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23rd and 30th August 2026

21st & 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

From Father Graham

In a week when we remember the anniversary of the Shoreham air crash we are confronted with the tragic deaths of three members of one family in the sea off Shoreham Fort: Hassan, Zeina and Sara.

Life is fragile and a gift to be treasured. Every moment is precious. It can all change so quickly. God is the giver of the gift. It is to Him that we look for strength, mercy, help and love.

The life of faith is no less vulnerable and fragile. One moment Saint Peter gets it right and then he gets it wrong. In the gospel for this week Peter speaks with insight and with a revelation of knowledge from the Father that Jesus "is the Christ, the Son of the living God". The following verses (next week), with Peter basking in the elation of this spiritual gift, he plunders from the height of presumption after accusing Jesus that God has got it wrong! Jesus gives Peter and us the reason for his downfall: setting his mind of the "things of man" not of God.

Jesus does not avoid suffering as He knows we cannot avoid it. In fact, Jesus uses suffering as a means to save us. He is not a remote or impervious God. He shares the fullness of our humanity that we might share in His divinity and have a life beyond death.

We are not untouched by another's pain either. So we do more than remember or say empty phrases - we pray. We pray for all who suffer and have died. That is what God would have us do.

With my prayer for you all. God bless you.

Fr Graham

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intention

Sat 22 Aug	17.30	TT	Vigil Mass <i>(for Sunday)</i>	Veronica Bennett RIP
Sun 23 Aug	09.00	SP	Mass	Richard & Deirdre Duplock RIP
	11.00	CTK	Mass	For all Parishioners

[only weekday masses at The Towers]

Mon 24 Aug	16.30	TT	Mass	
Tue 25 Aug	16.30	TT	Mass	
Wed 26 Aug	16.30	TT	Mass	
Thu 27 Aug	16.30	TT	Mass	
Fri 28 Aug	16.30	TT	Mass	

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 29 Aug	17.30	TT	Vigil Mass <i>(for Sunday)</i>	Terry Burchett RIP
Sun 30 Aug	09.00	SP	Mass	Shirley Olivier RIP
	11.00	CTK	Mass	For all Parishioners

Mon 31 Aug 10.00 TT Mass [please note time]

Tue 1 Sep	16.30	TT	Mass	
Wed 2 Sep	16.30	TT	Mass	

Thu 3 Sep	09.00	SP	Adoration	
Saint Gregory the Great	09.30	SP	Mass	Ints of Ryan & family
	16.30	TT	Mass	
	19.30	SP	Adoration, Divine Mercy Chaplet & Confessions	

Fri 4 Sep	09.30	SP	Mass	For Parish Prayer Intentions
Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart (Saint Cuthbert)	10.00	SP	Adoration & Confessions	
	15.00	Zoom	Divine Mercy Chaplet <i>with Stations of the Cross</i>	
	16.30	TT	Mass	

Sat 5 Sep	10.00	SP	Mass	Carol Labelle RIP
St Teresa of Calcutta	10.30	SP	Rosary & Fatima Devotions	

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 5 Sep	17.30	TT	Vigil Mass <i>(for Sunday)</i>	For all Parishioners
Sun 6 Sep	09.00	SP	Mass	John Yates RIP
	11.00	CTK	Mass	John Clancy RIP



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 mass on Friday 3rd September.

Please 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.

Sun 23 Aug	St Julian's Church, 2.30pm: Service of Prayer & Reflection, following the tragedy on Wednesday. St Julian's is the parish that the Lifeboat Station is in. All are welcome.
Mon 24	Please note only weekday masses at the Towers until 3 September.
Sun 30	2nd Collection: Colomban Missionaries We welcome Fr John Boles to our parish
Tue 1 Sep	Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation
Thur 3	SP Parish Room, 10.00am: Coffee pop-in
Fri 5	SP, 9.30am: First Friday Mass for the parish prayer intentions SP Parish Room, 10.00am: Mothers Prayers Divine Mercy Chapel, 4.00pm: Prayers for peace
Sat 6	First Saturday Fatima Devotions OLQP Bible Film Group

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

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. Monthly sessions will resume again on Tuesday 8th September. More details soon. 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.

Annual Mission Appeal: 29th & 30th August 2026

We welcome Fr John Boles, Regional Director of Columban Missionaries Britain, chosen as this year's Diocesan annual Mission Appeal. There will be a second collection for their work. To read more, see their website: www.columbans.co.uk.

Mothers Prayers: Friday 4 September

Calling all mothers, including spiritual mothers, godmothers and grandmothers. You are invited to come and pray for our children. First Friday of the Month, 10.00-11.00am, in the Parish Room at St Peter's.



To Sing is to Pray Twice (St Augustin)

Two settings this week of Our Father composed by Nikolai Kedrov (1871-1940). The first is sung in Russian, the second in English for any non-Russian speaking readers!

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](#)

Mobile Phones to Donate

A reminder to bring any old mobile phones you have to donate to Ghana, by 30th August. Please speak to Deacon Simon if you have any questions. Thank you for your support.

From YouCat Daily

348 Teacher, what... must I do to have eternal life?" (Mt 19:16).

Jesus says, "If you would enter life, keep the commandments" (Mt 19:17). Then he adds, "and come, follow me" (Mt 19:21).

Christianity is more than a correct life and keeping the commandments. Being a Christian is a living relationship to Jesus. A Christian unites himself deeply and personally with the Lord and with him sets out on the way that leads to true life.

Saint Augustine of Hippo prayed...

I wouldn't be able to look for you if you hadn't found me already.

