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The Sixteenth Sunday of the Year (year A) 19th July 2026

Parish Day Last Sunday - Thank you!

It was wonderful to see so many parishioners & visitors who came to our Parish Day (between 800-900 this year), and great to see nearly 100 of our youngsters receive certificates celebrating their reception of God's gifts of First Communion or Confirmation. Thanks for all the prayers for the weather—now remember to pray 'thank you'! Many people have commented on the lovely atmosphere. None of this could have happened without lots of planning and volunteers. Grateful thanks go to Mr Hall and St Joseph's Catholic Primary School for the use of the school grounds, the Scouts, who did an amazing job with the plentiful BBQ, and the Syro Malabar Community for the curry. Special thanks to all those who worked hard in front of, or behind, the scenes: sacristans, ministers, our young readers, setting up, tidying up, looking after health & safety, providing entertainment, PA systems, musicians and choir, running children's entertainment and games, the school PTA for the bouncy castle, dance displays, lifts, first aid, car parking and much more - Well done! If you have photos to share, please email or pass them onto the parish office.

St Joseph's Pre-School have written to us saying they are 'saddened to announce that St Joseph's Pre-School will be closing permanently at the end of this term. The Pre-School has been part of the parish community for over 40 years, and many families will remember with fondness the friendships, care and connections formed during their time with us. Unfortunately, a combination of ongoing financial pressures, reduced enrolment, and a lack of committee members means we are no longer able to operate sustainably or within our constitutional framework. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Parish, our families, and parishioners for their support over the years. We kindly ask you to continue to remember our families and staff in your prayers as they navigate this difficult transition.

As part of our closing procedure, are holding a sale to find new homes for our toys and furniture. It will be held on Saturday 25th July between 10am and 2pm at the Pre School. Come and grab yourself a bargain.

Mass for Sick and Housebound: Thank you to all who helped bring our frailer parishioners to the special Mass last Wednesday afternoon and the tea which followed. It was wonderful to see so many gather to receive this wonderful Sacrament of the Sick (over 50 were anointed), and come to the Table of the Lord - even in the hot weather!

Prayers for our Bishop-Elect Fr Stephen Wang as he prepares to receive episcopal ordination and take canonical possession of the Diocese in October. Fr Stephen has also recorded a video message which can be watched here: <https://vimeo.com/1206416223> O God, eternal and loving Shepherd, we bless and thank you for the appointment of your servant, Stephen, to our Diocese of Arundel and Brighton. May your Holy Spirit grace him with a spirit of counsel and fortitude, a spirit of knowledge and piety, so that he may gently and courageously sanctify, teach and govern the Church of Arundel and Brighton as we work together to build up the kingdom of heaven. May he be a shepherd after your own heart, who, with compassion and wise discernment, will care for and lead your people with the joy of the Gospel. Amen.'

Thinking about becoming a Catholic, or maybe want to be confirmed as an adult? Weekly sessions will start again in September. For information contact the Parish Office.

Arundel & Brighton Lourdes Pilgrimage. Please pray for all pilgrims traveling to Lourdes on the Diocesan Pilgrimage this Friday 25 July, as they pray for us as well

CAFOD Global Debt Crisis petition: Low-income countries are being pushed into debt, forced to pay ever higher interest rates to wealthy lenders. CAFOD is calling for a Debt Justice Law and urgent action to secure fair debt relief for countries in crisis. Please sign the petition after all Masses on 25/26 July.

Catholic World Day for Grandparents and Elderly - Sunday 26 July. So many of us remember with deep fondness our relationship with our grandparents as we grew up. The theme for the day is "I will never forget you (Is 49:15)," What a wonderful opportunity to encourage our youngsters to phone, visit or reach out to their grandparents, "parish" grandparents, or elderly relatives to show their love and affection. Pope Leo has written a letter for the day : <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2026-06/pope-leo-xiv-for-sixth-world-day-of-grandparents-and-elderly.html> Many parishes have a grandparent's group, if you would like to help form one please contact the parish office.

Book + Circle: Our summer reading is a novel by Holly Mitchel "Crooked Lines". We are not meeting until Thursday 4th September 8pm in the Meeting Room at St Joseph's Church. Please come along - all welcome.

Venezuela's earthquake To support those affected please go online at <https://cafod.org.uk/>

Stella Maris - The Retiring Collection this weekend will be for Stella Maris (formerly the Apostleship of the Sea). Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. Our support make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. To give online go to: <https://stellamaris.org.uk/>

Collections

Offertory Collection last weekend: £360.07

Second Collection this weekend for Stella Maris (formerly known as the Apostleship of the Sea)

Thank you for your support and generosity

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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

Sally Harding, Joyce Graham, Joan Hodge, Fr Tony Bridson, Kathleen Hagerty, Jim Fox, Marian Buck, Michael Leonard, Lizzie Wakeling, Mary Wilson, Lucy Smales, Robert Shave, Mary Hopkins, John McGrath, Annie, Rosa Godlewski, Paul Edwards, Michael Wood, Angela Brett, Mark Dalton, Frankie Harding, Teresa Thorp, Francesco Ambrosio, Steven Biczók-Hardy, Zosia, Shelagh Green, Patricia Blackwell, Chris Bayley, Brigid Gow, Anne Grier, Lydia Fagan, Maria Dimaculangan, Marion & Barry Scholefield, Damian Poole, Sarah Healy, Sheilane Barrientos, Kathleen Beckey, Richard Greaves, Claire Chantal, Meli Greaves, and all the sick & housebound of our parish

If you, or someone you know, is sick & housebound and would like to be on our prayer list or to receive Communion please contact the parish office.

The Sixteenth Sunday of the Year (year A)

Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86; Rms 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43

Response: O Lord, you are good and forgiving.

Sat 18 Jul		
St Joseph's	17.30	Oksana, Alexander and Péter
Sun 19 Jul		
Holy Family	09.00	The People of the Parish
St Joseph's	11.00	Orlando Villarreal Ahumada RIP
St Teresa's	17.30	Private Intention

Mon 20 Jul		
St Teresa's	10.00	Thanksgiving

Tue 21 Jul		
	10.30	Funeral Service for Diane Kamel RIP

Wed 22 Jul		St Mary Magdalene
St Joseph's	10.00	John Ward RIP

Thur 23 Jul		St Bridget of Sweden, Patron of Europe
Holy Family	10.00	Tom Kirrane RIP

Fri 24 Jul		
St Joseph's	10.00	Alan Harding RIP

The Seventeenth Sunday of the Year (year A)

Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86; Rms 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43

Response: O Lord, you are good and forgiving.

Sat 25 Jul		
St Joseph's	17.30	Keith Malone RIP
Sun 26 Jul		
Holy Family	09.00	Captain and Mrs N N Tosh RIP
St Joseph's	11.00	The People of the Parish
St Teresa's	17.30	Private Intention

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS IN THE PARISH

Tues	19.00	Rosary Group	St Joseph's Church
Wed	10.30	Prayer, Tea and Coffee	PNL Cafe at St Joseph's
Wed	10.30	Parents & Toddlers	PNL Centre at St Joseph's
Fri	10.30	Prayer, Tea and Coffee	PNL Cafe at St Joseph's
Sat	15.00	Get Together Group	PNL Cafe at St Joseph's
Sun	10.00	Coffee/Tea after Mass	PNL Centre at Holy Family
Sun	12.00	Coffee/Tea after Mass	PNL Centre at St Joseph's

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF

Diane Kamel RIP her funeral service will take place at St Joseph's on Tuesday 21st July at 10.30am.

Barbara Perin RIP her funeral service will take place at Randall's Park Crematorium on Thursday 23rd July at 14.45pm.

Larry Walker RIP his funeral will take place at St Joseph's on Thursday 30th July at 10.30am followed at the surrey and Sussex Crematorium.

Jorgen Lovbakke RIP his funeral has not yet been arranged..

Andrew Wilson RIP his funeral has not yet been arranged

Please remember them and their families in your prayers