

Today's Readings

32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

THE COLLECT

Almighty and merciful God, graciously keep from us all adversity, so that, unhindered in mind and body alike, we may pursue in freedom of heart the things that are yours. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen**

FIRST READING (Wisdom 6: 12-16)

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them. Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates. Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you. She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R: For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.

O god, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water. **R**

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory. For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. **R**

So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy. **R**

On my bed, I remember you. On you I muse through the night for you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. **R**

SECOND READING (1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18)

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

GOSPEL (Matthew 25 :1-13)

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Look with favour, we pray, O Lord, upon the sacrificial gifts offered here, that, celebrating in mystery the Passion of your Son, we may honour it with loving devotion. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Nourished by this sacred gift, O Lord, we give you thanks and beseech your mercy, that, by the pouring forth of your Spirit, the grace of integrity may endure in those your heavenly power has entered. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Readings for Next Week

Book of Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

Psalms 127:1-5

St Paul to the Thessalonians 5:1-6

Matthew 25:14-30



ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

PARISH NEWSLETTER

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr A

12th November 2017

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday 11th November

6:00 pm - Vigil Mass - Albert & Eileen Balchin FM

Sunday 12th November

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9:15 am - Pro Populo

11:15 am - Desmond Soden RIP

Rite of Welcome for Alfie Brunt

1:00 pm - in Polish

5:00 pm - in Italian

Monday 13th November

7:00 pm - Brian Joseph Cavanagh RIP

Tuesday 14th November

12:00 noon - Deanery Mass for deceased clergy

Wednesday 15th November

St Albert the Great

10:00 am - Brian Hart RIP

1:00 pm - in Polish

Thursday 16th November

St Margaret of Scotland

No Mass

Friday 17th November

St Elizabeth of Hungary

10:00 am - Richard Smith RIP

Saturday 18th November

Dedication of the Basilicas of SS Peter & Paul

10:00 am - Peter Thomas RIP

6:00 pm - Vigil Mass - Deceased Members of Sullivan &

Kilbane Families

Sunday 19th November

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9:15 am - Charles Corcoran RIP

11:15 am - Pro Populo

1:00 pm - in Polish

2:30 pm - Malayalam Mass

5:00 pm - in Italian

Useful Contacts

Parish Office

01403-253667
Mon-Fri | 9:00 am - 2:30 pm
Trish Fitzsimmons | Cozette Rice

Safeguarding

Trish Fitzsimmons

Parish Hall Hire

Please inquire at the Parish Office

St John's Primary School

Toria Bono | 01403-265447

St Robert Southwell Primary School

James Field | 01403-252357

St. Wilfrid's Catholic

Comprehensive, Crawley
Headteacher Mike Ferry
01293 421 421

Parish Mission Group

Chair to be announced soon

Chair of Parish Finance

David Innes
innesgen@btinternet.com

Last Week's Collection

£2,139.98

Second Collection

£773.00

Thank You

You could add 25p to every £1 you give by joining Gift Aid.

Fr Spinelli Writes

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

It is good to be back with you after the Parish pilgrimage to the Holy Land, the journey enabled me to have some time to pray and reflect in the Holy Places, praying for my Dad and my family as well as praying for you all in the Parish.

First Holy Communion 2018 – Thank you to all those who registered interest for next year’s programme. Application forms will be available from the back of the Church or from the Parish Office and must be completed by Friday 1st December 2017. On Sunday 3rd December there will be an important and obligatory meeting for Parents after the 11:15am Mass in the Parish Hall. There will be a meeting for those who would like to help with the classes, adults who already met with me last month, in the Parish Hall this Tuesday 14th November at 7:30pm to 9pm – This meeting is not for parents nor children to avoid confusion! David Wills (Adult education advisor for the Diocese) will be leading both meetings, explaining to us the new course designed to help parents pass on the faith and for them to enrich their faith too. This programme is being rolled out through the diocese and I would like to roll it out here too as it has received rave reviews!

In this month of November, we continue to pray for all the dead, especially those from our beloved families and friends. On 12th November at the Sunday 9:15, this will be a Mass for the Dead of all Wars and prayers for Peace.

On Tuesday 14th November at 12 Noon, we will host the Deanery Mass for Deceased Priests and clergy of the Deanery and Diocese. All are welcome to join us.

The Annual Blessing of graves at Hills Cemetery will take place at the end of the Month of Holy Souls on Sunday 26th November at 2:30pm. The Annual Mass for those who are Bereaved, especially those who have lost loved ones in the past year will take place on Tuesday 28th November at 7pm here in the Church.

A reminder for young people, I am inviting them to meet on Friday 24th November to discuss matters of scriptures and the Christian faith. This will be for those 13/14 – 18 years old. We will meet at 5pm – 6pm. We will end with Pizza, invite a friend!

After the fires in the church, I will be installing CCTV to act as a deterrent to vandals and arsonists. We want the Church open all day but we have to be safe and secure too. The system will cost a couple of thousand pounds but this I believe it an absolute necessity in our beloved Parish Church.

Parish and Diocesan Notices

ST ROBERT SOUTHWELL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL is holding their Christmas Fayre on Friday 8 December from 5.30 pm to 7.30 pm. Please come along to support your local school and enjoy some festive fun. If there are any local businesses who can offer donations of raffle prizes or sponsor a stall to help our children's school, please email office@strobertsouthwell.co.uk and mark for the attention of The Friends.

ST ROBERT SOUTHWELL ADMISSIONS FOR 2018 - Would all prospective parents who wish their child to attend St Robert Southwell Catholic Primary School for September 2018 register their child with the school on Horsham 01403 252357.

CRUCIFIX - Anyone willing to donate a wall crucifix for St Robert’s school. One to go into each classroom- 6 in total. The crucifix should be wall mounted and at least 9’ high. If you are able to help please contact the school office on 01403 252357.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP - Our 9:15 Children's Liturgy group are in need of support. They need a couple more adults to help with guiding the children in their learning of the Gospel. If you are interested in helping, please contact either Jon Gulliver 07515 688117, or Annamaria Shipton 07932 750099.

Sacraments & Liturgical Life

BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAMME 2017 - WHEN PLANNING YOUR CHILD'S BAPTISM, PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE DAYS AND TIMES OF BAPTISMS IN ST JOHN'S PARISH: Baptisms in St. John's Parish will be celebrated on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month at 12noon or 1:30pm and on 2nd and 4th Sundays on each month at 3pm.

For more information, please contact Melissa Kilbride at 07766712195

MARRIAGE IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH - ALL MARRIAGES WHETHER AT HOME OR ABROAD NEED A MINIMUM OF A YEAR'S NOTICE BY ORDER OF THE BISHOP. Please email the Parish Office for preliminary enquiry.

CONFESSIONS - Fridays after the Mass until 11:00 am. Saturdays at 10:30 am to 11:00 am; 5:20 pm to 5:45 pm.

ADORATION - Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 9:15 am to 9:45 am. (ends with simple Benediction). Friday and Saturday at 10:30 am to 11:00 am (ends with Solemn Benediction).

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NIGHTSHELTER 2017/18 -We know that come the winter our weather will be much wetter and colder. Through Horsham Churches Together, overseen by Horsham Matters, we will be providing a Nightshelter for those without a roof over their head. We are asking for volunteers for the 3months and 2 weeks beginning on Friday 1st December (St. John's will be Monday night/Tuesday morning each week) until the middle of March 2018. I look forward to seeing those who have volunteered in past years and some new faces too! All volunteers must be 18 years or older. Please take a form from the back of the church today and return it to the Parish Office.

GRANDPARENTS' GROUP - The next meeting of the Grandparents' Group will be held on Tuesday 21st November after 10.00 am Mass. For more details contact Christine Evans cevansuk@btinternet.com 01293 851909.

SVP - Soup Lunches returns in the church hall on Wednesday 29th November from 12 until 1.30 pm and continue on Wednesday 6th, 13th and 20th December. All welcome, please bring your family and friends. All proceeds to support local SVP groups in Sudan and South Sudan tackle extreme poverty in their communities.

HOPE 2017 - FESTIVAL DAY FOR 11-14s, WITH RISE THEATRE- On Sunday November 19th (2pm to 5.30pm) the diocese is running a festival day for young people aged 11-14 at Arundel Cathedral. The day coincides with the first World Day for the Poor, and will challenge us to think about how we are living Christ's call to serve those in need. The day will include Mass with Bishop Richard, as well as drama from RISE Theatre, and input from CAFOD and others. Spaces are limited, so booking is essential. Contact Jack.Regan@dabnet.org for more information, or to book. We are expecting those attending to be part of organised groups. Young people wanting to attend without accompanying adults must contact Jack Regan for a consent form.

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS - As one response to Bishop Richard's recent call to action on the future of our Diocese, a Holy Hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament for vocations to the priesthood will be held on the first Sunday of each month at the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in West Grinstead. The first Hour will take place on Sunday 3 December, 3-4pm. Please do join us as we entrust the future of the Church to the Holy Spirit and pray that many young men may respond to this exciting call. For more information or if transport is an issue, contact Alison Gates (gatetors@gmail.com) or Anneli Figura (anneliogog@googlemail.com).

HORSHAM FAIRTRADE CHRISTMAS MARKET, SATURDAY NOVEMBER 26TH 10AM - 4PM - Horsham Fairtrade Christmas Market takes place in St John's Church Hall. Please come along and support this annual event with friends and family. Lots of stalls selling Fairtrade gifts and foods. Clothes, jewellery, soaps, bags and lots more!

Charity stalls too. Children's Corner. Fairtrade cafe. Do your Christmas shopping with a clear conscience. Calling all cake bakers!! Home-made cakes, with at least 2 fairtrade ingredients are needed for the cafe. All proceeds to Medecins sans Frontieres.

CAFOD CHRISTMAS CARDS, ADVENT CALENDARS AND FAIRTRADE FOODS AND GIFTS - will be on sale in the Covenant Chapel after both Sunday morning Masses. Every Sunday from November 5th until December 10th.

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED GIFT AIDING YOUR OFFERTORY DONATIONS? - Firstly, thank you to all who currently Gift Aid your offertory donations. We are claiming 25% in addition to all you give from the Taxman. As you might imagine It costs an ever increasing amount of money to run and maintain the Parish (building maintenance and repairs, administration, house-keeping, wages etc) and we get no money from outside. If you don't currently donate through Gift Aid and you are a UK taxpayer, please consider signing up for Gift Aid because it will create much needed funds for the Parish and it won't cost you anything. The process is very straightforward and all you need to do is complete a simple form, return it to the Parish office and we will take care of the rest. If you elect for the envelope system you will receive a pack of envelopes in to which you place your weekly offering. A number of parishioners Gift Aid using the envelope system but you can also Gift Aid by monthly Bankers Standing Order as well or as an alternative. Gift Aid and Bankers Standing Order forms can be found at the back of the Church or downloaded from the Parish website <http://www.stjohnshorsham.com/> Follow the Gift Aid link. Please return your completed forms to the office and we will be in touch. *Thank you.*

MARY'S MEALS - From now till the 31st December all donations up to 1.9 million pounds will be matched pound for pound. If you would like to make a donation please send cheques to Mary's Meals, Unit 10-13 Claremont Centre, 39 Durham Street, Glasgow G41 1BS or visit the website to donate on line. Any donations can be Gift aided if you are a tax payer. It costs just £13.50 to feed a child for a year!

WAITING IN WONDER' RETREAT - 'Waiting in Wonder' is a retreat for young adults (aged 18-35) being held 1st-3rd December at Worth Abbey, near Crawley. It is an opportunity to enter more deeply into the themes of Advent in preparation for the coming of Christ at Christmas, offering the chance of encounter with Christ in prayer through the Benedictine monastic tradition, talks from the monks and members of the Wellspring Community, space for reflection, participation in the rhythm of prayer with the monastic community (The Divine Office), Lectio Divina, walks in the beautiful Sussex countryside, and time for building community and friendships (plus mulled wine and minced pies!). The cost is £62 for students/unwaged, £102 waged, and includes meals and accommodation. To book, or for more info, please email Katrina at TOC@worthabbey.net

Let us pray for

Please pray for the sick, Stella Walls, Alison Roberts and for those with Dementia and their families.

Please pray for the Holy Souls.

Other Announcements

NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR THE ARUNDEL CATHEDRAL MAINTENANCE FUND

Coffee after 9.15am Mass this weekend will be hosted by **St Roberts School.**