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25th January 2026

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

## WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth, In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

### From Father Graham

A single flame is most effective when it is dark.

The world seems dark at the moment with ever increasing war, poverty, political unrest, unstable governments and the rules of international law being destabilised. It is this moment when the light of faith should be most visible.

Jesus seems to hide in the regions of Naphtali and Zebulun when He hears the news that John the Baptist has been arrested. It all seems bleak there too. But, Jesus is not hiding. He is going to a region described in the 1<sup>st</sup> reading as being a mixed, diverse, cultural market place of Jews and Gentiles. The place to be. However, it was not always so. It was also the place of greatest darkness when it was invaded and occupied by the Assyrians and then by the Romans. Life seemed to go on even though life was dark. It is here at this moment in history that Jesus chooses to springboard His ministry from the Old Testament to the New, with John the Baptist as the link.

Why is this important? When everything seems to be going wrong, when there is seemingly no hope and we "walk in darkness", it is this moment when Jesus chooses to enter into our lives and do something new: to rescue, to save and to gather what was lost. He calls us to change our lives (repent) and He invites us by name (personally) to follow Him as He builds His Church. The darkness will never extinguish His light.

May God bless you.

Fr Graham

## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Mass Intention

Sat 24 Jan	17.30	TT	Vigil Mass <small>(for Sunday)</small>	For all Parishioners
Sun 25 Jan	09.00	SP	Mass	Bob Leary RIP
	11.00	CTK	Mass	Ints of Hazel Family
Mon 26 Jan	09.00	SP	Adoration	
Saints Timothy & Titus	09.30	SP	Mass	Wellbeing of Bob & Linda Vincent
	10.00	SP	Rosary	
	17.30	TT	Mass	[please note change of time]
	19.30	Zoom	Rosary	
Tue 27 Jan	09.30	CTK	Rosary	
Feria	10.00	CTK	Mass	Ints of Peter & Rosie Burton
	10.30	CTK	Adoration & Confessions	
	17.30	TT	Mass	
Wed 28 Jan	17.30	TT	Mass	
Thur 29 Jan	09.00	SP	Adoration	
Feria	09.30	SP	Mass	Flora Russell RIP
	16.30	TT	Mass	
	19.30	SP	Adoration, Divine Mercy Chaplet & Confessions	
Fri 30 Jan	09.00	SP	Adoration	
Feria	09.30	SP	Mass	Africa Molla Maestre RIP
	10.00	SP	Confessions	
	15.00	Zoom	Divine Mercy Chaplet	<small>with Stations of the Cross</small>
	17.30	TT	Mass	
	18.30	AC	+ Richard's Thanksgiving at Mass Arundel Cathedral	
Sat 31 Jan	10.00	SP	Mass & Rosary	For Vocations

## Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 31 Jan	17.30	TT	Vigil Mass <small>(for Sunday)</small>	Daniel Bennett RIP
Sun 1 Feb	09.00	SP	Mass	Cornelius 'Bob' O'Donoghue RIP
	11.00	CTK	Mass	For all Parishioners

**Saint Thomas Aquinas (feast on 28 Jan) prayed...**

Both God's and the angel's, and man's, ultimate happiness and bliss is: to behold God.

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## HAPPENING THIS WEEK

### PRAYER INTENTIONS, EVENTS, NOTICES

**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, Jess D, Trish Y, Maureen C, Peter P, Rosie B and all who are sick.

**Please pray for** the soul of Tony Rolph RIP who died recently. Please pray for Mary and all their family. Tony's Requiem Mass will be at St Peter's Church on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February at 11am.

**Please pray for** the soul of Mike Donlevy RIP who died this week. Please pray for Jess, Vicki and all their family. Funeral details at CTK tbc.

**Please pray for** our 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion families, Confirmation candidates, Come and See group and Enquirers, Saint Peter's school and our catholic schools, peace, vocations & Pope Leo's prayer intentions.

Sun 25	Sunday of the Word of God
Thu 29	SP Parish Room, 10.00am: Coffee pop-in
31 Jan	SP Parish Room, 10.00am–1.00pm: J&P 'Live Simply' event
Sun 1 Feb	SP Parish Room, 10.00am: SVP Bookstall
<b>Future dates for your diary</b>	
25 Feb	Jumble Sale hosted by Cancer Research UK at SP
28 Feb	Catenians quiz night at The Towers
6 Mar	SP, 2.00pm: World Day of Prayer
7-8 Mar	World Apostolate of Fatima England & Wales visiting the parish
12 Mar	Healing Service at St Peter's
23 Apr	Afternoon Tea for St George's Day at St Peter's

### Welcome to any newcomers or visitors 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. **Next session: Tues 3rd February 2026.**

**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)

6th & 20th January 2026

3rd & 24th February 2026

10th & 24th March 2026

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

Venue: St Peter's Church, Parish Rooms, West Street,

Shoreham-by-Sea, BN43 5WG

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### Worthing Area Justice & Peace 'Live Simply' Event: 31st January, 10am–1pm

Working together with CAFOD and Live Simply we are using the latest 'Live Simply' PowerPoint, also presentations from SVP (St Charles project), a project management tool as an aide memoire, a recent A&B Live simply parish assessment, and other parish ideas and literature. The aim of the event is to provide help and support starting up projects, promote existing community involvements and make available current resources. See poster in church porch or contact Ashley Ralston ([ajralston37@gmail.com](mailto:ajralston37@gmail.com)) for more information.

Read more here: <https://cafod.org.uk/campaign/livesimply-award>

### From YouCat Daily

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

127: What does it mean to say that the Church is the "Bride of Christ"?

Jesus Christ loves the Church as a bridegroom loves his bride. He binds himself to her forever and gives his life for her. Anyone who has ever been in love has some idea of what love is. Jesus knows it and calls himself a bridegroom who lovingly and longingly courts his bride and desires to celebrate the feast of love with her. We are his Bride, the Church. In the Old Testament God's love for his people is compared to the love between husband and wife. If Jesus seeks the love of each one of us, how often is he then unhappily in love – that is to say, with all those who want nothing to do with his love and do not reciprocate it?!

### Adur Valley Catenians Quiz Night in aid of 'Safe in Sussex', a women's refuge from domestic abuse

Saturday 28th February, 6.30 for 7.00pm, at The Towers

*Buffet Supper / Licensed Bar / Raffle / Prizes for the winners / Teams of 4-6 people / £12.50 per person / £8.50 under 18s.*

Tickets from: [info@adurvalleycatenians.co.uk](mailto:info@adurvalleycatenians.co.uk). Or call Adrian on 07976-913774.



### SVP: Donations needed

We are in need of baby stair gates for the project in Worthing.

Also bicycles, particularly women's (we can make repairs if necessary).

### From Right to Life

We pray for all who work in maternity units with expectant mothers, that they may recognise that God is truly with us in each unborn child.

### To Sing is to Pray Twice (St Augustin)

Just one piece this week- a beautiful setting of the Magnificat written by the Estonian composer Arvo Pärt 1935.

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