



PARISH OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE, ADUR VALLEY

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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

From Deacon Simon

From our second reading: *‘Practise these things, and the God of peace will be with you.’ [Philippians 4:9]*

The phrase ‘the stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone’ appears in Psalm 118, and in today’s Gospel, and in the Acts of the Apostles, (4:11). Occurring before, during, and after the life of Jesus suggests to me that it is one of the more meaningful descriptions of the Messiah, Jesus. The cornerstone of a building is the most important stone in a foundation; it sets the angles, alignment, and structural integrity of the entire building. All other parts of the building are placed in relation to the cornerstone. So, what is our relationship with Jesus as cornerstone?

Jesus is our spiritual cornerstone, and our prayer life should be modelled on His.

Jesus is our physical cornerstone and everything we do should be aligned to His actions.

Jesus is our mental cornerstone, and our thoughts should mirror His thoughts.

I find thinking like Jesus the hardest because Jesus showed us how to pray, and he showed us what to do, but he did not specifically tell us what to think. Fortunately, St. Paul is a help, he suggests that whatever is true, honourable, just, pure, lovely, commendable, anything excellent and anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

Happy thinking and Blessings,
Deacon Simon

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intention

Sat 3 Oct	10.30	SP	Rosary & Fatima Devotions	
Sat 3 Oct	17.30	TT	Vigil Mass	Sister Mary Zita RIP
Sun 4 Oct	09.00	SP	Mass	Mary Mackle McCourt RIP
	11.00	CTK	Mass	For all Parishioners
Mon 5 Oct <i>Feria</i>	10.00	SP	Rosary	
	16.30	TT	Mass	
	19.30	Zoom	Rosary	
Tue 6 Oct <i>Feria</i>	09.30	CTK	Rosary	
	10.00	CTK	Mass	Don, Betty & Keith Reynolds RIP
	16.30	TT	Mass	
Wed 7 Oct	16.30	TT	Mass	
Thu 8 Oct <i>Feria</i>	09.00	SP	Adoration	
	09.30	SP	Mass	Edna Kendall RIP
	16.30	TT	Mass	
	19.30	SP	Adoration & Divine Mercy Chapel (no confessions)	
Fri 9 Oct <i>Feria</i>	10.00	SP	Adoration	
	15.00	Zoom	Divine Mercy Chaplet <i>with Stations of the Cross</i>	
	16.30	TT	Mass	
Sat 10 Oct	10.30	SP	Rosary	

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 10 Oct	17.30	TT	Vigil Mass	For all Parishioners
Sun 11 Oct	09.00	SP	Mass	Good health of Francisco
	11.00	CTK	Mass	John Green RIP

Saint Carlo Acutis, the first millennial to become a Catholic saint.

“The Eucharist is my motorway to Heaven”



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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.

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 Deacon Simon or email the office: adurvalley@abdiocese.org.uk.

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

Rosary Challenge for Children

The Mark 10 Mission are inviting children across England & Wales to join their Rosary Challenge by praying a decade of the Holy Rosary each weekday in October. The team will share a daily video for each mystery of the rosary, with Mark 10 Mission presenter Greg, joined by Fr Paschal Uche and Fr Toby Lees OP at the beautiful Rosary Shrine in London.

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.

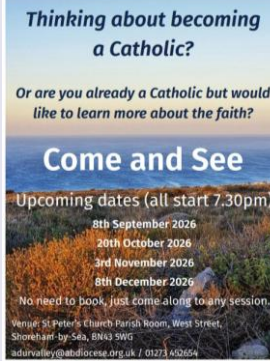
Since 2017 Anna has given presentations on the life and spirituality of Saint Carlo Acutis, facilitated missions, and helped new Saint Carlo apostolates, across the UK. Anna is a British Catholic convert who read Theology at Cambridge.

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

Please help us spread the word by taking a poster and/or flyers. All are welcome.



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 Fr Graham, 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 piece by Margaret Rizza, who recently died aged 97. For 25 years she was an opera singer and was a prolific writer of contemplative style church music, some of which we often sing at St Peter's.

O Lord, My Heart Is Not Proud

Prayer for Bishop-Elect Stephen

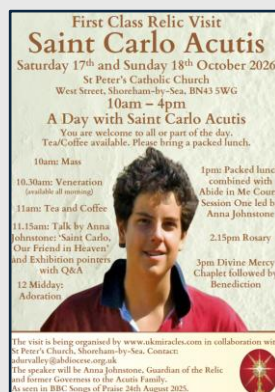
O God, eternal and loving Shepherd, we bless and thank you for the appointment of your servant, Stephen, to our Diocese of Arundel and Brighton.

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.



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PARISH NEWS

EVENTS & NOTICES

Fri 2	<i>CAFOD Harvest Family Fast Day</i> SP Parish Room, 10.00am: Mothers Prayers Divine Mercy Chapel, 4pm: Prayers for Peace SP Parish Room, 7.00pm: Turning Tides Quiz night
Sun 4	Fr Dominic O'Hara saying masses at SP and CTK 2 nd Collection: CAFOD
Tue 6	Fr Tony saying mass at CTK, 10.00am.
Thu 8 Oct	Fr Dominic saying mass at SP, 9.30am. SP Parish Room, 10.00am: Coffee Pop-in & Digital Advice SP Parish Room, 12.00pm: OLQP Community Lunch Club
Sun 11	Fr Dominic O'Hara saying masses at SP and CTK

St Peter's Choir

We are looking for some new members to join us at the 9.00am Sunday mass. There is no need to be able to read music, as everything is taught. As well as supporting the music here, we sometimes get invited to join the choir at St Nicolas, Old Shoreham, for one-off events, for example, their Nine Lessons & Carols service.

For more information come and speak to Paul Turner, or any member of the choir.



A Mass of Welcome at Worth Abbey

Following his episcopal ordination, Bishop Stephen will celebrate a Mass of Welcome at Worth Abbey on Saturday 24 October at 11.00 am attended by representatives from the diocesan deaneries, parishes and schools.

The Diocese is sending one coach to each deanery to enable people to travel easily to this event. The coach will have three pick-up points, St Catherine's Littlehampton, English Martyrs, Goring-by-Sea and Holy Family Lancing (all with car parks in which to leave your car).

This is an invitation to you. If you are able to come, please contact Anne Niven either with an email to emgoring@english-martyrs.co.uk or leave a message on the phone 01903 242624, with your name and telephone number. The first 52 replies will be those who go. A waiting list will be kept so that if anyone drops out the next person on the list will be invited to take a place.

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.



St Vincent De Paul - Feast day 27th September

St Vincent de Paul was ordained in 1600 and had a very varied ministry. He was kidnapped and enslaved for two years in Tunis. He escaped back to France and became a tutor to children of rich families. At that time poverty was rife in Paris and people passed sick and dying children, many of them orphans, begging on the streets. Vincent's heart went out to them, and he founded a congregation of priests (Congregation of the Missions), who to this day minister to the poor and marginalised all over the world. Later with (Saint) Louise de Marillac he founded an order of religious sisters (the Daughters of Charity) who are also known for their charitable work.

In one famous story St Vincent told the Sisters, "If you are at prayer in the chapel and you hear a knock at the door, stop your prayers and answer the door because that is Jesus knocking".

The St Vincent de Paul group (SVP) in our parish, together with the groups in neighbouring parishes, works to support the poor and needy in the West Sussex area. They help with practical as well as spiritual needs and much of their work is confidential to maintain the dignity of those they help. Their base is the former St Charles Borromeo church in Worthing, which is now a storehouse centre for furniture, appliances, household goods and clothes which are distributed to those in need. They are greatly respected by local agencies, often receiving referrals for people and families needing help. They are always pleased to receive donations of goods for distribution.

Let us pray for the work of the SVP and those in their care.

St Vincent and St Louise, pray for us.

If you are interested in finding out more about the work of our local SVP, please come to the next meeting on Monday 12th October at 1.30pm in the Parish Room at St Peter's. All are welcome.



St Vincent de Paul Society
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Turning Concern into Action

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DIOCESAN NEWS

World Day of Migrants and Refugees, from Carolyn Fuhrmann...

Last Sunday the Church marked the World Day of Migrants and Refugees. Pope Leo's message highlighted the particular vulnerability of children and young people forced to flee war, persecution, and hardship.

Through volunteering with Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group (GDWG), I have met young people seeking safety in the UK, some of whom have been wrongly detained despite later being found to be under 18. With few safe and legal routes available for many refugees, children and young people can be left vulnerable to dangerous journeys, including Channel crossings that have claimed many lives.

Please keep migrants, refugees, and asylum seekers in your prayers. For more information, visit Jesuit Refugee Service UK: www.jrsuk.net.

GDWG is always grateful for donations of men's clothing and shoes. The collection box is behind the welcoming table in the church entrance.

Marriage Preparation Courses

There will be two marriage preparation courses within the Worthing Deanery, for those intending to be married in 2027 as follows.

The first course will be in November 2026, the first four Thursday evenings, 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th starting at 7pm.

The second course will be two consecutive Saturdays in 2027, 30th Jan, 6th Feb. A morning and an afternoon session on both days.

Locations will be finalised once the number of couples attending is known.

Please contact Deacon Simon Wright simon.wright@abdiocese.org.uk the Worthing Deanery Marriage Preparation Coordinator **before 15th October** if you wish to attend the November course.

Monks in the City

Saturday Sanctuary, starting on 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****Readings 27th Sunday in OT A**

1st Reading Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalms 80(79): 9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20.
R. Isaiah 5:7a

2nd Reading Philippians 4:6-9

Gospel Matthew 21:33-43

To see the readings for the
coming week visit
<https://universalis.com//>



Welcome
BISHOP-ELECT
STEPHEN WANG

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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