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19th July 2026

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

Communion Antiphon

*Behold, I stand at the door and knock,
says the Lord.
If anyone hears my voice and opens the
door to me,
I will enter his house and dine with him,
and he with me.*

From Deacon Simon

In this week's first reading we hear that God is "sovereign in strength but you judge with mildness, and with great forbearance you govern us; for you have power to act whenever you choose." Unfortunately, too many world leaders have 'power to act' whenever they choose, and seem to have forgotten that power should be balanced with great forbearance and mild judgement. And when two groups, that have power to act, confront each other the result is deadlock. Russia – Ukraine; USA – Iran; the Sudan civil war; the Somalian conflict with Al-Shabaab; have all reached a point where the protagonists are locked in strategic stalemates, characterized by deeply entrenched frontlines, wars of attrition, or tense, unresolved ceasefires.

The same situation can affect our personal lives. Individuals, families and ethnic groups can also get locked into a standoff, neither willing to resolve the conflict between them.

Each conflict is complicated and unique and so will require a unique and complicated solution but, as our first reading points out, that solution will need three ingredients, kindness, hope and repentance.

Blessings and with my prayers for peace in our families.

Deacon Simon

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Mass Intention

Sat 18 July	17.30	TT	Vigil Mass <i>(for Sunday)</i>	For all Parishioners
Sun 19 July	09.00	SP	Mass	Ints of Lianna Burrows & family
	11.00	CTK	Mass	Mike Mercer RIP
Mon 20 July	09.00	SP	Adoration	
<i>Feria (Saint Apollinaris)</i>	09.30	SP	Mass	Beck & Wilkinson families deceased RIP
	10.00	SP	Rosary	
	16.30	TT	Mass	
	19.30	Zoom	Rosary	
Tue 21 July	12.00	CTK	Requiem Mass: Patricia Calver RIP	
<i>Feria</i>	16.30	TT	Mass	
Wed 22 July	16.30	TT	Mass	
Thu 23 July	09.00	SP	Adoration	
<i>Saint Bridget of Sweden</i>	09.30	SP	Mass	Geoff & Janet Rosalind Harris RIP
	16.30	TT	Mass	
	19.30	SP	Adoration, Divine Mercy Chaplet & Confessions	
Fri 24 July	09.30	SP	Mass	David Comaschi RIP
<i>Feria</i>	10.00	SP	Adoration & Confessions	
<i>Day of abstinence</i>	15.00	Zoom	Divine Mercy Chaplet <i>with Stations of the Cross</i>	
	16.30	TT	Mass	
Sat 25 July	10.00	SP	Mass	Pope Leo, Bishops & Clergy
<i>Saint James</i>	10.30	SP	Rosary	

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 25 July	17.30	TT	Vigil Mass <i>(for Sunday)</i>	Ethan Burdis RIP
Sun 26 July	09.00	SP	Mass	For all Parishioners
	11.00	CTK	Mass	In thanksgiving

St. Bridget of Sweden prayed...

*The world would have peace if
only men of politics would
follow the Gospels.*



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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 usually be offered at the First Friday mass of the month.

Please pray for the soul of Patricia (Tricia) Calver RIP of CTK. Requiem Mass at CTK on Tuesday 21st July at 12.00pm. May she rest in peace.

Please also pray for PEACE, for the Diocesan Pastoral Plan, vocations, enquirers to Catholicism, our 1st HC children and families, our Confirmation candidates, the cycle of Prayer for Ordinary Time (summer) and Bishop-Elect Stephen.

Sat 18	No mass today at SP Pilgrimage of Reparation and Consecration at the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation, West Grinstead. Holy Mass is at 12.00pm.
Sun 19	2nd Collection: CAFOD-DEC Venezuelan Earthquake appeal
Thur 23	SP Parish Room, 10.00am: Coffee pop-in (last one until September) SP, 7.30pm: Adoration, Divine Mercy Chaplet & Confessions (last one until September)

SVP Summer Foodbank Campaign



Thank you to all who have donated to our Summer Foodbank Campaign. Here is the category for the next two weeks:

19 & 26 July – **Breakfast & Picnic Time:** Cereals, crisps, cereal bars, assorted drinks/juices, biscuits, packed lunch items etc

SVP Summer Raffle tickets will be available from 26th July.

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.

If you are new to our parish, please complete one of our registration forms, which you can find in the church porch.

2nd Collection this weekend: CAFOD-DEC Venezuela Earthquake Appeal

Our thoughts and prayers are with all the people of Venezuela after two devastating earthquakes near Caracas. Many people have been killed or injured, and buildings, including churches, seminaries and Caracas Cathedral, have been damaged. CAFOD's trusted Church partners in Venezuela are already helping the survivors of this crisis with emergency water, food and shelter. Thank you for your support. You can also donate online here: www.cafod.org.uk/Venezuela.

Volunteers Needed – Ship Visiting at Shoreham Port

Stella Maris, the Catholic charity supporting seafarers, is seeking volunteers to join our Ship Visiting team at Shoreham Port.

As a volunteer ship visitor, you will accompany the Port Chaplain or experienced volunteers in visiting merchant ships, offering a warm welcome, practical support, and a listening ear to seafarers from around the world. This is a rewarding opportunity to live out the Church's mission to people of the sea and make a real difference to those who are often far from home.

No previous experience is necessary, and full training will be provided by the Port Chaplain. For more information, please contact Luke Phillips at luke.phillips@stellamarismail.org.



From YouCat Daily

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

276: What is the purpose of a pilgrimage?

Someone who goes on a pilgrimage "prays with his feet" and experiences with all his senses that his entire life is one long journey to God.

Assisted Dying: Call to Action, Wednesday 5th August, 7pm

Now that the Bill will be voted on again on 11 September it is essential to contact your MP to urge that they vote against the Bill, even if you contacted them last year. Dr Dominic Whitehouse (consultant in End of Life Care) will explain what the current position is on 5 August from 7 to 8.45pm in the Hall at St Michael's Catholic Church, 19 Hayling Rise, Worthing, BN13 3AL. All welcome.

From Right to Life

Let us pray for all those who are close to death, especially those who are alone, that they would always be treated with respect and have their human dignity upheld.

To Sing is to Pray Twice (St Augustin)

This week a piece composed by John Tavener (1944-2013) who is probably best known for writing Song for Athene which was sung at Princess Diana's funeral.

Hymn to the Mother of God

O sanctified Temple, mystical Paradise, and glory of Virgins. In You, O Woman full of Grace, all creation rejoices.

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