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20th September 2026

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

From Father Graham

Jesus wants us to work for Him. Or better still to live for Him. In the Sunday gospels Jesus uses parables to call us to work in His vineyard. This does not mean He wants us to be in Church all day, but He does want us to be with Him and doing His will all day. We do not have the excuse of being "idle" and saying that "no one has hired us". Jesus not only calls everyone into His kingdom, but He also calls everyone to bring as many people with them as possible. We shouldn't leave it for others to do.

Jesus very clearly treats everyone the same - the reward is heaven. Saint Carlo Acutis, whose relics and Eucharistic Miracles exhibition we are privileged to be hosting soon, had his mind clearly focussed on heaven. It surpasses anything we could desire.

Neither should we be under the impression that it is too late or we are not good enough. We may have chosen other priorities in the past, but we can change our mind and choose God now, today. It is never too late to do the will of God. The Church is for forgiven sinners who try to do the will of God and keep choosing Him because He has already chosen us.

We cannot do any of this without God's grace and help. The Mass is the source and summit for us - our strength and goal. Only Jesus can save us, hire us, lead us and show us the way. We want to be in and working in His vineyard, His Kingdom, His Church. Live for Him always, Be with Him always. With my prayer for you always. God bless you. Fr Graham

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Mass Intention

Sat 19 Sep	10.00	SP	Mass & Rosary	<i>Ints of Hillary</i>
Sat 19 Sep	17.30	TT	Vigil Mass <i>(for Sunday)</i>	<i>For all Parishioners</i>
Sun 20 Sep	09.00	SP	Mass	<i>Good health of Brigitta Wheele</i>
	11.00	CTK	Mass	<i>For victims of the Nepal & Tibet floods</i>
	12.00	CTK	Holy Baptism: Aoife Fenn	
Mon 21 Sep	09.00	SP	Adoration	
<i>Feria (Saint Matthew)</i>	09.30	SP	Mass	<i>Ints of Cath Hoad</i>
	10.00	SP	Rosary	
	16.30	TT	Mass	
	19.30	Zoom	Rosary	
Tue 22 Sep	09.30	CTK	Rosary	
<i>Feria</i>	10.00	CTK	Mass	<i>Michael Owens RIP</i>
	16.30	TT	Mass	
Wed 23 Sep	<i>[Please note there is no mass today at The Towers]</i>			
Thu 24 Sep	09.00	SP	Adoration	
<i>Our Lady of Walsingham</i>	09.30	SP	Liturgy of the Word	
	16.30	TT	Mass	
	19.30	SP	Adoration & Divine Mercy Chapel (no confessions)	
Fri 25 Sep	10.00	SP	Adoration	
<i>Feria</i>	15.00	Zoom	Divine Mercy Chaplet <i>with Stations of the Cross</i>	
	16.30	TT	Mass	
Sat 26 Sep	10.30	SP	Rosary	

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 26 Sep	17.30	TT	Vigil Mass	<i>For all Parishioners</i>
Sun 27 Sep	09.00	SP	Mass	<i>Fr Alan & Susan RIP</i>
	11.00	CTK	Mass	<i>Ints of Patsy Daniels</i>

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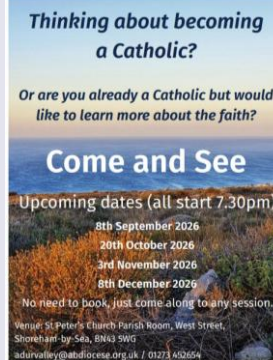
OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT WITH YOUR FAITH

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. The next session is on Tuesday 20th October. Pick up a flyer for the full list of dates. 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://youcat.org/>

110: Why is Jesus Christ the Lord of the whole world?

Jesus Christ is Lord of the world and Lord of history because everything was made for his sake. All men were redeemed by him and will be judged by him.

He is over us, and the only One to whom we bend the knee in worship; he is with us as Head of his Church, in which the kingdom of God begins even now; he is ahead of us as Lord of history, in whom the powers of darkness are definitively overcome and the destinies of the world are brought to perfection according to God's plan; he comes to meet us in glory, on a day we do not know, to renew and perfect the world. We can experience his nearness especially in God's Word, in the reception of the sacraments, in caring for the poor, and wherever "two or three are gathered in my name" (see Mt 18,20).

A Day with Saint Carlo Acutis

To tie in with our hosting of the Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition of Saint Carlo Acutis in the Parish Room at St Peter's this autumn, we are planning a special day on **Saturday 17th October**, centred around Saint Carlo Acutis, with a First-Class Relic.

We are fortunate to have speaker Anna Johnstone, Guardian of the Relic and former Governess to the Acutis Family visiting our parish.

Since 2017 Anna has given presentations on the life and spirituality of Saint Carlo Acutis, facilitated missions, and helped new Saint Carlo apostolates, across the UK. Anna is a British Catholic convert who read Theology at Cambridge.

The day will include mass, prayer, veneration of the relic, adoration, exhibition and talks. You are welcome to all or part of the day. Tea/coffee available; please bring a packed lunch.

Exhibition Dates:
17 October – 1 November 2026

You can read more here:
[Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition](#)



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 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.

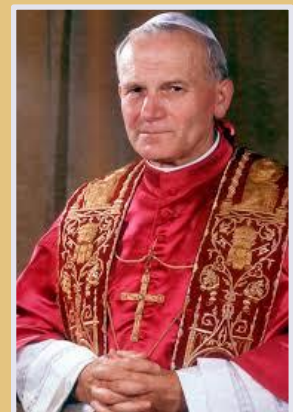
To Sing is to Pray Twice (St Augustin)



This week a lively piece by the 17th century Italian composer Lodovico Viadana (1560-1627):
[Exsultate justi](#)

Saint John Paul II prayed...

Do not be afraid of the mighty of this world; do not retreat in the face of criticism and incomprehension. The best service we can render to our society is to constantly remind it of the Word and promise of God and to offer it his ways of salvation.



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PARISH NEWS

EVENTS & NOTICES

Sun 20	2nd Collection: Evangelii Gaudium Day
Tue 22	Fr Tony saying mass at CTK, 10.00am.
Wed 23	Please note there is no mass at The Towers today
Thu 24	SP Parish Room, 10.00am: Coffee Pop-in <i>No morning mass at SP today; instead, Deacon Simon will lead a Liturgy of the Word.</i>
Sun 27	Fr Dominic O'Hara saying masses at SP and CTK Appeal talk from CAFOD <i>(please note there will be a 2nd collection for CAFOD the following week on Sunday 4th October)</i>

Preparing for the Sacraments

There will be instruction starting in the coming weeks for the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. If you would like to express an interest at this stage or enquire (for you or your child), please speak to Father Graham, Deacon Simon or email the office: adurvalley@abdiocese.org.uk.

First Holy Communion application forms are now available from the sacristy.



From Father Graham

As many of you know about two years ago, I suffered a DVT in my right upper arm. After many tests, the cause was diagnosed as a thoracic outlet problem. This means that a vein and artery in my arm is restricted and, at some angles, the blood supply is cut-off completely. This, I am told, is not good and so I have been on blood thinners for some time and now I am to have surgery to remove the restriction. To make space, some of my rib might have to be removed.

I will be out of action for a couple of weeks and return to public celebration of Mass, all being well, at the beginning of October. I am very grateful to Fr Tony, Fr Dominic, Deacon Simon and Antonia. Fr Tony will anoint me after Mass on Monday. I know you have and will continue to keep me and my family in your prayers. Thank you for all your help, understanding and support.

God bless you. Fr Graham

SVP: Children's winter coats needed

If you have any pre-loved/outgrown children's winter coats, hats, gloves etc. please bring to St Peter's, and they will be taken to the SVP project in Worthing.

Thank you for your support.



Do you or someone you know live with deafness, hearing loss or tinnitus?

RNID's friendly volunteers can support you with:

- Information on hearing loss and tinnitus
- Free hearing checks for adults
- Hearing aid cleaning, maintenance and basic repairs
- Advice on accessing local support and services

Join us at The Shoreham Centre, 2 Pond Road, Shoreham-by-Sea, BN43 5WU on the second Wednesday of each month from 1pm to 3pm. No appointment necessary.

RNID - National charity supporting people who are deaf, have hearing loss or tinnitus.

Shoreham Wordfest

There will be a free 'Poetry Café' at St Peter's on Thursday 1st October from 12.00-2.00pm. Music, poetry and refreshments. Free entry. All are welcome. See poster and Wordfest brochure for more details.

Readings 25th Sunday in OT A

1st Reading Isaiah 55:6-9

Psalms 145(144): 2-3, 8-9, 17-18, R18a

2nd Reading Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a

Gospel Matthew 20:1-16

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

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DIOCESAN NEWS

2nd Collection this weekend: Home Mission Sunday

This weekend is Home Mission Sunday, inviting us to pray for the Church's mission of evangelisation and to support it through a second collection.

The Bishops' Conference Mission Team serves communities across England and Wales by nurturing faith, strengthening families, encouraging vocations, enriching our liturgy, and supporting chaplaincies and outreach. Your generosity helps share the joy of the Gospel with all who are open to receiving it. Further details can be found on the CBCEW website.

Young Adult Retreat Day

Saturday 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. See poster for details or visit the Diocesan website.

Assisted Dying Bill Defeat

Last Friday's parliamentary vote saw the Assisted Dying Bill defeated by 286 votes to 270.

Archbishop John Sherrington thanked all who contacted their MPs and all who spoke up for the dignity of human life. He reminded us that compassion means accompanying those who suffer with care and solidarity, not encouraging an end to life.

Monks in the City

Saturday Sanctuary, 3 October, 11am-12.45pm, St John the Baptist, Brighton, BN2 1AP. A morning of fellowship, reflection, prayer and silence on selected Saturdays.

This session includes an Introduction to Spiritual Direction. See website for more details:

www.monksinthecity.uk

MONKS
IN THE CITY

Prayer for Bishop-Elect Stephen

O God, eternal and loving Shepherd, we bless and thank you for the appointment of your servant, Stephen, to our Diocese of Arundel and Brighton.

May your Holy Spirit grace him with a spirit of counsel and fortitude, a spirit of knowledge and piety, so that he may gently and courageously sanctify, teach and govern the Church of Arundel and Brighton as we work together to build up the kingdom of heaven.

May he be a shepherd after your own heart, who, with compassion and wise discernment, will care for and lead your people with the joy of the Gospel.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Pope Leo appointed Fr Stephen Wang as sixth bishop of our Diocese on 2 July.

In a video recorded recently for the Catholic Truth Society (CTS), Bishop-elect Stephen offers a simple, practical introduction to prayer.

"Prayer is wonderful," he says, "prayer is so important, but prayer can be hard as well. How many times have people come up to me as a priest and said, 'Father, I want to pray, but I don't know how to start. I don't know what to do, and I feel a bit stuck...'"

"I remember the first time I prayed as an adult; I didn't really know what to do, but I was in my bedroom. I closed my door. I sat on the edge of my bed and... just talked to God and said something like, 'Dear God, I'm not sure if you're there. I hope you're listening. These are the things on my heart, on my mind...'"

"I encourage you, whatever way works for you in prayer, find it and stick to that. There aren't too many rules, but if you can find a little bit of quiet [or] silence, listening prayerfully to the Word of God... can be a great help to prayer."

[Click here to see the talk in full: Bishop-Elect Stephen on prayer](#)

Or search for Catholic Truth Society on YouTube.

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