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26th & 31st July 202617th & 18th Sundays in Ordinary TimeYear A

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time					Mass Intention
	Sat 25 July	10.00	SP	Mass & Rosary	Pope Leo, Bishops & Clergy	
	Sat 25 July	17.30	TT	Vigil Mass (for Sunday)	Ethan Burdis RIP	
	Sun 26 July	09.00	SP	Mass	For all Parishioners	
		11.00	CTK	Mass	In thanksgiving	
	Mon 27 July	16.30	TT	Mass		
	Feria	19.30	Zoom	Rosary		
	Tue 28 July	16.30	TT	Mass		
	Wed 29 July	16.30	TT	Mass		
	Thu 30 July	16.30	TT	Mass		
	Fri 31 July	15.00	Zoom	Divine Mercy Chaplet with Stations of the Cross		
	St Ignatius	16.30	TT	Mass		
	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time					
	Sat 1 Aug	17.30	TT	Vigil Mass (for Sunday)	For all Parishioners	
	Sun 2 Aug	09.00	SP	Mass	Ints of Diana & Ashley Ralston	
		11.00	CTK	Mass	Holy Souls RIP	
	Mon 3 Aug	16.30	TT	Mass		
	Feria	19.30	Zoom	Rosary		
	Tue 4 Aug	16.30	TT	Mass		
	Wed 5 Aug	16.30	TT	Mass		
	Thu 6 Aug	09.00	SP	Adoration		
	The Transfiguration	09.30	SP	Mass	Shirley Olivier RIP	
		16.30	TT	Mass		
	Fri 7 Aug	09.30	SP	Mass	Parish Prayer Intentions	
	Votive of the Sacred Heart	10.00	SP	Adoration & Confessions		
		15.00	Zoom	Divine Mercy Chaplet with Stations of the Cross		
		16.30	TT	Mass		
	Sat 8 Aug	10.00	SP	Mass	Ints of Louise Comaschi	
	St Dominic	10.30	SP	Rosary		
	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time					
	Sat 8 Aug	17.30	TT	Vigil Mass (for Sunday)	For all Parishioners	
	Sun 9 Aug	09.00	SP	Mass	Michael Strudwick RIP	
		11.00	CTK	Mass	Jude Green RIP	



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. Sessions will resume again in September. All are welcome.

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

From YouCat Daily

https://www.youcat.org/daily

305: Is being Christian a private matter?

No one can be a Christian merely for his own benefit. Coming to Jesus, seeking his friendship, and following him also means publicly professing faith in him, allowing him to speak to us and commission us.

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house" (Mt 5,14-15). All of us who have been baptised and confirmed—even when we have not been specially commissioned to do so as a priest, deacon, catechist, or religion teacher—are "messengers" and "witnesses" of the Gospel. "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation" (Mk 16,15), and "make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit (Mt 28,19). So that we might proclaim the Kingdom of God (and not ourselves) in word and deed, God gives us the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit.

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.

Volunteering or Service?

A parish relies on so many people to thrive. Many volunteers give time and energy behind the scenes to ensure we are a safe and welcoming parish. We will be inviting you over the next few months to consider being part of this team of parishioners.

But **volunteering** is not really the right word. It would be better to see it as **service** - service to God. We can show our love for God in many ways. Parishioners have commented that when they serve God and the Church in this way, they relish the extra time with Jesus in the Church, and it becomes a prayer and a blessing not a burden. We all grow closer to Jesus when we serve Him.

From Bishop-Elect Stephen Wang

Despite all the difficulties that people face, there is a hunger for truth, for meaning, for beauty, and it's leading many of them to Jesus, to the Bible, to the Mass, and to the Church. **The real question is this: are we ready to welcome them and to lead them deeper in their journey of faith?**



PRAYER INTENTIONS

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 7th August 2026.

Please pray for the soul of Carol Labelle RIP, who died this week. 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), Bishop-Elect Stephen and the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

From Right to Life

Each human being, made in the image and likeness of God, is a pearl of great price. Let us pray for the grace to appreciate the intrinsic value in every person, born and unborn.

To Sing is to Pray Twice (St Augustin)



Another piece this week composed by John Tavener: 'As One Who Has Slept'

As one who has slept, the Lord has risen. And rising He has saved us. Alleluia

Saint Jean-Marie Vianney prayed...

What man could not imagine, God did: He spoke, planned and realised in his love, what man could neither speak nor think up, what he would never have dared to wish. Would we ever have dared to ask God to let his Son die for us and to give us his flesh to eat and his blood to drink?

Saint Jean-Marie Vianney, patron saint of parish priests, feast day 4th August.



PARISH NEWS

EVENTS & NOTICES

Sun 26	SVP Summer Raffle tickets on sale
Sun 2 Aug	Missio Red Box Appeal We welcome Fr Emmanuel Mbeh MHM to our parish. SP Parish Room, 10.00am: SVP Bookstall <i>Come and find some summer holiday reading!</i>
Fri 7 Aug	First Friday Mass for the parish prayer intentions

SVP Summer Foodbank Campaign



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

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

2 August - **Home for Tea:** tinned meals, pasta, rice, etc

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

Readings: 17th Sunday in OT A

1st Reading 1 Kings 3:5-6a, 7-12

Psalms 119(118): 57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130. R97a

2nd Reading Romans 8:28-30

Gospel Matthew 13:44-52

Readings: 18th Sunday in OT A

1st Reading Isaiah 55:1-3

Psalms 145(144): 8-9, 15-16, 17-18. R cf. 16

2nd Reading Romans 8:35, 37-39

Gospel Matthew 14:13-21

Red Box Appeal

Next weekend (1-2 August 2026) we welcome Fr Emmanuel Mbeh MHM to give a Red Box Appeal. Thank you to parishioners who already give to Missio, the Pope's charity for World Mission. Your generous donations either through the Red Box or Direct Debit support the Church around the World where it is young or in need.

There will not be a second collection as the appeal is for membership to the Red Box scheme. Please keep the work of Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries in your prayers. To find out more: www.missio.org.uk.



News from Deacon Simon about the new Worthing Parish

The new Parish Leadership Team (PLTe) met recently and developed two potential Vision Statements for our new Parish, from which another was developed, (using a Large Language Model), that amalgamated the two.

Here are the three candidate Vision statements. Please read them and pray over them, asking the Holy Spirit to help us discern which of the three is most in tune with the Pastoral Plan and best for the new Parish.

Statement 1

Our vision is to be a vibrant, joyful, Christ-centred Catholic parish where all are made welcome, find a place to belong, grow in faith and work together with other faith communities to make a difference through our new parish.

Statement 2

Our vision is to be a family of churches and communities where everyone is welcome:

- Inspired by God's message of compassion, love, and inclusion of all with Christ at the centre;
- Caring for the vulnerable and those in need;
- Building a sense of shared community, growing in faith, and nurturing each other's talents.

Statement 3 (created by amalgamating the above two statements)

Our vision is to be a vibrant, joyful, Christ-centred Catholic family of churches and communities where everyone is welcome and finds a place to belong. Inspired by God's message of love, compassion, and radical inclusion, we grow together in faith, nurture each other's talents, and care for the vulnerable. Moving forward as a new parish, we seek to collaborate with other faith communities to build a deeply shared community, working together to make a difference for all.

Mobile Phones to Donate

Do you have an old mobile phone surplus to your needs? If so, please consider donating it to a parish in Ghana.



My close friend Fr. Gregory from Ghana is in the UK supplying holiday cover. He re-purposes mobile phones, giving them to people in remote parts of Ghana so they can make contact in an emergency, (spiritual or physical). Battery condition does not matter but they should have the sim card removed and be reset to factory default which wipes them clean, (I can help with this).

I can collect them from St. Peter's Shoreham, Christ the King Steyning or The Towers between now and September 6th. Many thanks Deacon Simon.



DIOCESAN NEWS

Young Adult Retreat Day

26 September, 10am-6.30pm, St Wilfrid's Church, Burgess Hill, RH15 9EN (Cost: £20). Young Adults (18-35) are invited to a jam-packed day of prayer, formation, friendship, and fun - praying to discover true peace within ourselves, to become peacemakers in the world around us, and to be renewed with an apostolic fire burning brightly within our hearts.

[Young Adults' Retreat Day \(26-Sep-2026\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)

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.



Retrouvaille

Marriage in a rut? Or need help with deeper issues?

Retrouvaille has helped thousands of couples find hope and healing in their marriage.

Next dates: 2nd - 4th Oct. www.retrouvaille.org.uk/info Tel: 0788 7296983

Saint Carlo Acutis Exhibition: 17 October – 1 November 2026, St Peter's

Please save the dates. We will welcome the Relics Tour and Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition of Blessed Carlo Acutis, in the Parish Room at St Peter's this autumn. More details soon.

One of the most famous Eucharistic miracles featured is that of [Lanciano, Italy](#), in A.D. 750, the first reported Eucharistic miracle when the consecrated Host physically revealed itself to be truly the flesh and blood of Christ. Scientific studies in 1970, later supported by the World Health Organisation's own research, showed that the Host consists of real flesh in the form of heart muscle tissue and the rare AB blood type also found in other Eucharistic miracles and the Shroud of Turin. The Host has not decomposed to this day.



The Rosary is the shortest ladder to climb to Heaven

Saint Carlo Acutis



Welcome
BISHOP-ELECT
STEPHEN WANG

Fr Stephen Wang was born in London in 1966 and grew up in Harpenden, Hertfordshire. He read Theology and Religious Studies at Cambridge University from 1986 to 1989, before undertaking priestly formation at the Venerable English College in Rome from 1992 to 1997.

Ordained on 3 January 1998, he worked in parish ministry in Dollis Hill, London, from 1997 to 2001.

From 2001 to 2005 he studied for a PhD on the subject of human happiness at Cambridge University, assisting at Fisher House Chaplaincy, based at the University, for two years.

He lectured in Philosophy and Theology at Allen Hall seminary in Chelsea from 2005 to 2013 and was Dean of Studies from 2009 to 2013. During this time, he was also a visiting priest at Wormwood Scrubs Prison, White City, and a confessor at Notting Hill Carmel, a cloistered convent of Carmelite nuns located in St Charles Square.

From 2013 to 2021, Fr Stephen served as Senior University Chaplain in the Diocese of Westminster and was Catholic Chaplain at The London School of Economics.

In 2014, a group of young people led by Fr Stephen developed 'Sycamore', a video-based Catholic faith formation programme that explores the Christian faith through short films and guided discussion. Designed to make Christianity more accessible, Sycamore is now used by Catholic parishes, schools, and university chaplaincies across the world.

Following three years as Vocations Director for Westminster Diocese, Fr Stephen was appointed Rector of the Venerable English College in 2021, where he served for five years.

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TT		The Towers Convent, Upper Beeding, BN44 3TF	44 (0) 1903 812185

Parish Office open Thursdays 09.00—13.00
Please email/telephone to book an appointment at other times.