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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (year C) - 20th July 2025

Parish Day Last Sunday - Thank you!

It was wonderful to see so many parishioners & visitors who came to our Parish Day (between 850-900 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 to Mr Tom Hall (Head of School) for the use of St Joseph's Catholic school grounds, the Scouts, who did an amazing job with the plentiful BBQ, and all the others who shared wonderful food! Special thanks to Reena Clarke & her team and 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 contact the parish office.

Unfortunately, this year the School have let us know that the day was slightly spoiled by some incidents of poor judgment and bad behaviour. Some of our parishioners, probably youngsters/past pupils, entered the school buildings and messed things around in the classrooms. This was not only disrespectful to school property, it also meant that the staff had to spend time rearranging the classrooms on Monday morning. Parents, please speak with your own children about this sad event. Not in terms of 'who did it', it is not an apology that is needed, and your child was probably not involved. If good can come from this behaviour it is by teaching our children about just how disrespectful and harmful to the wellbeing of others this 'bit of fun' can be, and how easily it can happen when we don't think about what we are doing. We were trusted by the school to enter a special and sacred place and in this respect we have not acted well.

Sacramental Preparation Programmes keep an eye on the newsletter and an ear to notices during the Sunday Masses for the start of the programmes of preparation for Holy Communion (those going into school year 4 and above) and Confirmation (those going into school year 10 and above). Naturally, the best preparation for our children is the faith and example of the family, and your prayers as parents are vitally important so get preparing!

Mass for Sick and Housebound: Thank you to all who supported and contributed to the Mass last Thursday afternoon and with the tea which followed, and a special thanks to Fr Benny O'Shea for stepping in at short notice. It was wonderful to see so many gather to receive this wonderful Sacrament of healing and come to the Table of the Lord.

Parents, Babies & Toddlers Group meets in St Joseph's PNL Centre, holiday time, Weds 10.30am. All welcome

UCM Meeting: will take place on Wednesday 30th July 2025 at 7:30pm at a member's residence.

The latest Justice & Peace Newsletter, July 2025 is now available on the Parish website under NEWS. Some copies are available at the back of the churches too.

Cancel the Debt Choose Hope: 54 countries from Kenya to Sri Lanka are facing debt distress. Many are forced to spend more on payments to big banks, wealthy nations and global institutions than they spend on health, education or life-saving climate measures. **CAFOD**, together with the Caritas network is gathering a global church petition to world leaders, who could make a huge difference to this situation. The parish J & P group will be outside all Masses on 2/3rd August to invite parishioners to sign the petition.

Enjoy the school holidays! If you are travelling, safe journeys and safe returns. If you are resting here, maybe come to an extra Mass in the week and rest with the Lord

Please welcome Frs Benny O Shea and Ian Byrnes who are helping out in the parish this weekend whilst Fr Tony isolates, having tested positive with Covid - thanks.

Diocesan Festival of Hope at Ardingly Showground on 20th September 2025: celebrating the Jubilee Year of Hope, the 60th anniversary of the Diocese, and our renewed call to mission as laid out in Bishop Richard's Pastoral Plan. Guest speakers include Michelle Moran (Sion Community), Dai Woolridge (Bible Society), Christine Allen (CAFOD). The day will conclude with Mass, celebrated by Bishop Richard. Coach transport is arranged with pick up at St Joseph's so that people are collected and dropped back locally. Anyone under 18yrs is to be accompanied by an adult. Please email james.uberol@abdiocese.org.uk - Tickets are limited, and it is a 'First come first served' basis.

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

Book + Circle: Our summer reading is a novel by Holly Mitchell "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.

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. Thank you for your support.

Collections

Offertory Collection last weekend: £221.15
Retiring Collection this weekend is for Stella Maris
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**

Andrew & Mary Wilson, Lucy Smales, Robert Shave, Mary Hopkins, John McGrath, Alison Walker, Annie, Rosa Godlewski, Paul Edwards, Michael Wood, Angela Brett, Mark Dalton, Frankie Harding, Teresa Thorp, Francesco Ambrosio, Steven Biczók-Hardy, Tomasina Harman, Zosia, Shelagh Green, Patricia Blackwell, Chris Bayley, Bridget Steward, Brigid Gow, Anne Grier, Lydia Fagan, Maria Dimaculangan, Marion & Barry Scholefield, Damian Poole, Margaret Byrne, Sarah Healy, Sheilaine 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

Gn 18:1-10a: Ps 15; Col 1:24-28:Lk 10:38-42
O Lord, who may abide in your tent?

Response:

Sat 19 July
St Joseph's 17.30 Rosaline Liberman RIP

Sun 20 July
Holy Family 09.00 Roger Elliot RIP
St Joseph's 11.00 The people of the parish
St Teresa's 17.30 Private Intention

Mon 21 July
St Teresa's 10.00 Peter David Galvin RIP

Tue 22 July **St Mary Magdalene**
No Mass

Wed 23 July **St Bridget of Sweden, Patron of Europe**
St Joseph's 10.00 John Ward RIP

Thur 24 July
Holy Family 10.00 In thanksgiving

Fri 25 July **St James, Apostle**
St Joseph's 10.00 Aniweta Onuorah RIP

The Seventeenth Sunday of the Year

Gn 18:20-32: Ps 138: Col 2:12-14:Lk 11:1-13
On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord

Response:

Sat 26 July
St Joseph's 17.30 Ernest Atkinson RIP

Sun 27 July
Holy Family 09.00 Dan McCormack 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

Mon	09.30	Morning Prayer	St Teresa's Church
Tues	19.00	Rosary Group	St Joseph's Church
Wed	10.30	Parents & Toddlers	PNL Centre at St Joseph's
Fri	09.00	Exposition before Mass	St Joseph's Church
Sat	15.00	Get Together Group	PNL Cafe at St Joseph's
Sun	10.00	Coffee after Mass	PNL Centre at Holy Family
Sun	12.00	Coffee after Mass	PNL Centre at St Joseph's

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF

Fr Raymond Blake RIP, parish priest for many years of St Mary Magdalene Church in Brighton City Centre. His funeral will take place at the Diocesan Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation and St Francis at West Grinstead on Wednesday 23rd July at 2pm

Please remember him and his family in your prayers