

Today's Readings

22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

THE COLLECT

God of might, giver of every good gift, put into our hearts the love of your name, so that, by deepening our sense of reverence, you may nurture in us what is good and, by your watchful care, keep safe what you have nurtured. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

FIRST READING (Jeremiah 20: 7-9)

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger. I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt. Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!' The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long. I used to say, 'I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more.' Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones. The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R: For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord 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**

For you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast. **R**

SECOND READING (Romans 12:1-2)

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten

the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!

GOSPEL (Matthew 16:21-27)

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.' Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life? 'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May this sacred offering, O Lord, confer on us always the blessing of salvation, that what it celebrates in mystery it may accomplish in power. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Renewed by this bread from the heavenly table, we beseech you, Lord, that, being the food of charity, it may confirm our hearts and stir us to serve you in our neighbour. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Readings for Next Week

Ezekiel 33:7-9

94:1-2, 6-9

Romans 13:8-10

Matthew 18:15-20



ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

PARISH NEWSLETTER

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr A

3rd September 2017

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday 2nd September

6:00 pm - Vigil Mass - Pro Populo

Sunday 3rd September

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:15 am - For Seafarers

11:15 am - Colin Charles Drake FM

1:00 pm - in Polish

5:00 pm - in Italian

Monday 4th September

St Cuthbert (Bishop)

10:00 am - Deceased Members of McNeil Family

Tuesday 5th September

10.00am - Sheila Dray RIP

Wednesday 6th September

10:00 am - Marcial & Adriana Lagria RIP

1:00 pm - in Polish

Thursday 7th September

10:00 am - Funeral Mass for Monica Twiss

Friday 8th September

10:00 am - Mary Thomsett FM

2:00 p - Academic Mass for Both Primary Schools

Saturday 9th September

10:00 am – **No Mass or Confessions**

Mass being offered at Arundel Cathedral at Noon

1:00 pm - Wedding of Jurate Kierarte & Martin Coote

3:30 pm - Baptism of Jamie Wallis

6:00 pm - Vigil Mass - Ron Berry RIP

Sunday 10th September

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

9:15 am - Marie Trainor RIP

11:15 am - Varkey & Rosamma Mani Mala Nira Pel 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
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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
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Parish Mission Group
Chair to be announced soon

Chair of Parish Finance
David Innes
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Last Week's Collection

£1,998.92

Second Collection

No Collection

Thank You

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

I hope and pray that many of you have managed to get some sort of a break over the Summer Holidays. Maybe the break might come when the kids get back to school!

As we begin the new term I wish our schools a Blessed New Academic Year! Both our Parish Schools will be celebrating an Academic Mass here at St John's on Friday 8th of September at 2pm. It is wonderful way to invoke the Holy Spirit of Wisdom, Knowledge and Understanding upon the school's staff and student communities. Being Our Lady's Birthday, we too ask the prayers of the Mother of God for our wonderful Parish and Deanery Schools.

The Priests who will be under 65 in 2030 will be having a series of meetings this month with Bishop Richard to look at future provision of priests and parishes. Please keep us in your prayers and we gather to ponder what the Lord has in store for our Diocese.

Please continue to pray for Vocations to the Priesthood in our Diocese. Remember if anyone feels the call serve God in this way, please feel free to come and see me.

This academic term we are to ramp up what it means to be a welcome Parish, I'd ask all of you who come to Church to think how I can be personally welcoming of someone who comes to our Church, be they new or long-standing parishioners – sometimes we can contribute simply with a smile and a Good Morning!

I will be looking to increase the number of socials that the Parish has throughout the year, this can be another way our communities can mix and get to know each other.

A few young people have asked if they could gather to meet and reflect on Catholic Faith and the Sacred Scriptures with me - I would be delighted to do this. If you are interested, please give me an idea of when and what time would be good for us to meet and we shall get going with putting some dates in the Parish Diary!

With my prayers for you all.

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).

NEW PARISHIONERS EVENING - An email has been sent to all new Parishioners who have arrived in Horsham over the past year or so inviting then to a New Parishioners evening in the Hall. If you are a new Parishioner and have not filled in a New Parishioner Form, please take one and hand it in completed to the Parish Office. If you did not receive an invitation and you are new to the parish, do feel free to pop in October 7th after the 6pm Mass, it would lovely to meet you.

ALTAR SERVERS MASS – A final reminder to all Altar Servers that we have a special Mass celebrated by Bishop Richard at Arundel Cathedral on Saturday September 9th at 12 Noon. Fr Aaron has hired a double-decker bus to take servers and their families to the Mass. Grahame Moonan has details of the trip. It is important for him to have numbers for the bus. We can take a maximum of 74!

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!

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.

CONFIRMATION 2018 - Our parish Confirmation programme will begin on October 8th with a meeting for parents - date to be confirmed. 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. Therefore the formation of our young people needs to begin sooner too! Application forms will be available next weekend. 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.

MARY'S MEALS BACKPACK APPEAL - Throughout September, we will collect items for Mary's Meals Backpack Appeal. Items needed are backpacks, notepads, pencils, coloured pencils, rubber, pencil case, towel, shorts or skirt, t-shirt or dress for boys or girls aged 4-12yrs, flip-flops or sandals and toothpaste. These do not have to be new so if your child has outgrown the design on his/her backpack or if their summer uniform or summer clothes will not fit next year please consider giving them to this project which currently feeds over a million children each day in a place of education. Please leave items either in the Covenant Chapel or in the Parish Office. Thank You.

NIGHTSHELTER 2017/18 - I write this while we are experiencing some of the hottest August Bank Holiday weather ever recorded. However we do 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. **On Sunday, October 1st we will hold a 'Sign up Sunday'** 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.

ENCOUNTER (FOR 15-30S) IS BACK THIS FRIDAY - The popular ENCOUNTER programme for older teens and twenty-somethings is back this Friday. 7.30pm at St Wilfrid's School. ENCOUNTER started in 2014, and was designed to give young Catholics a way to get closer to God and make some friends in a welcoming, relaxed environment. The evenings last for a couple of hours and include music, inspiring talks, food and then (for over 18s) a trip to the pub afterwards. Absolutely anyone is welcome. For more information, search 'Catholic ENCOUNTER' on Facebook.

Let us pray for

Please pray for the sick and for those with Dementia and their families.

Please pray for Monica Twiss RIP and all the Holy Souls.

Other Announcements

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND IS FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERVICE

Coffee after 9.15am Mass this weekend will be hosted by the Polish Community. Next Weekend the RCIA will be hosts.