary/Mary the mother of James), and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him. Alleluia.

From Right to Life

As we commemorate the solemnity of All Saints today and All Souls tomorrow, we ask Almighty God to especially care for all those approaching the end of their lives. May they be granted a peaceful, natural death with dignity and the appropriate palliative care.

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

Readings: All Saints C

1st Reading Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14

Psalm 24(23):1-2. 3-4b. 5-6. R cf.6

2nd Reading 1 John 3:1-3

Gospel Matthew 5:1-12a



HAPPENING THIS WEEK

EVENTS & NOTICES

Sat 1 Nov	First Saturday OLQP Bible Study Group
2 Nov	SVP Bookstall Blessing of the Graves: St Botolph's at 12.30pm; St Nicholas at 1.30pm and Mill Lane at 2.30pm
Mon 3	Deanery Priests Meeting
Tue 4	SP Parish Room, 7.30pm: Come & See enquirers group. The topic is 'God Suffers Death'. Confirmation catch up session on Zoom.
Thu 6	Please note: mass is at 7.30pm (no morning mass due to Clergy safeguarding training)..
Fri 7	Mother's Prayers
Sat 8	World Apostolate of Fatima at Arundel Cathedral (no mass at St Peter's)

FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

13 Nov	OLQP Community Lunch Club followed by a Healing Service with anointing
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
29 Nov	Meeting of the Associates of the Blessed Peter Vigne Eucharistic Association at The Towers, from 2.00pm—4.00pm.
11 Dec	Parish Christmas Lunch

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.

Please book by Sunday 9th November. Telephone Ann on 07743 093765.



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.

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.

SVP Christmas Parcels Campaign

Please consider supporting our Christmas campaign, providing care parcels to local families in need. We will be collecting toiletries during November. Please donate soap, shampoo, shower gel, toothpaste, baby products, sanitary products etc. If you would prefer to make a financial contribution, you can donate via our card machines. More details next week.

Steining Christmas Market

Steining Churches Together will be singing carols at the Christmas Market in Steining 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.

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) 20.00; Friday (SP) 10.00; or by appointment or request
Adoration: Monday (SP) 09.00; Tuesday (CTK) 10.00; Thursday (SP) 09.00; Friday (SP) 09.00
Divine Mercy Chaplet: Thursday (SP) 20.00; Friday (Zoom) 15.00 (with Stations)

Saint Charles Borromeo (Feast on 4th November) prayed...

Souls are won with the knees.



DIOCESAN NEWS

Praying the Rosary

If you need some help getting started with praying the Rosary, why not look online? There are many YouTube videos to follow along with, as well as apps and podcasts. For example, <https://www.youtube.com/@TheCatholicCrusade>. Or join fellow parishioners online on Monday evenings (email patsydaniels@gmail.com for the Zoom code).

The First Saturday Devotion

For five consecutive first Saturdays of the month, with the intention of making reparation for the offenses against the Immaculate Heart of Mary, we are asked to:

- 1 – Go to Confession (may be 8 days before or after, if you are in a state of grace)
- 2 – Receive Holy Communion (can be received at a Saturday evening anticipatory Mass)
- 3 – Pray five decades of the Rosary
- 4 – Keep Our Lady company for 15 minutes while meditating on one or more of the mysteries of the Rosary.



The Promise

Our Lady promised to assist all those who will practice the devotion of the first Saturday on five consecutive months with the graces necessary for salvation at the hour of their death.

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.

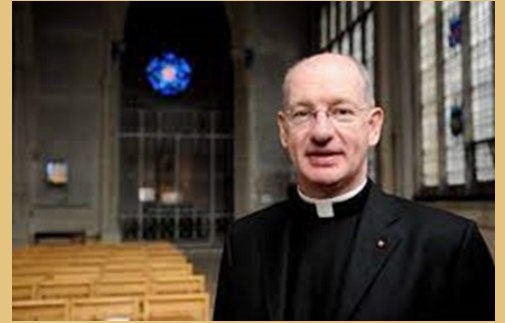
Starts with a shared lunch 12:45 (please bring a packed lunch or a dish to share). No booking necessary, donation only, tea/coffee and cake provided.

...From Bishop Richard continued...

St John also reminds us in the letter that we must, in this life, prepare ourselves for this destiny-beyond-description. The beatitudes of today's Gospel provide a sure guide for our pilgrim journey. Reflect on these words of Jesus: poverty of spirit, gentleness, acceptance of sadness, desire for all that is right, mercy, purity, striving for peace, acceptance of persecution and difficulty on account of our following of Him. This the way we are called to follow.

Let us rejoice, then, in all those who share the wonder of heaven and, enriched by the gift of hope, follow the way that leads to life. Let us become a community of saints.

With every blessing, + Richard



From Bishop Richard

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

This Sunday we celebrate the beautiful feast of All Saints. This day reflects the full wonder of the family of the Church.

Throughout the year, we celebrate the feasts of those who, through canonization, are set before us as examples, teachers and guides – those who through their martyrdom, their teaching, the witness of their lives inspire us on our pilgrim journey. We seek their intercession in our need.

Today we remember the countless numbers of people – “a huge number, impossible to count, from every nation, race tribe and language” as St John described them in today's first reading, who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. They are our family members, our friends, fellow parishioners, people we have known and loved, people we have never known. They too, like the canonized saints, pray for us. They have attained the destiny that the Lord won for us through His passion, death and resurrection – that live in the love of God in its completeness for all eternity.

In the second reading, the same John who wrote the Apocalypse – this time in his first letter – offers us this wonderful hope: “What we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is that when it is revealed we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as he really is.” To know God in his fullness, to be LIKE Him – this is the hope of a love beyond anything we could possibly know in this life, for it is completeness, wholeness, peace and utter joy.

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