

# Today's Readings

28<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

## THE COLLECT

May your grace, O Lord, we pray, at all times go before us and follow after and make us always determined to carry out good works. 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 (Isaiah 25: 6-10)

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R: In the Lord's house shall I dwell for ever and ever.**

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, to revive my drooping spirit. **R**

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. **R**

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. **R**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's house shall I dwell for ever and ever. **R**

## SECOND READING (Philippians 4: 12-14, 19-20)

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

## GOSPEL (Matthew 22: 1-14)

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He despatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, O Lord, the prayers of our faithful with the sacrificial offerings, that, through these acts of devotedness, we may pass over to the glory of heaven. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The rich will suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We entreat your majesty most humbly, O Lord, that, as you feed us with the nourishment which comes from the most holy Body and Blood of your Son, so you may make us sharers of his divine nature. Who live and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen**

## Readings for Next Week

**Isaiah 45:1, 4-6**

**Psalms 95:1, 3-5, 7-10**

**St Paul to the Thessalonians 1:1-5**

**Matthew 22:15-21**



# ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr A

15<sup>th</sup> October 2017

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## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

### Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October

6:00 pm - Vigil Mass - Ron Berry RIP

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October

28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

9:15 am - Elizabeth George RIP

Rite of Welcome for Josephine Rabot

11:15 am - Pro Populo

1:00 pm - in Polish

2:30 pm - Malayalam Mass

5:00 pm - in Italian

### Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October

*St Margaret Mary Alacoque*

10:00 am - Alliakulty Cheripilly RIP

### Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October

*St Ignatius of Antioch (Memorial)*

9:30 am - Intentions of Patrick & Trish Fitzsimmons

### Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October

*St Luke (Feast)*

10:00 am - Hilda Hobday RIP

1:00 pm - in Polish

### Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October

*St Philip Howard (Solemnity)*

**No Mass**

### Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October

10:00 am - Peter & Eileen Sefron RIP

### Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October

*BVM*

10:00 am - May Tompkins RIP

12:00 noon - Baptism of Amarena Salmons

2:00 pm - Baptism of Rupert William Young

6:00 pm - Vigil Mass - Eddie Sullivan RIP

### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

9:15 am - Pro Populo

11:15 am - Rev David Cullen RIP

1:00 pm - in Polish

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

£2,045.68

## Second Collection

£1,139.34

## Thank You

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

May I begin this week to say how good it is to be back with you after a couple of very difficult weeks following the sudden death of my Father in Sicily. I have been greatly touched and fortified by your cards, messages and most especially your prayers. These have carried me and my family through this devastating period. Thank you for your patience in my absence and I am thankful to Bishop Richard and my brother priests who have covered whilst I've been away sorting things out. A big and heartfelt thank you goes to Deacon Tom and to my staff who have been so supportive in taking control of the 'steering wheel' - so to speak. I am indebted to them.

The normal routine will resume for me until the Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Just to note that Holy Mass on Tuesday will be at 9:30am as I shall be attending the Council of Priests meeting in Crawley at 11am.

There were a number of important meetings that were cancelled in my absence which need to be rescheduled, I would like to meet with anyone who might want to help with next year's First Confession and First Holy Communion preparation. I know it is short notice, however, I would like to meet before Half-Term for those interested, if we could meet on Tuesday 17th at 7pm in the Presbytery I would be most grateful.

The other meeting was with the Young People who wished to meet to discuss the Scriptures and the Church's Teachings if we could meet during Half-Term at 11am after morning mass on Tuesday 24th October again in the Presbytery.

The Bishop will be coming to celebrate the 90th Anniversary of the Consecration of the Church on Wednesday 25th October at 7pm. This is a significant milestone in the history of our Parish; I would like to see as many as possible participate. There will be a party after the Mass, so if Parishioners could bring some food to share in the manner that we do so well I would be very grateful. The Parish will provide the drink.

Finally, we are planning to renew the kitchen in the Parish Hall in the summer of 2018- which is well overdue! In order that we cater for all hall users we will be seeking views of kitchen users as to the best configuration and equipment.

There will be more details to follow shortly

## 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).

**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.

**ST ROBERT SOUTHWELL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL** – is holding an Open Day on 31st October from 9.15am. Tours start at 9.15am and 1.15pm. You are all welcome. Please come along to see the school at work, and enjoy a tour of the school by Year 6 pupils. Mr Field will speak to the Parents at 9.15am and 1.15pm.

**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.

**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.

**FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION** will begin before Christmas, however seeing how many people stopped coming to Mass after First Communion- the parents have fallen short of what is expected of them – Fr Aaron expects to see some demonstration of commitment before parents can apply for

Preparation for First Confession and First Communion. Put simply the Parish Priest has duty for care of souls and so a way of showing commitment to Jesus Christ, His Church and the Parish Community is to come and participate in Sunday Mass. The Christian life is not about big events but a sincere and honest desire to be disciple of Jesus Christ not matter the cost. Please register interest in First Holy Communion preparation by e-mailing the parish office with your child's name by half term- 22nd October.

**CONFIRMATION 2018** - Our parish Confirmation programme will begin on October 15th with a meeting for parents. The date we have been given by Bishop Richard for conferring the sacrament is Friday, April 20th- much earlier than most years! It will take place here at St. John's. Application forms are currently available at the back of the church. Those who wish to be Confirmed must be at least in Yr. 10 or older. This sacrament, which can so easily be overlooked, is the completion of the Christian's initiation, receiving the fullness of the Holy Spirit given at Baptism. It is a moment of grace for the young person when they are given the opportunity to take on the promises, made by their parents on their behalf, when they were Baptised.

**GRANDPARENTS' GROUP** - The next meeting of the Grandparents Group will be held in the church hall after 10.00 am Mass on Tuesday, 17th October. For further details contact Christine Evans cevansuk@btinternet.com 01293 851909.

**PLEASE SAVE THE DATE!** This year we will celebrate the 90th Anniversary of the Consecration of the Church on 25th October. Bishop Richard will be coming to celebrate Mass with us. Fr Aaron sees fit that we celebrate this important milestone in our Parish's history. An even bigger celebration will be had in 2027, but why not celebrate together now this significant anniversary!

**MARY MEALS BACKPACK APPEAL** - Many thanks to all who donated items for the Backpack Appeal, to those who donated money which was used to buy items and to those who gave their time to pack the bags on Sunday. 60 bags are ready to go! Thank You!

## 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 including Joan Stichbury.

## Other Announcements

**NEXT WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR MISSIO**

Coffee after 9.15am Mass this weekend will be hosted by the Scouts