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8th March 2026 Third Sunday of Lent Year A

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

From Father Graham

"What do you ask of God's Church for your child?" This is the question asked of parents before their child is baptised. They respond, "Baptism" or "Faith!" The gift of faith is a beautiful gift to be treasured and nurtured. It needs to grow through prayer, the sacraments and action.

The Samaritan women at Jacob's well made this transition. Her practical need moved to a thirst and request for faith from Jesus who is the Well of eternal life. Her questioning of Jesus was her catechesis from the Master. She moved from foreigner to disciple. Her fear gave way to her being an evangelist to her fellow villagers. She left behind the jar of water having found the Living Water and purpose of her life, the One who knew her every thought.

What are we looking for? Faith. It was this increase of faith that was the first fruit in the child seers of Fatima in 1917. They encountered the Mother of God and were likewise transformed by grace to believe more deeply. Their faith grew very quickly. So can ours. With God nothing is impossible.

In our days of war (as in 1917), Our Lady comes to us with the same message she gave to the children: pray for peace. As Pope Benedict XVI said:

"We would be mistaken to think that Fatima's prophetic mission is complete. ... Mankind has succeeded in unleashing a cycle of death and terror, but failed in bringing it to an end... " (Fatima 13 May 2010), In the end Our Lady's Immaculate Heart will triumph.

With my prayer for you and your intentions each day.

May God bless you. Fr Graham

Third Sunday of Lent			Mass Intention
Sat 7 Mar	09.50	SP	Procession and Enthronement
First Saturday	10.00	SP	Mass <i>Diovic Divinagracia, Nieves & Arnel Villen RIP</i>
	(until 17.00)		Rosary, Divine Mercy, Benediction (see timetable)
Sat 7 Mar	17.30	TT	Vigil Mass <i>(for Sunday)</i> <i>For all Parishioners</i>
Sun 8 Mar	09.00	SP	Mass <i>Ints of Julia Boxall</i>
	11.00	CTK	Mass <i>World Apostolate of Fatima</i>
Mon 9 Mar	09.00	SP	Adoration
Monday of the Third Week of Lent (Saint Frances of Rome)	09.30	SP	Mass <i>Ints of Eva</i>
	10.00	SP	Rosary
	16.30	TT	Mass
	19.30	Zoom	Rosary
Tue 10 Mar <i>Tuesday of the Third Week of Lent</i>	09.30	CTK	Stations of the Cross
	10.00	CTK	Mass <i>Conversion of sinners</i>
	10.30	CTK	Adoration & Confessions
	16.30	TT	Mass
Wed 11 Mar	10.00	SP	Way of the Cross
	16.30	TT	Mass
Thur 12 Mar <i>Thursday of the Third Week of Lent</i>	09.00	SP	Adoration
	09.30	SP	Mass <i>Ian Wood RIP</i>
	16.30	TT	Mass
	19.30	SP	Adoration, Divine Mercy Chaplet & Confessions
Fri 13 Mar <i>Friday of the Third Week of Lent</i> <i>Day of abstinence</i>	09.00	SP	Stations of the Cross
	09.30	SP	Mass <i>Wellbeing of Maud, Grace & Eddie Kinahan</i>
	10.00	SP	Lent Holy Hour of Adoration & Confessions
	15.00	Zoom	Divine Mercy Chaplet <i>with Stations of the Cross</i>
	16.30	TT	Mass
Sat 14 Mar	18.00	TT	Stations of the Cross
	10.00	SP	Mass & Rosary <i>Ints of Daisy Cunningham</i>
Fourth 'Laetare' Sunday of Lent			
Sat 14 Mar	17.30	TT	Vigil Mass <i>(for Sunday)</i> <i>Veronica Bennett RIP</i>
Sun 15 Mar	09.00	SP	Mass <i>Deirdre & Richard Duplock RIP</i>
	11.00	CTK	Mass <i>For all Parishioners</i>



OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT WITH YOUR FAITH

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 (see posters and leaflets in the porch).



Next session: Tues 10th March 2026, 7.30pm. We will be discussing The Sacrament of Penance. All are welcome.

From YouCat Daily

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

514: What position does the Our Father hold among prayers?

The Our Father is "the most perfect prayer" (St. Thomas Aquinas) and the "summary of the whole Gospel" (Tertullian).

The Our Father is more than a prayer—it is a path that leads directly into the heart of our Father. The early Christians recited this original prayer of the Church, which is entrusted to every Christian at Baptism, three times a day. We, too, should not let a day pass without trying to recite the Lord's Prayer with our lips, to take it to heart, and to make it come true in our lives.

Parish Prayer Intentions: please bring them to church

Throughout Lent, please bring your personal prayer intentions to our Prayer Boxes (both at St Peter's and CTK).

At St Peter's, we already have the Prayer Tree, located in the Divine Mercy Chapel, which is regularly used by parishioners and visitors throughout the day. We have added a Prayer Box here, and one at CTK (next to the votive candles).

You are warmly invited to write your personal prayer intentions on a small card and place them in the Prayer Box. If you are unable to get to church, you can email them to the office for inclusion, or via the contact form on our website.

The names and intentions placed in the Prayer Boxes and on the Prayer Tree will be offered at the First Friday Mass, united to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. After this Mass, the Prayer Box will be refreshed for the following month. Please note: the prayer intentions will remain private. They will not be read aloud.

The aim is to ensure that our intentions remain current and meaningful.

Unwrapping our Faith - why do we baptise infants?

We want the best for our children. We want them to have the grace to believe in Christ and gain heaven.

The early church baptised believers and their household - including children. The faith of one person can bring faith to the whole home. A popular thought is to delay baptism for the child to make up their own mind. This is a false claim as every person is influenced by others, friends, social media, TV, films and false claims to truth. We need the grace of baptism to help us receive the Truth of Jesus and for our soul to be cleansed for God to dwell within. Baptism also opens up the possibility of receiving all the other sacraments through our life to help us with God's grace.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Fr Graham offered a mass for all the Parish Prayer Intentions at the First Friday mass this week. Please continue to bring your personal prayer intentions to the new Prayer Boxes at SP and CTK (see left for details).

Please pray for our 1st Holy Communion families, Confirmation candidates, Come and See group and Enquirers, Saint Peter's school and our catholic schools, peace, and vocations.

Pope Leo's Prayer Intentions for Lent

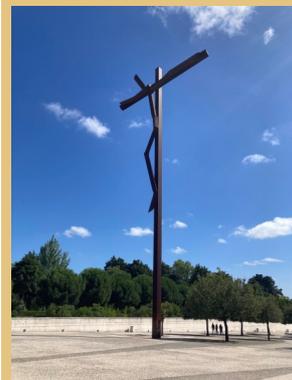
A focus on making the season a time to increase attentiveness to God and those in need, emphasising a "fast" that includes curbing harmful speech and fostering a "civilisation of love". He urges the faithful to use this time to listen to others, support the vulnerable, and build bridges of fraternity.



From Right to Life

We pray for our society. That we would promote a culture that values life, and that we would seek the protection of all humans from conception to natural death.

Our Lady of Fatima prayed...



In the end, my Immaculate Heart will triumph. The Holy Father will consecrate Russia to me, and she shall be converted, and a period of peace will be granted to the world.

(The third part of the secret revealed at the Cova da Iria-Fatima, on 13 July 1917.)

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PARISH NEWS

EVENTS & NOTICES

Fri 6	SP Parish Room, 10.00: Mother's Prayers SP, 2.00pm: World Day of Prayer (with refreshments afterwards)
Sat 7 & Sun 8	World Apostolate of Fatima England & Wales visiting the parish.
Tue 10	SP Parish Room, 7.30pm: Combined First Holy Communion parents and Come & See group. Topic: <u>The Sacrament of Penance</u> . All are welcome.
Wed 11	CTK Cuthman Room, 12.00pm: Lent lunch
Thu 12	SP Parish Room, 10.00am: Coffee pop-in <i>Deanery Clergy Meeting</i> SP Parish Room, 12.00pm: OLQP Community Lunch Club SP, 2.30pm: Healing Service with anointing
Sat 14	SP, 9.30am: First Holy Communion children's session SP, after Mass and Rosary: OLQP Bible Study Group St Patrick's Day Community Party in Henfield (see poster for details)
Sun 15	SVP Appeal

Future dates for your diary

5 Apr	Easter Egg Raffle and Easter Egg Hunt at St Peter's
23 Apr	Afternoon Tea for St George's Day at St Peter's

World Apostolate of Fatima: 7-8 March 2026

This weekend we are honoured to be welcoming members of the W.A.F. England & Wales, who have brought the National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, along with the Relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco.

There will be a second collection for their work. Thank you for your support.



World Day of Prayer, Friday 6th March, 2.00pm at St Peter's

Thank you to all who worked hard to make this event happen in our parish this year.



SVP Spring Appeal: 15th March 2026

The SVP offers friendship & practical help to those in need - whoever they are & whatever the need. You may be housebound, simply need someone to chat to or need help with a small task. You may have a crisis where a little help with the cost of something essential could make a big difference. You may need advice. If we can't provide the particular help you are looking for we will try to find someone who can.

For SVP help, or if you are thinking of joining us, please talk to one of us after Mass on the Appeal weekend. For example, we currently need volunteers to help with deliveries. Thank you for your continued support.



Lent Foodbank Appeal

Our Foodbank Appeal continues throughout Lent. This weekend and next weekend: please bring items for 'Meal in a Tin'.



Lenten Alms

Our Lenten Alms collections and donations will be distributed equally between our local SVP project at St Charles Borromeo and also Let the Children Live, a priest helping Columbian street children, see [here](#). Collections throughout Lent.

Healing Service: Thursday 12th March, 2.30pm at St Peter's

Next Thursday afternoon (after the monthly OLQP Community Lunch Club) we invite you to come to a Healing Service (approx. 30 mins) at St Peter's, with 'Laying on of Hands' and Anointing. Whether you would like to be anointed, or simply come along, this is a lovely quiet and prayerful service. All are welcome.

Devotions, Adoration and Confessions

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

Confessions: Tuesday (CTK) 10.30; Thursday (SP) 19.30; Friday (SP) 10.00; or by appointment or request

Adoration: Monday (SP) 09.00; Tuesday (CTK) 10.30; Thursday (SP) 09.00; Thursday (SP) 19.30; Friday (SP) 10.00

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

Stations of the Cross: Tuesday (CTK) 09.30; Wednesday (SP) 10.00; Friday (SP) 09.00; Friday (TT) 18.00

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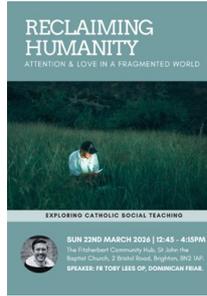


DIOCESAN NEWS

Reclaiming Humanity: Attention & Love in a Fragmented World

22 March, 1.30-4.15pm, Fitzherbert Community Hub, Brighton, BN2 1AP.

Explore Catholic Social Teaching with Fr Toby Lees OP - forces in our culture fight for our attention but we can we can stay grounded through communion, contemplation, and generosity. Shared lunch at 12:45pm (bring a packed lunch or dish). For more details contact Joanna Gilbert, or see poster in porch.



Grandparents' Formation day – Thursday 23 April 10-4pm at St John the Evangelist parish hall, Horsham

Join us for what promises to be a wonderful, engaging and affirming day with guest speaker, David Wells. You will be able to listen to the inspirational experience of David Wells as evangelist, father and grandfather. A chance to meet with people from across the grandparent network of the diocese and those who are keen to bring the faith to the next generation. For more details on David's powerful, fun and engaging talks on our faith you might like to visit his website W: davidwellslive.com To register, go to the Events page of the Diocesan website W: www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events If you have any questions about the day please contact Deacon Simon South, Diocesan Marriage & Family Life Adviser E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk

Parishioners Favourite Prayers

A prayer for before Communion or Mass, from St Thomas Aquinas:

Almighty and everlasting God, behold I come to the Sacrament of Thine only begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ: I come as one infirm to the physician of life, as one unclean to the fountain of mercy, as one blind to the light of everlasting brightness, as one poor and needy to the Lord of heaven and earth.

Therefore I implore the abundance of Thy measureless bounty that Thou wouldst vouchsafe to heal my infirmity, wash my uncleanness, enlighten my blindness, enrich my poverty and clothe my nakedness, that I may receive the Bread of Angels, the King of kings, the Lord of lords, with such reverence and humility, with such sorrow and devotion, with such purity and faith, with such purpose and intention as may be profitable to my soul's salvation.

Grant unto me, I pray, the grace of receiving not only the Sacrament of our Lord's Body and Blood, but also the grace and power of the Sacrament.

O most gracious God, grant me so to receive the Body of Thine only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, which He took from the Virgin Mary, as to merit to be incorporated into His mystical Body, and to be numbered amongst His members.

O most loving Father, give me grace to behold forever Thy beloved Son with His face at last unveiled, whom I now purpose to receive under the sacramental veil here below. Amen.

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

New Diocesan Administrator: Canon Jonathan Martin



Canon Jonathan Martin was recently elected as our Diocesan Administrator by the diocesan College of Consultors, Monsignor Tony Barry, Fr Tony Bridson, Canon Jonathan Martin, Canon Kieron O'Brien, Fr David Osborne and Canon David Parmiter. Canon Jonathan will serve and guide the faithful of the Diocese until a new bishop is appointed by the Holy Father.

While no major decisions can be taken by the Administrator and the College of Consultors which would affect the rights of a future bishop, the daily life and mission of the Diocese across its parishes, schools, and diocesan offices, continues.

Canon Jonathan expressed his gratitude for the "overwhelming" amount of support offered to him since his election. "We are in this together" he said, "united in the proclamation of the good news of Jesus Christ and... utterly committed to sharing with others the story that we ourselves have taken to heart, which is nothing short of the story of the person of Jesus Christ."

https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/news/intro-da

Readings: 3rd Sunday of Lent A

1st Reading Exodus 17:3-7

Psalms 95(94): 1-2, 6-7b, 7c-9, R7c, 8a

2nd Reading Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Gospel John 4:5-42

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