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21st June 2026

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

From Father Graham

Pope Leo's first Encyclical *Magnifica Humanitas* ("Magnificent humanity") has been given much attention about his comments on AI (Artificial Intelligence), but it is much more than that. It is a letter addressed to everyone, not just Catholics. Pope Leo states that we are at a pivotal moment in human history. A choice between Babel and the city where we dwell with God.

Life is full of choices and decisions. Each decision is determined on its own merit - not as a means to an end. This could not come at a more crucial time with the possible reintroduction of the Assisted Dying Bill and the ever increasing casualties of war. As Pope Leo says:

"Human dignity does not depend on a person's abilities, wealth, or position in life, nor on the right or wrong choices made; instead, it is a gift that precedes and transcends each person, endowed by God as an expression of his unfailing love." MH, 50.

Jesus has some things to say too, not least in today's Mass. We are not to fear anyone when we are asked for the reason for our faith. As much as God loves all His creation and knows each animal and bird, Jesus says humanity is of greater value than them all. We are stewards of creation and care for all created animals and things. But, human dignity is due to our being made in the image and likeness of God and, unlike animals and inanimate matter, each of us has an eternal soul. Decisions and choices not only affect our mortal life but our immortal life too.

With my prayer for you all. God bless you.

Fr Graham

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Mass Intention

Sat 20 June	10.00	SP	Mass & Rosary	Tony & Ethel Comaschi RIP
Sat 20 June	17.30	TT	Vigil Mass <i>(for Sunday)</i>	For all Parishioners
Sun 21 June	09.00	SP	Mass	Ints of Pauline Zahoui
	11.00	CTK	Mass	Ints of Allen & O'Sullivan families
	12.30	CTK	Holy Baptism: Cohen McAuliffe Abbott	
Mon 22 June	[Please note: only weekday masses at the Towers until Thursday]			
Saints John Fisher & Thomas More	16.30	TT	Mass	
	19.30	Zoom	Rosary	
Tue 23 June <i>Feria</i>	10.30	TT	Adoration	
	16.30	TT	Mass	
Wed 24 June	16.30	TT	Mass	
Thu 25 June <i>Feria</i>	09.00	SP	Adoration	
	09.30	SP	Mass	Vince Neal RIP
	16.30	TT	Requiem Mass: Sister Mary Zita RIP	
	19.30	SP	Adoration, Divine Mercy Chaplet & Confessions	
Fri 26 June <i>Feria</i> <i>Day of Abstinence</i>	09.30	SP	Mass	Holy Souls RIP
	10.00	SP	Adoration & Confessions	
	15.00	Zoom	Divine Mercy Chaplet <i>with Stations of the Cross</i>	
	16.30	TT	Mass	
Sat 27 June <i>Our Lady</i>	10.00	SP	Mass	For unborn children RIP
	10.30	SP	Rosary	

Saints Peter & Paul

Sat 27 June	17.30	TT	Vigil Mass <i>(for Sunday)</i>	For all Parishioners
Sun 28 June	09.00	SP	Mass	Ken Eldridge RIP
	11.00	CTK	Mass	Patricia Kneath RIP

The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them for ever.

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Parish Office open Thursdays 09.00—13.00

CTK | Christ the King, Steyning, BN44 3PB

Please email/telephone to book an appointment at other times.

TT | The Towers Convent, Upper Beeding, BN44 3TF

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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 faith and ask questions in an informal setting.

Next date: Tuesday 30th June, 7.30pm at St Peter's, looking at The Lord's Prayer. All are welcome.

From YouCat Daily

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

280 What reasons do Christians give for human dignity?

Every person, from the first moment of his life in the womb, has an inviolable dignity, because from all eternity God willed, loved, created, and redeemed that person and destined him for eternal happiness.

If human dignity were based solely on the successes and accomplishments of individuals, then those who are weak, sick, or helpless would have no dignity. Christians believe that human dignity is, in the first place, the result of God's respect for us. He looks at every person and loves him as though he were the only creature in the world. Because God has looked upon even the least significant child of Adam, that person possesses an infinite worth, which must not be destroyed by men.

To Sing is to Pray Twice (St Augustin)

This setting of Ave Maria was written by Robert Parsons (1535-72) an English composer of the Tudor period. It is beautifully sung by the Cambridge singers who were founded by John Rutter in 1981.

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".

OLQP Bible Film Group

Come along on Saturday 20th June to watch a short film with a friendly group of fellow parishioners. We meet in the Parish Room at St Peters after Saturday mass and rosary. 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,
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PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please continue to bring your personal prayer intentions to the Prayer Boxes at SP and CTK. These prayer intentions will usually be offered at the First Friday mass of the month.

Please pray for the soul of Sr Mary Zita RIP of the Blessed Sacrament Sisters. Her Requiem Mass is at TT on Thursday 25th June at 4.30pm. Also for the soul of Patricia (Tricia) Calver RIP of CTK who has died recently. Funeral details tbc. May they rest in peace.

Please also pray for PEACE, for the Diocesan Pastoral Plan, vocations, enquirers to Catholicism, our Confirmation candidates, the Baptised, and the Cycle of Prayer for Ordinary Time, summer.

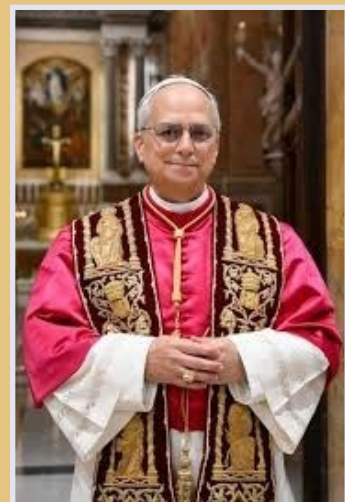
From Right to Life

As we celebrate Father's Day, we pray for all fathers who are expecting a child. That they would find peace in their changing circumstances and would be a source of support for the child's mother as they prepare for their child to enter the world.

From Pope Leo XIV, Magnifica Humanitas (par. 51)

Among these ideologies, I consider particularly insidious the one that

suggests that every person must earn or justify his or her own worth, to the point of attributing greater value to those who are more efficient or effective.





PARISH NEWS

EVENTS & NOTICES

Sat 20	OLQP Bible Film Group
Sun 21	2nd Collection: Day for Life <i>See back page for more details</i>
Mon 22	No mass today at SP
Tue 23	No mass today at CTK
Thur 25	SP Parish Room, 10.00am: Coffee pop-in
Sat 27	OLQP Bible Film Group
Sun 28	2nd Collection: Peter's Pence

Devotions, Adoration and Confessions this week

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

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

Adoration: Thursday (SP) 09.00 & 19.30; Friday (SP) 10.00

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

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

Readings: 12th Sunday in OT A

1st Reading Jeremiah 20: 10-13

Psalm 69(68): 8-10. 14, 17. 33-35. R14c

2nd Reading Romans 5:12-15

Gospel Matthew 10:26-33

SVP Summer Foodbank Campaign

Starting next month, we will once again be inviting parishioners to add an item or two to their weekly shop to support our Summer Foodbank Campaign.

The collection themes for each fortnight are:

5 & 12 July – **Getting Ready for Summer:** plasters, wipes, suncream, antiseptic cream, bite cream, etc

19 & 26 July – **Picnic Time:** cartons of juice, snack bars, and similar items

2 & 9 August – **Home for Tea:** tinned meals, pasta, rice, etc

This campaign has always been generously supported. Thank you in advance for your kindness.



Mass for the Unborn and Their Parents: Saturday 27 June

We will be holding a special Mass in our parish on Saturday 27 June for the Unborn and their parents. During this Mass, we will pray in a particular way for all parents and families who have experienced the loss of a child before birth or through stillbirth, entrusting them to God's tenderness and healing.

All are welcome to come, to pray, and to hold these families in compassion and hope.

OLQP Justice & Peace Group: Prayers for Peace

From July 3rd, a monthly hour of prayer has been allocated to highlight the Peace situation around the world.

From 4pm to 5pm in the Divine Mercy Chapel at St Peter's, there will be an opportunity, every First Friday to bring our prayers, asking our Lady to intercede on our behalf to those suffering from wars and injuries.

Each session will be led. All are welcome, for some or all of the 60 minutes.

First Fridays in 2026: July 3rd; August 7th; Sept 4th; Oct 2nd; Nov 6th; Dec 4th

First Holy Communion

The Catechists would like to thank all those who helped in any way to make this a special year for our First Communion children. Father Graham for the Mass at St Peter's. The parents for their support throughout the preparation, the children who behaved so reverently and the families for their generous gifts to the catechists.





DIOCESAN NEWS

Day for Life: Sunday 21 June

This Sunday, 21 June, we keep the Day for Life. This year's theme, *"The Wonder of the Child in the Womb,"* invites us to pause in gratitude for the gift of new life. It also holds in prayer all parents who have experienced the loss of a child before birth, and the quiet grief that can follow.

The bishops' message and prayers are available at: [Day for Life - Catholic Bishops' Conference](#) if you would like to spend some time reflecting at home.

There will be a second collection for the Day for Life Fund, which supports groups working to uphold the dignity of every human life. If you prefer, you can also donate online through the Day for Life website.

Peace in the Holy Land – Saturday 4 July 2026, Steyning Centre

All are welcome to come and hear Fr Dr Fadi Diab from St Andrew's Church, Ramallah, for an evening exploring peace and justice in the Holy Land.

Saturday 4 July, 8.15–10pm, Steyning Centre *"Peace in the Middle East: An Impossible Dream? A Palestinian Christian Perspective"* In partnership with Steyning for Peace and Friends of the Holy Land.

Free admission (voluntary collection). Wheelchair accessible. Free parking at Fletcher's Croft Car Park (BN44 3YB).

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Pilgrimage of Reparation & Consecration: Saturday 18th July 2026

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:ejayne.lock1@gmail.com](mailto:Ejayne.lock1@gmail.com). Please bring a packed lunch.



"I think many people do not fully understand the value of the Mass, because if they recognised the enormous blessing we have in a Lord who gives himself as our food and drink in the Sacred Host, they would go to Mass every day to participate in the fruits of the sacrifice and let go of the many superfluous things. "

Saint Carlo Acutis



A Prayer for Day for Life

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

Psalm 139: 1-6; 13-18; 23-24

O LORD, you have searched me and known me!
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.
You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.

Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O LORD, you know it altogether. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it.

For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb.

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.

My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them. How precious to me are your thoughts, O God!

How vast is the sum of them!
If I would count them, they are more than the sand.

I awake, and I am still with you. Search me, O God, and know my heart!

Try me and know my thoughts
And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Amen.

