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11th October 2026 — 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year A

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

Alleluia, alleluia.

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, enlighten the eyes of our hearts, so that we may know the hope to which he has called us.

Alleluia.

From Deacon Simon

This week, in our Gospel reading, we hear about exclusion. The first people invited to the feast exclude themselves, they are too busy, and so others are invited. Indifference to God can affects us all. So, what can be done? Jesus has not just pointed out the problem He has also given us a way from falling into the trap of being, too busy for God.

What did Jesus say to Martha when she complained that her sister, Mary, was not helping with the preparation of food? "Mary has chosen what is better." Jesus does not say that Martha is doing something wrong, preparing food is a good thing to do, but it was not the priority at that moment.

Learning to prioritise the sacred over the secular is tricky, St. Vincent de Paul taught that "if you are praying in the chapel and hear a knock at the door from someone in need, you should leave your prayer because Jesus is knocking."

To help with this dilemma I offer a piece of advice once given to me by a Bishop. Read the gospels. Believe what you read, teach what you believe and practice what you teach.

With Blessings and my prayers for you all,

Deacon Simon

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time				Mass Intention
Sat 10 Oct	10.30	SP	Rosary	
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*
Mon 12 Oct	10.00	SP	Rosary	
Feria	16.30	TT	Mass	
	19.30	Zoom	Rosary	
Tue 13 Oct	09.30	CTK	Rosary	
Feria	10.00	CTK	Mass	*World Apostolate of Fatima*
	16.30	TT	Mass	
Wed 14 Oct	16.30	TT	Mass	
Thu 15 Oct	09.00	SP	Adoration	
Feria	16.30	TT	Mass	
	19.30	SP	Adoration & Divine Mercy Chapel (no confessions)	
Fri 16 Oct	15.00	Zoom	Divine Mercy Chaplet *with Stations of the Cross*	
Feria	16.30	TT	Mass	
Sat 17 Oct	10.00	SP	Mass	
	10.30	SP	'A Day with Saint Carlo Acutis' *(see back page)*	
	15.00	SP	Divine Mercy Chaplet & Benediction	
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time				
Sat 17 Oct	17.30	TT	Vigil Mass	*Marie & Leo Walsh RIP*
Sun 18 Oct	09.00	SP	Mass	*Ints Anna Johnstone*
	11.00	CTK	Mass	*For all Parishioners*

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.

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.

Rosary for World Peace: Thursday 22 October 2026, 3.00pm (UK time)

Join Catholics across the world in a special Rosary for World Peace. In response to Pope Leo XIV's call to pray for peace, millions of people will unite in prayer for our world, our communities and our families.

Whether you pray alone, with your family, or as part of a parish group, your participation will be part of a powerful worldwide witness of faith and hope.

"I invite you to pray the Rosary every day for peace in the world."
– Pope Leo XIV

Register and take part at: hcfm.org/pray-for-peace

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 written by the English baroque composer Henry Purcell (1659-1695):

Hear My Prayer, O Lord

Hear my prayer, O Lord: and let my crying come unto thee.

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

Sun 11	Fr Dominic O'Hara saying masses at SP and CTK 2nd Collection: PACT
Mon 12	SP Parish Room, 1.30pm: SVP meeting *New members welcome*
Tue 13	Fr Tony saying mass at CTK, 10.00am.
Thu 15	*No mass at St Peter's today* SP Parish Room, 10.00am: Coffee Pop-in
Sat 17	St Peter's, from 10.00am: A Day with Saint Carlo Acutis *See back page for details*
Sun 18	*Anna Johnstone will be speaking after all masses and there will be an opportunity to venerate the First Class relic of Saint Carlo Acutis* World Mission Sunday, making the centenary. There will be a 2nd collection for Missio.

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.

Prisoners' Sunday: 11th October 2026

We will remember prisoners and their families at Mass this weekend. Prisons are in crisis and life for prisoners and their families is challenging. PACT, the national Catholic prison charity supports prisoners, their families and their children, offering them hope and the chance to turn their lives around.

There will be a second collection to support PACT's important work in the year ahead.

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.

A Mass of Welcome at Worth Abbey: Coach Spaces Available

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 and there are some spaces available. 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.

Hearing Loss, Deafness or Tinnitus?

Do you, or someone you know, live with deafness, hearing loss or tinnitus? RNID offers free, friendly support, including hearing checks for adults, hearing aid cleaning and basic repairs, information and advice, and guidance on local services.

Drop in on the second Wednesday of each month, 1.00pm to 3.00pm at The Shoreham Centre, 2 Pond Road, Shoreham-by-Sea, BN43 5WU. No appointment is necessary.

RNID is the national charity supporting people who are deaf, have hearing loss or tinnitus.

Readings 28th Sunday in OT A

1st Reading Isaiah 25:6-10a

Psalm 23(22): 1-3a. 3b-4. 5. 6. R1

2nd Reading Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Gospel Matthew 22:1-14

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

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MORE PARISH NEWS

A Day with Saint Carlo Acutis: Saturday 17th October 2026

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.

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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