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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (year B) 21st 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.

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.

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.

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 a big thanks to our Justice & Peace Group for the wonderful lunch they produced last Sunday. Our next Parish Lunch will be on Sunday 10th February 2024 in the St Joseph's PNL Centre from 12.30pm.

This Sunday is the Sunday of the Word of God, designated as such by Pope Francis on the Feast of St Jerome, 30 September, in 2019. In his Apostolic Letter 'Aperuit illis' Pope Francis writes: "The Bible belongs above all to those called to hear its message and to recognise themselves in its words." If you are thinking of buying a new bible it might be good to buy the forthcoming translation authorized for Liturgical use on Sundays etc, known as "English Standard Version – Catholic Edition" - have a word with the Repository team for more information.

The Presentation of the Lord, known as Candlemas as candles are handed out during the Mass, takes place on Friday 2nd Feb. We will have Mass in the evening followed by refreshments in the café - more details to follow.

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.

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

Lourdes Pilgrimage 2024 Applications to join our 50th Anniversary Lourdes pilgrimage are now open! For more information or to make your application please visit our website. <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/lourdes/home>

Yellow Bucket Collection. The parish donations to the food bank at St Matthew's Redhill are very welcome. <https://www.redhillfoodbank.org.uk/how-can-i-help>

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

Racial Justice Sunday 28 January 2024 The theme is: "*Seeing one another in the life of the Church*". It is important to recognise that we are all children of God, regardless of our race and background. This year's theme seeks to promote reflection, discussion and action on our theme and to encourage us to carry this through in the weeks and months after Racial Justice Sunday. For this year we are celebrating the diversity of those who have led holy and exemplary lives. Our Catholic saints walked in this world as we do and were men and women of heroic virtue that can intercede for us to bring our prayers to the Lord.

Collections

Offertory collection last weekend: £1313.77
Pax Christi : £730.25

Second Collection next weekend:
For Racial Justice Sunday

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 Purtell, 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, Sheilane 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

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

Mon 22 Jan

St Teresa's 10.00 Ina Clarke's Birthday

Tue 23 Jan

No Mass

Wed 24 Jan

St Joseph's 10.00 **St Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor**
Jim Peters RIP

Thur 25 Jan

Holy Family 10.00 **The Conversation of St Paul**
Farrukh family Int

Fri 26 Jan

St Joseph's 10.00 **Ss Timothy and Titus, Bishops**
Anthony Bell RIP

The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (year B)

Deut 18:15-20; Ps 94; 1Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:20-28

Response: O that today you would listen to his voice!

Harden not your hearts

Sat 27 Jan

St Joseph's 17.30 Heather Matthews RIP

Sun 28 Jan

Holy Family 09.00 People of the parish

St Joseph's 11.00 Annette Purcell and Dennis Ong Int

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

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.

Cynthia Hayes RIP her funeral has not yet been arranged

Please remember them and their families in your prayers