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The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (year B) 14th January 2024

Bishop Richard has issued a new Pastoral Plan for the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton, marking an important new stage in the development of diocesan parish structures, creating new pathways for apostolic mission and meeting the challenges of an increasingly secular society with renewed confidence and openness to the Holy Spirit.

The Call to Mission focusses on the significant potential of diocesan parish communities to act as "beacons of light... not in an era of change, but in a change of era" consolidating the work already undertaken across the diocese to place prayer, formation, and mission at the heart of diocesan parish and school community life.

The plan reorders the diocese radically: in the coming months, the present 11 deaneries will be re-configured as 11 parishes; priests & deacons will work together, with one of the priests appointed Moderator for each new parish.

The new Pastoral Plan is available on the diocesan website: www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/pastoral-plan and hard copies are available at the back of the churches.

Bishop Richard also hosted a Pastoral Plan Webinar with Q&A and it is available to watch on the diocesan website.

Sacrament of Confirmation 2024 - we will be running an 'Explore Confirmation' evening on Thurs 18th Jan for our young people in Yr. 10 or above to find out "What is Confirmation and how can we prepare for it?". Come, talk and listen with friends to see what God offers to us through this wonderful sacrament. If parents would like to register interest please email the team at confpnl@gmail.com

Thinking about becoming a Catholic? An informal group meets regularly and you would be very welcome to come along, without any obligation, to find out more about the Catholic faith. Please contact the parish office.

Faith Formation plans are being made for a short Lenten course for adults - watch this space

Parents, Babies & Toddlers Group meets in St Joseph's PNL Centre, termtime Wednesdays 10.30am. All welcome

The Saturday Group for adults meets on Saturdays 3pm-5.15pm, for chat, games and refreshments. Please join us.

Union of Catholic Mothers UCM: Next meeting Wednesday 24th Jan, 7:30 pm at St. Teresa's: New Year Social.

Churches Together: a Service of Prayer In Unity: Let's come together and celebrate our Christian Unity 23rd Jan, 12 Noon for an hour or so. St. Peter and St. Paul Church Church Hill, Nutfield. RH1 4JA (Car Park opposite Church) warmly invites you to share our stories of Christian Unity and pray for each other and the world. Stay for refreshments afterwards (a donation is appreciated)

50/50 Club: For an annual subscription of £12 per ticket, 50% of the total income goes to support the parish and 50% is given in monthly prizes, with numbers drawn at random by computer. If you would like to renew your subscription, join the scheme or like more information, contact the parish office or email: 5050club.pnl@gmail.com

Parish Sunday Lunch Today (14th Jan) at the St Joseph's PNL Centre 12.30pm start, hosted by our Justice & Peace Group. Everyone is welcome so come with family and friends and meet your fellow parishioners. Bring your own drinks, no charge, donations welcome.

St Joseph's Catholic School If you are applying for a place please follow the instructions on the school website and return the supplementary forms to school before 15th Jan 24. Fr Tony will be available to meet families and sign forms in St Joseph's PNL Centre on the following dates:

Wednesday 17th January - 4pm - 7pm

Thursday 18th January - 4pm - 7pm

Friday 19th January - 4pm - 7pm

No need to book just come along with your child. Please pass this message around as well.

Book + Circle now meet bi-monthly, next on Fri 2nd Feb 10.30am in St Joseph's PNL Meeting Room to discuss "Forming Intentional Disciples" by Sherry Weddell. As always, books are available secondhand on-line. Everyone welcome - even if you haven't managed to read the book.

Day of Reflection for Ministers of the Word: On Sat 20th Jan 2024 Bishop Richard will lead a day of reflection and formation for Ministers of the Word at Sacred Heart Church, Cobham, 11-4pm. Including Lectio Divina and Mass, plus talks on Scripture, the Liturgy of the Word, the Lectionary and practicalities Please register at <https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/9vii0inm>

Diocesan Justice & Peace Assembly, 27 Jan, 10am-1.30pm at The St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley, RH10 6RP. This year's assembly will address violence and abuse in our homes, families & wider community, with speakers from Restored, Lifecentre and Pax Christi. For more information contact pnljandp@gmail.com

Please pray for 80+ of our children who are celebrating their First Reconciliation over the next two weeks - may they rejoice in the loving forgiveness of God.

Crib Collection This year all monies donated will go to the Arundel & Brighton Catholic Children's Society Crisis Fund.

Today (14th) is Peace Sunday 2024 and the theme chosen by Pope Francis is 'Artificial Intelligence and Peace'. Pax Christi have produced a series of resources to mark the day and our second collection aims to support their work. If you would like to know more or donate online please visit <https://paxchristi.org.uk/peace-sunday/>

Collections

Offertory collection last weekend: £1493.06
Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem : £776.90

Second Collection this weekend:
for Pax Christi

Thank you for your support.

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ST JOSEPH'S 17TH REIGATE SCOUTS

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EAST SURREY HOSPITAL

The hospital will not inform the Catholic chaplain, Fr Alban (01293 431703), of your presence in the hospital unless a specific request is made by either yourself or your family for a visit. If you would like a visit from him please ask the hospital staff or contact him directly yourself.

If you are going in hospital as a 'Planned Admission' you are encouraged to contact Fr Tony to receive the Sacrament of the Sick prior to your Hospital stay.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR
 THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND**

Michael Wood, Angela Brett, Carmel Peaston, Mark Dalton, Frankie Harding, Teresa Thorp, Francesco Ambrosio, David Corcoran, Steven Biczók-Hardy, Tomasina Harman, Margaret Murray, Zosia, Susan McMenamin, Shelagh Green, Patricia Blackwell, Chris Bayley, Jean Longley, Bridget Steward, Dilys Purcell, Rosaline Liberman, Brigid Gow, Anne Grier, Lydia Fagan, Maureen Wasson, Fr Laurence Quin-Morris, Maria Dimaculangan, Michael Scoltock, Marion & Barry Scholefield, Malcolm & Maria Chelvanayagam, Damian Poole, Margaret Byrne, Edith Rashbrook, Sarah Healy, Sheilaine Barrientos, Kathleen Beckey, Richard Greaves, Claire Chantal, Meli Greaves, and all sick and housebound of our parish.

If you or someone you know is sick & housebound and would like to receive Communion please contact the parish

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1Sm 3:3-10.19; Ps 39; 1Cor 6:13-15.17-20; Jn 1:35-42

Response: Here I am, Lord, I come to do your will

Sat 13 Jan

St Joseph's 17.30 Rita Powell RIP

Sun 14 Jan

Holy Family 09.00 Special Int

St Joseph's 11.00 People of the Parish

St Teresa's 17:30 Private Int

Mon 15 Jan

St Teresa's 10.00 Jean Longley's 99th Birthday

Tue 16 Jan

No Mass

Wed 17 Jan

St Joseph's 10.00 **St Anthony, Abbot**
 Ciaran Murphy - Sick

Thur 18 Jan

Holy Family 10.00 In Thanksgiving

Fri 19 Jan

St Joseph's 10.00 Francois Shaby RIP

The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (year B)

Jon 3:1-5.10; Ps 24; 1Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

Response: Lod, Make me know your ways

Sat 20 Jan

St Joseph's 17.30 Betty Clear RIP

Sun 21 Jan

Holy Family 09.00 People of the Parish

St Joseph's 11.00 Adrian Noonan RIP

St Teresa's 17:30 Private Int

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Following the Saturday evening Mass,
 and by appointment, please contact the parish office

Prayers for the Sick - If you would like to add someone to the list, please make sure you have that person's permission. Please inform us when your loved one has recovered and can be removed from the list. Thank you.

Visiting the Sick and Housebound Our Extraordinary ministers of Communion are bringing Communion to our parish's frailer members and currently we have about 40 being visited monthly. Our SVP members also visit on a regular basis. If you know of anyone who cannot come to Mass and would like such a visit please contact the parish office after obtaining their permission.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF

Joan Gale RIP her funeral will take place on Mon 22nd Jan at midday at the Surrey and Sussex Crematorium, followed at The Baptist Church Woodhatch

Valerie Richards RIP, who died on 30th December after a very short illness. Her funeral will be in Rugby on 24th January.

Gian Carlo (Franco) Moruzzi RIP his funeral will take place on Fri 26th Jan at 10.15am at Randalls Park Crematorium

Gerard Kherbeguian RIP his funeral will take place on Wed 31st Jan at 11.15am at the Surrey and Sussex Crematorium.

Chris O'Mahoney RIP his funeral has not yet been arranged

Please remember them and their families in your prayers