

OUR PARISH NEWSLETTER



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NEXT WEEKS READING

Pentecost Sunday

Readings:

1st Reading : A reading from
the Acts of the Apostles

2:1-11

2nd Reading: A reading from
the letter of St Paul to the

Galatians 5:16-25

Gospel: John 15:26-27; 16:12

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Gospel Reflection

for Ascension Thursday Sunday

The final commissioning of the Church takes place in today's Gospel; the Twelve, on the Mount of Olives, are given their last instructions by the Lord, who is about to depart from them.

The essential mission of the Church is to take the Good News, the Gospel, to the ends of the earth, which is to say, to all people. In fact Mark adds the further qualification that it is to all creation—something that St Paul also picks up in his teaching (Romans 8:19-23) that, in some way, all of creation, as it participated in the fall, also participates in the redemption.

This is why our involvement in environmental issues is important, as the forthcoming encyclical letter by Pope Francis will no doubt remind us. It is not only a question of preserving the planet for future generations (though of course it is that, too), but because as human beings, we are part of creation, and our involvement with it is not merely utilitarian. Stewardship of the earth implies responsibility: we understand the necessity of taking care of our cats and dogs—and indeed, we can see very well how much more pleasure and affection we get from our pets when they are cared for properly—but we need to understand that the whole environment needs the same attention. It is when we attempt to subdue the earth in a bad sense that it yields thorns and thistles rather than fruit and grain (Genesis 3:18).

The necessity of baptism is also made clear in this passage. Though it is faith that justifies us (puts us at right with God), this faith has to move into action, and the first of these actions is the reception of baptism; a symbolic death to one's former selfish life, and a rebirth (being 'born again') to the new life of grace and the Holy Spirit which expresses our desire henceforward to live as God always meant us to live, as if, so to speak, the fall had never happened. We know that we are not likely, in this life, entirely to succeed in this, but our desire to embark on this great enterprise is what shows that we have the faith which justifies us (James 2:17-18).

With the departure of our Lord, and with the Pentecost event, the era of the Church begins. Our Lord's body is no longer physically present on earth, and so his mystical body, the Church, must take up the role of perpetuating his presence in the world. That is your job and mine. We need only ask ourselves whether we are up to the job!

Can you help?

We are still looking for a carpenter or an IT student. If you are (or have other suitable skills) and are willing to help please contact the Parish Office

Parish shop

we have a lovely selection of cards and gifts for First Holy Communion, Confirmation and Baptism available in the church shop. Please come and have a look.



St Vincent de Paul

St Vincent de Paul will have its inaugural meeting at 7:30pm this Friday in the Old Hall. Please come and join the group and find out more information. All are welcome.

Silver Jubilee

Fr Seán will be celebrating the Silver Jubilee of his ordination on Friday 12th June 2015. We will be celebrating Mass in the Extraordinary Form at Noon, and Mass in the Ordinary Form at 7pm.

There will be light refreshments after the noon Mass, and a buffet supper after the 7pm.

Please confirm your details on the attendance list at the back of Church and indicated whether you are able to donate any salad or dessert items.

World Youth Day 2016: Anyone who is interested in joining Pope Francis and millions of young Catholics in Krakow, Poland, next year should contact Jack Regan, Diocesan Youth Adviser for further information or to receive an application pack. Applicants should be aged between 16 and 35 as at 24th July 2016. Phone 01293 651158 or email jack.regan@dabnet.org

Catholic Bible School Open Day, 23 May, 2-4pm,

Find out more about the Catholic Bible School and enjoy a cream tea at the same time! Our annual Open Day is a faith and fun filled afternoon with bottle stall, cake stall, raffle, cream teas, prayer and praise, live music, children's games and more. "Come and see" said Jesus to the disciples and we invite you to do the same. You can find us here: Farm Lane, Nutbourne, Chichester, PO18 8SD and more details are available here:

www.catholic-bible-school.org

All-Age Retreat Day - 27 May - 11am - 3.30pm - Catholic Bible School

Sarah & David Beresford are the Directors of the Catholic Bible School and experienced retreat leaders for adults, children and young people. They will lead the retreat day using a variety of creative prayer techniques to encourage reflection and encounter with God. They are experienced and capable facilitators and have a relaxed informal style. You can find us here: Farm Lane, Nutbourne, Chichester, PO18 8SD and more details are available here: www.catholic-bible-school.org £2.50 per person or £10 per family group (if more than 4 people).

FESTIVAL 50

Please check your name is on the list at the back of Church. There are a few places left on the coaches.

Festival 50 Diocesan Jubilee at the AMEX Stadium - 5th July

Gift Aid

The Gift Aid annual statements will be available for collection at all Masses on Sunday 24th May. We are now able to send these statements electronically so, if you would like your statement earlier or would like to save the Parish a bit of printing and postage, please send an e-mail to Peter Kelly (peterf_kelly@o2.co.uk) or call on 01883 330684



We are always looking for volunteers to join the Older Children's Liturgy team. If you are interested in helping please contact Michele Anderson michele.anderson@btconnect.com

Arts and Crafts – have you entered yet?

There's an opportunity for everyone to contribute to the Festival 50 Art & Crafts show that is taking place at the Amex on 5 July. It is in celebration of the significant place art and crafts have held in the Church over the centuries and there is a place for all. Paintings, needlework, embroidery, calligraphy, sculpture, carving, ironwork, felting tapes-try etc Individual works or Parish projects. For more details and entry forms are on the diocesan website, available from DABCEC or at Elizabeth.hembrey@dabnet.org

Youth Leaders' Contact Days are for anyone who works with young people, and anyone who would like to start. Held on periodic Saturday afternoons, they are an opportunity for potential / existing youth workers to network and exchange and learn new ideas. For more information contact Jack Regan, Diocesan youth Adviser, on 01293 651158 or email jack.regan@dabnet.org

Centering Prayer – intensive retreat 13th – 22nd June – at the Convent of the Poor Clares, Arundel. More details from Sr Clare Ruva – clareruva1@gmail.com


Offertory Collection

Sincere thanks for your generosity last weekend:

Offertory: £951.96 (Gift Aid £383.32)

Second Collection for Parish Charity £348.34 (Gift Aid £168.04)

WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK

Sun 17th: CHILDREN'S liturgy at 9am & 10:45am Masses
Teas & Coffee after 10:45am Mass 

Mon: After Mass Teas & Coffee (Old Hall)

Tues: 9:15am - 11:15am Toddler Group (Old Hall)

Thurs: 8pm 2nd Baptism Class (Old Hall)

Fri: 7:30pm St Vincent de Paul inaugural meeting (Old Hall)

Sun 24th: CHILDREN'S liturgy at 9am & 10:45am Masses
Teas & Coffee after 10:45am Mass
Gift Aid Statements to be collected in the porch after each Mass.



Your Prayers are requested for the following persons who are ill or housebound.

Pat Knight; Kathleen & John Saunders; Helen Keogh; Daisy Hill; Christopher Browne; Kit Monk; Krista Thompson; Jane Hill; Rosemary Whale; Pam Weaver; Jimmy & Bridie Mullen; Bernie Horrocks; Margaret Robertson; Heather Tordimah; Jenny Rowen; Elizabeth Daley; Eileen Lattimore; Bryan Smith; Rose Knight; Oliver Farrell; Richard Richardson; Seeta Pillay; Christopher Miles; Pat McCoy; John Dunlop, Elise O'Connor, Malcolm Bowen, John Gilford, Chris Norman, Bridget Crook, Baby Tabitha Harrison, Christine Vernon, Peggy Sisman & Bruno Louis-Joseph

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



Dates for your Diary:

Saturday 30th May 1pm - First Holy Communion

Saturday 6th June 11am & 2pm - First Holy Communion

If you have any queries, please contact Anne Marie Young either via email on fhc.sacredheart@gmail.com

Second Collections

Today there will be a second collection for The Catholic Communications Network - this collection is not eligible for Parish Gift Aid. Please do not use your envelopes for this collection.

Message from Fr Seán

I have a couple of visitors for my jubilee Mass on 12 June who will need accommodation: would any kind parishioners be prepared to help, please? I promise they are all house-trained.

Community Notice board

Parishioners are welcome to put up personal advertisements on the Community Notice Board (to the right of the Sacristy door in the Church porch). If you have something for sale or if you are looking for a room to rent please feel free to put up a notice. We just ask that you do not use the Office as a point of contact. Please note that there is already an advertisement on the board from someone looking for a room to rent.

Weddings



Congratulations to Daniel Pullan & Therese Kinel who will be married this week.

Baptisms



Elodie Suzanne Dixon & Nathan Rann will be Baptised next week.

A note from Fr Chris Benyon

Dear Friends

As members of one of the Parishes in which I have served over the past 50 years, I would like to invite you to join me and Bishop Richard for a Celebration Mass both of my 50th Anniversary and 50 years of Priesthood in the Diocese on Friday 12th June at 7.30pm Chatsmore School, Goring Street BN12 5AF.

Followed by Festal Refreshments. It would help if you would RSVP to me at 68 Gratwicke Road Worthing, West Sussex BN11 4BJ or email – cmb@linus23.freeserve.co.uk ASAP.

Come 6pm onwards and have a picnic. Please bring something to sit on if possible. Withsing you Every Blessing,

Fr Chris Benyon

ENCOUNTER - EVENING FOR CATHOLICS 15-30, CRAWLEY, FRIDAY 22ND

On Friday 22nd, there will be an ENCOUNTER event for young Catholics aged 15-30 held at St. Wilfrid's School in Crawley (RH118PG). The evening runs from 7-9pm and features live worship music, Adoration, an inspiring talk, and the chance to get to know other young Catholics. Those over 18 usually head to the pub afterwards! The event is free and there's no need to book. For more information search 'Two:42 Young Adults' on Facebook.

Iraqi Christians In Need

Carl Bahoshy will be giving a lunchtime piano & organ recital at St. Matthew's Church (RH1 1DL) on Thursday, 4th June 2015, 1:10pm, in aid of the UK-registered charity 'Iraqi Christians In Need' (www.icin.org.uk) which is providing direct financial relief to displaced refugees under the care of the churches in northern Iraq. Free Admission (retiring collection). All welcome

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Tuesday Toddlers 9.30-11.00:

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Parish Youth Clubs:

(First Friday during school term. 7pm)
 Mel Flaherty
 youthclubsacredheart@gmail.com

5th Caterham Scouts

Paul Lovell: 07712 436591
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Chill Club

(Last Friday during school term. 7pm)
 Veronique Wood

St. Francis Primary School:

Head teacher: Maria Wheeler
 01883 342005

THIS WEEK—SERVICES, MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 17th	<i>The Ascension of the Lord</i>
9:00am Mass	People of the Parish
10:45am Mass	Maria Lobo RIP (J Doyle)
5:15pm Mass	Raphael Douglas RIP (A Pullin)
Monday 18th	
10:00am Mass	Alban Donnelly (foundation)
Tuesday 19th	
10:00am Mass	Bill Jones RIP
Wednesday 20th	
10:00am Latin Mass	Perry Edward Ints (AR Edward)
Thursday 21st	
10:00am Mass	Jeep Mei Liang Ints (AR Edward)
Friday 22nd	
7:00pm Mass	Mary Fahy RIP
Saturday 23rd	
10:00am Mass	Rita Masha & family (J Eziashi)
Sunday 24th	<i>Pentecost Sunday</i>
9:00am Mass	Ron & Connie Cronin RIP (Mullen family)
10:45am Mass	Bernard Rookard RIP (J Rookard)
5:15pm Mass	People of the Parish



Confessions every Saturday 10:30 – 11:00am

Lauds Mondays at 9:45 am

Rosary Wednesday & Thursday at 9:40am

Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesdays: 9am - 10am; Saturdays: 9am – 11am & Friday at 6:40pm