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Seventh Sunday of Easter

Year A

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

Communion Antiphon
Father, I pray that they may be one
as we also are one, alleluia.

From Deacon Simon

The work of bringing together the ten
congregation of the six parishes of the
Worthing Deanery into a single new
parish continues.

This work is not entrusted just to the
clergy, rather all of us are invited to
participate in shaping the new parish.

A structure for the new parish has been
proposed - https://
www.catholicparishofworthingandlancin
g.co.uk/our-new-parish/ so please read
about it and if you have any comments,
please send them to me.

The proposed structure contains a
revolutionary development which is
shared parish governance between
Priests and People. The role of the
newly formed Parish Leadership Team
is 'Shared governance and strategic
leadership of the new Worthing parish',
and its composition is 'Clergy and Lay
Leaders'. The biggest challenge that I
see with this new way of working is how
can the ten congregations be unified
into a new parish.

Jesus wants us to be united in our
prayer, our worship and our outreach to
those in need, but we have become too
comfortable and too insular. Our church
is changing and we
can either shape
that change for a
better future or do
nothing and accept
whatever fate befalls
us. What are we to
do?

With my prayers.

God bless you. Deacon Simon



Seventh Sunday of Easter Mass Intention

Table with columns for Date, Time, Type, and Mass Intention. Rows include Sat 16 May, Sun 17 May, Mon 18 May, Tue 19 May, Wed 20 May, Thur 21 May, Fri 22 May, and Sat 23 May.

Pentecost

Table with columns for Date, Time, Type, and Mass Intention. Rows include Sat 23 May and Sun 24 May.

Saint Rita of Cascia (Feast day on Friday) prayed...
I am not afraid to die. I know what it is to die. It is to
close the eyes to the world and open them to God.



PARISH NEWS

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 Thursday 4th June (please note change of date).

Please pray for the soul of Ann Olliver RIP who died suddenly this week. Please pray for Paul and all their family too. Ann's Requiem Mass is at SP on Friday 5 June at 11am. May she rest in peace.

Please pray for our First Holy Communion children and their families, meeting this week. They are coming to the end of their preparation.

Please also pray for PEACE, for the Diocesan Pastoral Plan, vocations, enquirers to Catholicism, our Confirmation candidates, the Baptised, the cycle of prayer for Eastertide, and please pray for priests.

From Right to Life

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.

Fri 15	Novena to the Holy Spirit begins
Sat 16	SP, 9.30am: First Holy Communion children
Sun 17	2nd Collection: World Communications Day
Thur 21	SP Parish Room, 10.00am: Coffee pop-in
Sat 23	9.30am 1st Holy Communion children's rehearsal
Sun 24	Day of Prayer for the Church (2nd collection for Diocese of Chulucanas)

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. All are welcome. See leaflets in the porch.

From YouCat Daily

www.youcat.org

119 What does the Holy Spirit do in the Church?

The Holy Spirit builds up the Church and impels her. He reminds her of her Mission. He calls people into her service and sends them the necessary gifts. He leads us ever deeper into communion with the Triune God.

Even though the Church during her long history has often seemed "abandoned by all good spirits", the Holy Spirit has been at work in her despite all the human failings and inadequacies. The mere fact of her two-thousand-year existence and the many saints of all eras and cultures are the visible proof of his presence. The Holy Spirit is the one who maintains the Church as a whole in the truth and leads her ever deeper into the knowledge of God. It is the Holy Spirit who works in the Sacraments and brings Sacred Scripture to life for us. Even today he gives his gifts of grace (Charisms) to those who are completely receptive to him.

Novena Prayer to the Holy Spirit - starts Friday 15th May

Please join in our nine days of prayer, the first novena, between Ascension and Pentecost. Other prayers are here and here.

O Holy Spirit, Divine Consoler! I adore you as my True God. I offer You my whole heart, and I render You heartfelt thanks for all the benefits You have bestowed upon the world.

You are the author of all supernatural gifts and enriched the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, with all favours. I ask you to visit me by Your grace and Your love, and grant me the favour I so earnestly seek... [state your request here].

O Holy Spirit, spirit of truth, come into our hearts: shed the brightness of your light on all nations, that they may be of one faith and pleasing to You. Amen.

Rosary for Peace: Wednesday 20th May 2026, 7.00pm

On Wednesday 20 May at 7pm, all Catholics are invited to pray the Rosary for peace. Missio, together with other missionary societies, will be leading the Rosary online, with each group praying a decade. Anyone who wishes to join can do so via the link on the Missio website: missio.org.uk.



If you prefer, you are of course welcome to pray the Rosary privately at the same time.

National Day of Prayer and Fasting for Life

Thursday 21 May 2026, the Vigil of St Rita, marks a National Day of Prayer and Fasting for Life. Inspired by St John Paul II, everyone is invited to pray—through the Rosary, Mass, or Adoration—and to fast in whatever way they can. Offered for an end to abortion and euthanasia, the day encourages each person to make a meaningful sacrifice. This monthly initiative is organised by the Good Counsel Network. www.goodcounselnetwork.com.