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26th April 2026

Fourth 'Good Shepherd' Sunday of Easter

Year A

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

From Father Graham

Jesus is the Good Shepherd. Priests are called to be shepherds too, modelling their life on the One who lays down His life for His sheep. Vocations to the Priesthood find their source in Christ. It is not my priesthood but His. In fact we are all His and all our vocations, whatever they are, come from Jesus. When we pray for vocations to the priesthood we should look to see what Jesus wants and He looks at the heart for faithful disciples to become shepherds. Pope Leo writes about how we discern our vocation. He says "create space to listen to the Lord's voice". "In this way, you will come to know the Lord. Through the intimacy of his friendship, you will discover how to give of yourselves, whether through marriage, the priesthood, the permanent diaconate, or consecrated life".

Creating space for interior silence means we begin to recognise His voice through Eucharistic adoration, spending time each day meditating on the Bible, doing works of charity, and participating fully in the sacramental life of the Church.

Jesus also describes Himself as the door to the sheepfold. No one comes to the Father except through Him. He guards His sheep and is the protector of our souls. He knows each one of us and what He is asking us to be and do. Let us discern and recognise His voice in the midst of the noise and anxiety of life. His voice is the password to our soul.

May God continue to bless you this Eastertide. With my daily prayer for you.

Fr Graham

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Mass Intention

Sat 25 Apr	10.00	SP	Mass	<i>Good health of Lavinia Jordan</i>
<i>Saint Mark</i>	10.30	SP	Rosary	
Sat 25 April	17.30	TT	Vigil Mass <i>(for Sunday)</i>	<i>For all Parishioners</i>
Sun 26 Apr	09.00	SP	Mass	<i>Ints of Michael & Patricia Glancy</i>
	11.00	CTK	Mass	<i>Ints of Allen & O'Sullivan Families</i>
Mon 27 Apr	09.00	SP	Adoration	
<i>Monday after the 4th Sunday of Easter</i>	09.30	SP	Mass & Rosary	<i>Paul Kielty RIP</i>
	16.30	TT	Mass	
	19.30	Zoom	Rosary	
Tue 28 Apr	09.30	CTK	Rosary	
<i>Tuesday after the 4th Sun of Easter (St Louis de Montfort)</i>	10.00	CTK	Mass	<i>Kevin McAuley RIP</i>
	10.30	CTK	Adoration & Confessions	
	16.30	TT	Mass	
Wed 29 Apr	16.30	TT	Mass	
Thur 30 Apr	09.00	SP	Adoration	
<i>Thursday after the 4th Sunday of Easter (St Pius V)</i>	09.30	SP	Mass	<i>Wellbeing of Gill Cansdale</i>
	16.30	TT	Mass	
	19.30	SP	Adoration, Divine Mercy Chaplet & Confessions	
Fri 1 May	09.30	SP	Mass	<i>Parish Prayer Intentions</i>
<i>Fri after the 4th Sun of Easter (St Joseph the Worker)</i>	10.00	SP	Adoration & Confessions	
	15.00	Zoom	Divine Mercy Chaplet <i>with Stations of the Cross</i>	
	16.30	TT	Mass	
Sat 2 May	10.00	SP	Mass	<i>Ints of Ashley Ralston</i>
<i>St Athanasius</i>	10.30	SP	Rosary & Fatima Devotions	

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sat 2 May	17.30	TT	Vigil Mass <i>(for Sunday)</i>	<i>David Richardson RIP</i>
Sun 3 May	09.00	SP	Mass	<i>Helen Clarke RIP</i>
	11.00	CTK	Mass	<i>For all Parishioners</i>

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OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT WITH YOUR FAITH

Welcome to any newcomers or visitors to our Parish

Eastertide is a great place to start or come back to a 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 faith and ask questions in an informal setting.

Next date: Tuesday 12th May, 7.30pm in the Parish Room at St Peter's. All are welcome.

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)

14th April 2026
12th May 2026
9th & 30th June 2026

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

Venue: St Peter's Church, Parish Room, West Street, Shoreham-by-Sea, BN43 5WG
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PRAYER INTENTIONS, EVENTS, NOTICES

Please continue to bring your personal prayer intentions to the Prayer Boxes at SP and CTK. These prayer intentions will next be offered at the mass on Friday 1st May.

Please pray for PEACE, for the Diocesan Pastoral Plan, vocations, enquirers to Catholicism, our First Holy Communion children and families, our Confirmation candidates, the Baptised, and the cycle of prayer for Eastertide.

Mothers Prayers: 'United in prayer we save our children'

'Mothers Prayers' was launched in England in 1995. At that time, two grandmothers felt led by the Lord to pray in a special way for their children. The movement has spread throughout the world and is now in over 100 countries.



Our parish group meets on the first Friday of the month, in the Parish Room at St Peter's, from 10.00am until 11.00am. Open to all mothers, including spiritual mothers, godmothers and grandmothers.

"As mothers learn to trust each other, through their prayers and sharing together, their burdens become lighter".

From YouCat Daily

www.youcat.org

259: How is the universal priesthood of all the faithful different from the ordained priesthood?

Through Baptism Christ has made us into a kingdom of "priests to his God and Father" (Rev 1,6). Through the universal priesthood, every Christian is called to work in the world in God's name and to bring blessings and grace to it. In the Upper Room during the Last Supper and when he commissioned the apostles, however, Christ equipped some with a sacred authority to serve the faithful; these ordained priests represent Christ as pastors (shepherds) of his people and as head of his Body, the Church. (1546-1553, 1592)

To Sing is to Pray Twice (St Augustin)

While we are still in Easter season a piece by Felice Anerio a 16th century Italian composer who was born and lived in Rome all his life: Alleluja! Christus surrexit.



The second piece I have included just because I think it is beautiful! Sung by Voces 8 and composed by Eric Whitacre and first performed in 2023: Sing Gently.

OLQP Bible Group: next dates

Come along on Saturday 25th April and Saturday 2nd May, to watch a short film with a friendly group of fellow parishioners. We meet in the Parish Room after Saturday mass and rosary. All are welcome.

From Right to Life

As tomorrow is the 58th anniversary of the 1967 Abortion Act coming into effect, we pray for our Government, that their ability to support pregnant women would increase and that they would anchor themselves on the desire to protect all human life.

Devotions, Adoration and Confessions this week

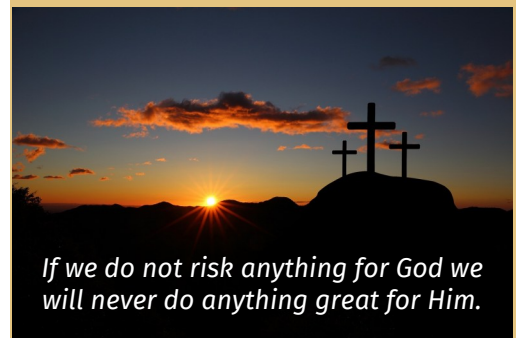
Rosary: Monday (SP) 10.00 & (Zoom) 19.30; Tuesday (CTK) 09.30; Saturday (SP) after Mass

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

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

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

Saint Louis de Montfort (feast on Tuesday, author of the Secret of the Rosary) prayed...



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PARISH NEWS

EVENTS & NOTICES

Sat 25	OLQP Bible Study group
Sun 26	Day of Prayer for Vocations 2 nd collection for education of future priests
Thur 30	SP Parish Room, 10.00pm: Coffee pop-in <i>Deanery Clergy Meeting</i>
Fri 1 May	SP Parish Room, 10.00: Mothers Prayers
Sat 2	<i>First Saturday Fatima Devotions</i> OLQP Bible Study group

Pilgrimage of Reparation & Consecration

Saturday 18 July 12 noon – 4.15pm, Church of Our Lady of Consolation & St Francis, West Grinstead, RH13 8LT.

A pilgrimage for people across our diocese - the day includes Holy Mass, a personal Consecration to Our Lady, the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary, Exposition, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Adoration and Benediction. There is no need to book, to find out more contact Linda C-Dominguez T:01273463463 or M:07944377252 or Jayne Lock M: 07816422851 or E:jayne.lock1@gmail.com. Please bring a packed lunch.



Come and visit our Easter Garden at St Peter's

Our thanks go to one of our very talented parishioners, who has created this beautiful display, depicting the tomb of our Lord. We encourage you to come and spend some time here. We have some cards listing some of the important details to look for. Please take one away with you.



Table Top Sale for the SVP

Join us for a Table Top Sale in aid of the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) on Saturday 9th May at the former St Charles Borromeo Church, located at the junction of Ham Road and Chesswood Road in Worthing. Doors open at 10.00 a.m.

There will be a wide variety of items for sale – bric-a-brac, clothes, books, and more. All proceeds will go to support the charitable work of the SVP.

Please come along, find some bargains, and support a great cause!

Request from SVP for helpers

The temporary base the SVP runs out of the former St Charles Borromeo Church needs more helpers. We need help with:

- additional drivers - under 70 years old with licence category C. This would be on a rota x1/ month
- repairing furniture - small repairs to donated furniture.
- sorting of donations - kitchen goods, clothing, bedding etc.

If you can help with any of these please contact: Rosaleen Murphy, St Catherine's - stcatherinessvp@gmail.com Sheila Padwick, St Michael's - TreasurerA010406@svp.org.uk Ann Olliver, St Peter's - PresidentA010406@svp.org.uk

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.

Volunteers needed for Young Adult Retreat days

Would you be interested in being a small group leader, refreshment maker or prayer minister at our diocesan Young Adult retreats?

The Diocese of Arundel and Brighton are looking to run Young Adult retreat days for those aged 18-35 across the diocese. Each will be a day of Faith, Fellowship, Formation and Food! But we need your help...if you are aged 18+ and are interested in supporting these events, please email the Diocesan Youth Project Officer, Bex Driver E:bex.driver@abdiocese.org.uk

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DIOCESAN NEWS

Month of Prayer for Vocations

The Diocesan Vocations Team has launched a special month of prayer for vocations beginning this Sunday. As Catholics, we know that God has a plan for each of us and has called us by name through our baptism, to holiness. He continues to call out to us each day to be His disciples; some to the married life, some to the single life, some to religious life and some to the priesthood. In a Message for the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, Pope Leo highlights the importance of daily prayer and cultivating a personal relationship with God:

"We must urgently recommence our vocational ministry and renew our commitment to evangelisation" he said. "In light of this, I invite everyone -- in families, parishes and religious communities, as well as bishops, priests, deacons, catechists, educators and all the faithful -- to commit themselves more fully to creating conditions that allow this gift to be embraced, nourished, protected and accompanied, so that it may bear abundant fruit.

"Only when our surroundings are illumined by living faith, sustained by constant prayer and enriched by fraternal accompaniment can God's call blossom and mature, becoming a path of happiness and salvation for individuals and for the world. By embarking on the path that Jesus, the Good Shepherd, shows us, we come to know more deeply both ourselves and the God who calls us...

"Dear brothers and sisters, dear young people, I encourage you to cultivate your personal relationship with God through daily prayer and meditation on the Word. Pause, listen and entrust yourselves. In this way, the gift of your vocation will mature, bringing you happiness and yielding abundant fruit for the Church and the world."

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY - 26 APRIL

A MONTH OF PRAYER FOR PRIESTLY VOCATIONS

Good Shepherd Sunday - Pentecost 2026

GATHER PRAY DISCERN

Mary, Mother of Priests, pray for us

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Regina Caeli

"Regina caeli" or "O Queen of Heaven" is a musical antiphon addressed to the Blessed Virgin Mary, used in the liturgy during the Easter Season, from Easter Sunday until Pentecost.

- V. Queen of Heaven rejoice, alleluia.
- R. For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.
- V. Has risen, as he said, alleluia.
- R. Pray for us to God, alleluia.
- V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.
- R. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray. O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord.

R. Amen

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

Readings: 4th Sunday of Easter A

1st Reading Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Psalm 23(22): 1-3a. 3b-4. 5. 6. R1

2nd Reading 1 Peter 2:20b-25

Gospel John 10:1-10