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Fifth 'First Passion' Sunday of Lent

Year A

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

From Deacon Simon

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord. Everyone who believes in me shall never die.

According to the Gospels, Jesus raised three people from the dead during his ministry, demonstrating his authority over life and death. These specific miracles are the raising of Jairus's daughter, the widow's son at Nain, and Lazarus of Bethany.

Jairus's Daughter (Mark 5:21-43): Jesus raised a 12-year-old girl immediately after her death, telling mourners she was only sleeping. This occurred in the home of Jairus, a synagogue leader in Capernaum, living a long way away from Jerusalem.

The Widow's Son at Nain (Luke 7:11-17): Jesus interrupted a funeral procession, moved by compassion for the widow, and commanded her only son to wake. This occurred approximately 6 miles southeast of Nazareth, located a long way away from Jerusalem.

Lazarus of Bethany (John 11:1-44): Jesus raised Lazarus after he had been dead for four days, demonstrating his power even after decomposition had begun. This occurred in Bethany, a small village about two miles from Jerusalem, right under the noses of Jewish authorities.

Some people who witnessed the raising of Lazarus reported it to the Pharisees and when Caiaphas hears this 'from that day on they made plans to put him to death.' Why did the Jewish authorities decide this? Caiaphas said 'it is better for you that one man should die for the people not that a whole nation should perish.' Ironically Caiaphas is correct, without the death of Jesus there is no resurrection and only by the resurrection can all be saved.

With my prayers, Deacon Simon

Fifth 'First Passion' Sunday of Lent

Sat 21 Mar	17.30	TT	Vigil Mass <i>(for Sunday)</i>	<i>For all Parishioners</i>
Sun 22 Mar	09.00	SP	Mass	<i>Ray Brooks RIP</i>
	11.00	CTK	Mass	<i>Michael Donlevy RIP</i>
Mon 23 Mar <i>Monday of the Fifth Week of Lent</i>	09.00	SP	Adoration	
	09.30	SP	Mass	<i>In Thanksgiving, for Fr Tony</i>
	10.00	SP	Rosary	
	16.30	TT	Mass	
	19.30	Zoom	Rosary	
Tue 24 Mar <i>Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Lent (Saint Oscar Romero)</i>	09.30	CTK	Stations of the Cross	
	10.00	CTK	Mass	<i>Maureen van Ryseen RIP</i>
	10.30	CTK	Adoration & Confessions (with Fr Tony & Fr Graham)	
	16.30	TT	Mass	
Wed 25 Mar	10.00	SP	Way of the Cross	
	16.30	TT	Mass	
Thur 26 Mar <i>Thursday of the Fifth Week of Lent</i>	09.00	SP	Adoration	
	09.30	SP	Mass	<i>Wellbeing of Theresa Trebble</i>
	16.30	TT	Mass	
	19.30	SP	Adoration, Divine Mercy Chaplet & Confessions	
Fri 27 Mar <i>Friday of the Fifth Week of Lent (Our Lady of Sorrows)</i> <i>Day of abstinence</i>	09.00	SP	Stations of the Cross	
	09.30	SP	Mass	<i>Alfons Hargartner RIP</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	
	18.00	TT	Stations of the Cross	

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Sat 12 Apr	17.30	TT	Vigil Mass <i>(for Sunday)</i>	<i>For all Parishioners</i>
Sun 13 Apr	09.00	SP	Mass	<i>Tony Rolph RIP</i>
	11.00	CTK	Mass	<i>John Lambert RIP</i>

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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 24th March, 7.30pm, on The Sacrament of Confirmation.

Plans for the Sacred Triduum: Father Graham writes...

As last year we will come together as a united parish of Our Lady Queen of Peace to celebrate the Sacred Triduum. For practical reasons, the best place to do this is St Peter's in Shoreham. I hope that people from all parts of the parish will want to be involved in the liturgy. We need welcomers, volunteers for feet washing, readers, servers, people to keep watch (on Thursday evening), and singers.

I'd like to have a team of people fully representing our wonderful parish. If you can help (including offering lifts to fellow parishioners), please email the office or leave a message 01273 452654. All are welcome.

Reconciliation Prayer

Today I let go and let God take charge of this life of mine. Now in the dark corners of my soul, His light is beginning to shine. All of the cares and worries that I have carried around for so long He has lifted them from my shoulders, and filled my heart with love. Problems that were overwhelming suddenly seem very small, and come what may, starting today, I know I can handle them all.



Devotions, Adoration and Confessions this week

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

Confessions: Tuesday (CTK) 10.30 with Fr Tony and Fr Graham; 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

[See back page for a list of Lent Confession times at other deanery churches].

Unwrapping our Faith - What is special about Holy Week?

The Church celebrates different seasons each year which recall the life of Christ and the mysteries of our faith. We begin with Advent and the themes of death, judgment, heaven and hell. The Christmas season celebrates the Word made flesh being born. Lent calls us to repent and prepare for Easter. But immediately before Easter is Holy Week, beginning on Palm Sunday. The prophesied triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem as the people waved branches. We listen to the Passion Gospel to prepare us for the unfolding of the three days from Thursday to Saturday that follow (The Sacred Triduum). This is the most important week of the year. This week gives sense to the rest of the year and is its focus.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please continue to bring your personal prayer intentions to the new Prayer Boxes at SP and CTK (see back page for more information). These prayer intentions will next be offered at the Easter Vigil mass at St Peter's on 4th April.

Please pray for First Holy Communion families, our Confirmation candidates, Come and See group and Enquirers, Saint Peter's school and our catholic schools, peace, vocations and Pope Leo's prayer intentions for Lent.

Please also pray for the upcoming Finance and Safeguarding Audits happening in the parish over the next two weeks.

From Right to Life

As we look forward to the Solemnity of the Annunciation on Wednesday, and celebrate Our Lord taking on human flesh and Our Lady saying 'Yes' to God, we pray for pregnant women who feel they are facing a difficult decision. We ask that they may be given hope, filled with the love of God, and guided away from a course of despair and onto one of love and acceptance of the gift of life.

From YouCat Daily

318: What are vices?

Vices are negative habits that deaden and dull the conscience, incline a person to evil, and habitually prepare him for sin. Human vices are found in connection with the capital sins of pride, avarice, envy, anger, lust, gluttony, and sloth (or acedia, spiritual boredom).

Pope Benedict XVI prayed...



Anyone who strives to live as he (Jesus) did, is freed from the fear of death.

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PARISH NEWS

EVENTS & NOTICES

Sat 21	Please note; no mass at St Peter's today
Sun 22	2nd Collection: for Easter Flowers
Mon 23	Finance Audit
Tue 24	Fr Tony also at CTK for Confessions SP School Governors meeting SP Parish Room, 7.30pm: Come & See Group discussing <u>The Sacrament of Confirmation</u> <i>All are welcome, even if you have never been before.</i>
Wed 25	CTK Cuthman Room, 12.00pm: Lent lunch
Thu 26	SP Parish Room, 10.00am: Coffee pop-in Stations of the Cross at St Peter's School <i>Deanery Priests Meeting</i>
Fri 27	SP Parish Room, 10.00am: Mothers Prayers <i>(please note change of date)</i>
Sat 28	Please note; no mass at St Peter's today
Sun 29	2nd Collection: for Lenten Alms

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

Lent Foodbank Appeal

Our Foodbank Appeal continues throughout Lent. This weekend and next weekend: please bring items for 'Spring Cleaning'.



Lenten Alms: Let the Children Live

Some information about the second charity we are supporting this Lent:



LET THE CHILDREN LIVE!

Many boys and girls in Medellín (Columbia) live in poverty, and in recent years their numbers have been swollen by an influx of Venezuelan children, forced by hunger to seek refuge in Colombia. They need food, shelter, medical care, catechesis, clothing, education, toys and recreation. It is our mission at Let The Children Live! to try to provide these for as many children as we can.

Colombia receives very little aid from the UK. Your gift will benefit children there who are in great need. It will help to keep them alive, to make their lives worth living, and to build a better future. Unlike some charities, we never spend more than 5 pence in the pound on fund-raising.

- 1. £50 would provide lunch and a healthy snack for one child at Casa Walsingham for one month.
- 2. £25 would pay for one child's bus fares to and from Casa Walsingham for one month.
- 3. £10 would buy a school pack for one child of primary age.



World Apostolate of Fatima: 7-8 March 2026

Thank you to everyone who came to our Fatima day. The attendance numbers were much higher than previous years. Thank you to all parishioners who worked tirelessly behind the scenes, before, during and after the weekend. We had several comments from visitors noting how welcome they felt.

Jerry, (one of the representatives from the WAF) wrote:

Thank you very much for an inspiringly beautiful weekend at OLQP! I told the team that this was an edifying start of our year of visitations! It makes us continue to volunteer and spread the message of Our Lady at Fatima.

I would like to extend again the invitation for a parish pilgrimage to Westminster Cathedral on Saturday, 31 October, from 12 noon to 5 pm. This will be the Culmination of the Cathedral Visitations in celebration of the Pontevedra Centenary, which began in May 2025. Ave Maria!

Easter Flower Cross

The flowering of the cross is a Western Christian tradition. Dating from the Sixth Century, it is practised at the arrival of Easter, in which worshippers place flowers on the bare wooden cross. The barren cross, a reminder of Jesus' death, is transformed into an Easter symbol representing the new life that emerges from Jesus' death on Good Friday. More news on this next week.



Interested in training and volunteering as a Relationship Counsellor?

Marriage Care is a Catholic organisation specialising in relationship support and we are currently looking for those who are empathetic, understanding and have an enthusiasm for supporting adult relationships, to train on our Certificate in Relationship Counselling (CRC) and volunteer with us. This is a great opportunity to make a real difference to couples and families. To find out more please visit: www.marriagecare.org.uk or email: volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk

'New Passover, New Exodus' Film

All are welcome after the Good Friday service to watch a short film (approx. 25 mins), set in the Holy Land. With tea and hot cross buns included.

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PREPARING FOR HOLY WEEK

Parish Prayer Intentions: please bring them to church

Please bring your personal prayer intentions to our **Prayer Boxes** (both at St Peter’s and CTK). 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 next be offered at the Solemn Vigil of Easter (see below for details), 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.

Divine Mercy Novena: starting on Good Friday

We will begin The Divine Mercy Novena on Good Friday, nine days of prayer in preparation for the feast on Sunday 12th April. You can follow the Divine Mercy Novena using the leaflets we have in the church porch, or a good online resource is PrayMoreNovenas.com to get a daily novena prayer sent to your inbox or ask Patsy at patsydaniels@gmail.com to send you details.

The Promise of the Father Life in the Spirit Seminar from Redhill, April 2026

You are warmly invited to take part in the upcoming Life in the Spirit Seminar in support of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan, taking place in Redhill starting April 2026. This journey over seven sessions is an opportunity to deepen your relationship with Jesus and to experience anew the abundant power of His Holy Spirit. Each session includes inspiring teaching from excellent speakers, personal testimonies, small group sharing and prayer.



The seminar is free to attend, and all are welcome—whether you are attending online from home, in a local Parish hub or in-person at St Joseph’s Catholic Church in Redhill. If you'd like to take part you must first register at www.abcharismatic.org. Come, Holy Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Website: <https://www.abcharismatic.org/the-promise-of-the-father-2026/>.

The Sacred Paschal Triduum (at St Peter’s, Shoreham)

Maundy Thursday (2nd April 2026)

19.30 Mass of the Lord’s Supper

Good Friday (3rd April 2026)

15.00 Solemn Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion

Holy Saturday (4th April 2026)

20.30 The Solemn Vigil of Easter

Easter Sunday masses across the parish (5th April)

09.00 Mass at St Peter’s

10.00 Mass at The Towers

11.00 Mass at Christ the King

Lenten Confessions across the Deanery

Saturday 21st March, 10.30am & 3.30pm:
St Mary of the Angels, Worthing

Tuesday 24th March, 10.30am: Christ the King, Steyning

Wednesday 25th March, 6.00pm: Our Lady Star of the Sea, East Preston

Thursday 26th March, 7.00pm: English Martyrs, Goring-by-Sea

Thursday 26th March, 7.30pm: St Peter’s, Shoreham

Sunday 29th March, 3.00pm: St Michael’s, High Salvington

Holy Week Devotions

Adoration

Holy Thursday from 8.30pm

Confessions

Holy Thursday from 8.30pm

Good Friday from 4.00pm

Stations of the Cross

Good Friday 10.00am at St Peter’s (families/children particularly welcome)

Good Friday 10.30am at CTK (led by the Sisters)

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

Readings: 5th Sunday of Lent A

1st Reading Ezekiel 37:12-14

Psalm 130(129): 1-2. 3-4. 5-6b. 6c-8. R7bc

2nd Reading Romans 8:8-11

Gospel John 11:1-45

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