

Today's Readings

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

THE COLLECT

Almighty and ever-living God, direct our actions according to your good pleasure, that in the name of your beloved Son, we may abound in 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 (Jonah 3: 1-5, 10)

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R: Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:

for you are God my saviour. **R**

Remember your mercy, Lord,

and the love you have shown from of old.

In your love remember me,

because of your goodness, O Lord. **R**

The Lord is good and upright.

He shows the path to those who stray,

he guides the humble in the right path;

he teaches his ways to the poor. **R**

SECOND READING (Corinthians 7: 29-31)

Brothers: our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not

become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! The kingdom of God is close at hand; believe the good News. Alleluia!

GOSPEL (Mark 1: 14-20)

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Glory to you, O Lord.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake — for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept our offerings, O Lord, we pray, and in sanctifying them grant that they may profit us for salvation. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, receiving the grace by which you bring us to new life, we may always glory in your gift. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Readings for Next Week

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Psalm 94:1-2, 6-9

St Paul to the Corinthians 7:32-35

Mark 1:21-28



ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time YrB

21st January 2018

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday 20th January

6:00 pm - Vigil Mass - People of the Parish

Sunday 21st January

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:15 am - Mike Fennelly RIP

11:15 am - Stella & John Banks RIP

1:00 pm - in Polish

3:00 pm - Baptism of Lorenzo Bet

5:00 pm - in Italian

Monday 22nd January

St Vincent (Memorial)

10:00 am - Arah Danielian RIP

2:30 pm - Requiem Mass for Maura Heslop RIP

Tuesday 23rd January

Feria

10:00 am - Requiem Mass for Betty Figg RIP

Wednesday 24th January

St Francis de Sales (Memorial)

10:00 am - Stephen Hornung RIP FM

1:00 pm - in Polish

7:30 pm - Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Thursday 25th January

The Conversion of St Paul (Feast)

No Mass

Friday 26th January

Ss Timothy & Titus (Memoria)

10:00 am - Oliver Collett RIP

Saturday 27th January

St Angela Merici (Memoria)

10:00 am - Frank Maguire RIP

1:30 pm - Baptism of Jacob Alphonso

6:00 pm - Vigil Mass - People of the Parish

Sunday 28th January

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:15 am - Pat McDermott RIP

11:15 am - Annie Ede RIP

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

£2,057.24

Second Collection

£437.98

Thank You

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

A Happy and Blessed Sunday to you all!

This weekend sees the commencement of our First Holy Communion Programme, please keep the children and your families in your prayers and they prepare to celebrate the gift of receiving the Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

It was good to host the Lectio Divina evening for our young people with Bishop Richard last Thursday evening. It was a great opportunity to explore this way of praying the Scriptures.

Next weekend, we will have our Annual Mission Appeal, this year it is the turn of the The Spiritans (Holy Ghost Fathers). I am sure you will make the visiting priest very welcome. I shall be away next weekend.

The Diocese through the Pastoral Team on Marriage and Family Life and in the celebration of the National Marriage Week is holding a "Celebration of Married Life for Couples" with Bishop Richard at Worth Abbey. This will take place on Saturday February 10th from 1:30pm – 4:30pm. I would warmly invite married couples from the parish to take part in this day. The focus will be on nurturing and sustaining our relationships. It will an opportunity to hear from different organisations who support marriage about how couples can enrich their daily experience of living this beautiful sacrament. If you are interested please register with Katherine.bergin@dabnet.org

Finally, please keep Lyn Murray, Deacon Tom's wife, in your prayers as she was rushed to hospital last Wednesday. Pray for God's healing and strength for her and for Deacon Tom and his family

Parish and Diocesan Notices

BURNS NIGHT CELEBRATION 2018 - If you would like to help with the preparation of the tatties and neeps , catching the haggis or setting the tables we will be at the hall from 10.00am on Saturday 27th. Thank You.

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.

ST JOHN'S TODDLER GROUP meets in the hall on Wednesdays in term time from 10.00-11.30am. New members are always welcome, indeed the survival of the group relies on new members replacing

those who have moved on to school. If you no longer have a pre-school child/grandchild but would like to help you would be made VERY welcome too. Please support this group who have been part of our Parish Community for many years now.

CANTILENA CONCERT AT ST JOHN'S, 8PM SATURDAY 3RD FEBRUARY. CAROLS FOR CANDLEMAS.

A beautiful programme including Mendelssohn, Berlioz, Monteverdi and Britten's ceremony of carols for female voices accompanied by local harpist Heather Wrighton.

Tickets £12 (children £5) cantilena.info@gmail.com 01403 275489

www.cantilenachoir.jimdo.com

Sacraments & Liturgical Life

BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAMME 2018 - 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).

DAY OF REFLECTION FOR READERS - The day on Saturday, 3rd February will be led by Bishop Richard and will take place at St Bernadette's Church, Tilgatte Way, Crawley RH10 5BS from 11am-4pm. The day will include talks on the Scriptures, the Lectionary and its use in the Liturgy, the Liturgy of the Word, preparing to read and the use of microphones. There will also be Lectio Divina and Mass. Arrivals, tea/coffee from 10.30am. Please bring a packed lunch. *Booking is essential as places are limited! To book: ruth.gerun@dabnet.org or phone: 01293 651164.*

REMAINING DAYS FOR WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 18TH -25TH JANUARY 2018: The theme is that all may be free. Come and pray with other Christians during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity during this most important time.

Corrected Venues:

Day 4; United Service at St Marys The Causeway (6.30pm-7.30pm)

Day 5; London Road Methodist Church

Day 6; Kingdom Faith Church, Southwater

Day 7; St John the Evangelist RC Church

Day 8; St Margaret Church, Warnham

Unless specified all the services will be at 7.30pm-8.30pm.

"May they all be one. Father, may they one in us, as you are in me and I am in you, so that the world may believe it was you who sent me." (John 17: 21)

ANNUAL JUSTICE & PEACE ASSEMBLY - HOPE OVERCOMING FEAR: THE CHURCH IN THE MODERN WORLD: On Saturday 27 January 2018 at DABCEC 10am – 4pm with Jack Valero of Catholic Voices and Dr Anthony Towey of St Mary's University. Themes to explore will include a Christian response to rising nationalism, the media including social media, how we inform ourselves and messages of hope. To book please contact Ruth Gerun e: ruth.gerun@dabnet.org t: 01293 651164 or visit www.dabnet.org/courses.

LOURDES REDSHIRTS 26TH JULY TO 3RD AUGUST 2018 - If you have a child at secondary school in year 10 or 11 who is thinking of going to Lourdes as a Redshirt in July 2018, and you would like to join in the St John's Parish fundraising efforts, please speak to Fr Aaron or contact the parish office as soon as possible for further information.

BISHOP RICHARD INVITES YOU TO JOIN HIM FOR THE WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES IN DUBLIN WITH THE HOLY FATHER, POPE FRANCIS: 21-26 August 2018 sees the arrival of the World Meeting of Families in Dublin, Ireland. The Diocese is making the most of this wonderful opportunity by organising a pilgrimage for those who would like to attend. It is open to families of all shapes and sizes, from tiny tots to Grandparents. We will be staying together in Dublin City University accommodation and travelling to events together by coach. A three day congress will be followed by a Festival of Families and a Solemn Eucharistic Celebration with Pope Francis. If you would like more information about the event visit www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/ If you would like to join us on pilgrimage, please speak to your parish priest about how he can support you financially, and for a booking form. Alternatively you can contact Lizzie or Katherine of the Diocesan Pastoral team wmof2018@dabnet.org.

PARISH ROME PILGRIMAGE - Monday 8 - Friday 12 October 2018. Led by Fr Aaron & Fr Richard. Flights from Gatwick to the Eternal city and good hotel accommodation near St Peter's Basilica. Bed, breakfast and lunch or dinner out and daily Masses and devotions and wonderful visits. £790. Please let Fr Aaron know fr.spinelli@yahoo.co.uk ASAP if you are interested in joining our group.

CALLED BY NAME RETREAT - Called by Name is a vocation retreat for young adults (aged 18-35) being held 9 - 11th February at Worth Abbey, Crawley. It offers an opportunity for you to tune-in more deeply to the call of Christ in your life, to discern His will for you, discover deeper meaning and direction in your life, and to grow in the trust and freedom to respond generously to the Gospel. The weekend will include talks from a range of speakers from different walks of life, spiritual accompaniment, and space for prayer and reflection. The retreat is not aimed only at those discerning a possible call to religious life/priesthood, but to every young person seeking to know and live the call of Christ. The cost is £63 for students/unwaged, £105 waged, and includes meals and accommodation. To book, or for more info, please contact Katrina on TOC@worth.org.uk / 01342 710318.

Let us pray for

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

Please pray for Betty Figg, Maura Heslop and the Holy Souls.

Other Announcements

NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR THE MISSION APPEAL

Coffee this weekend is served by the Lourdes Pilgrimage Group. Next week it will be served by the SVP.