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The Seventeenth Sunday of the Year (year A) 26th July 2026

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.

Fr Stephen Wang will be installed as the Sixth Bishop of the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton on Monday 19 October at 12 noon. The Mass of Episcopal Ordination, which takes place on the Feast of St Philip Howard, will include invited representatives from across our family of faith and be livestreamed from Arundel Cathedral. His Holiness Pope Leo XIV appointed Fr Stephen as Bishop of Arundel & Brighton on Thursday 2 July. Speaking shortly after the announcement, Bishop-elect Stephen said: "I feel a mixture of gratitude and trepidation; an excitement and curiosity about all that lies ahead; and above all, a sense of peace. I'm grateful to Pope Leo for calling me and putting his trust in me and to Archbishop Moth for all his care for the Diocese over these years... I am overjoyed at the thought of coming to Arundel & Brighton, getting to know the people and working together to build God's Kingdom." Bishop Stephen will celebrate a special Mass of Welcome for people across our Diocese at Worth Abbey near Crawley, on Saturday 24 October at 11.30am; details to follow.

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.

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. Sign the petition this weekend or online: <https://action.cafod.org.uk/page/189582/petition/1>

Book + Circle: Our summer reading is a novel, My Father's House by Joseph O'Connor. It is based on the true story of Monsignor Hugh O'Flaherty, an Irish priest who saved thousands of Jews and escaped Allied prisoners from Nazi-occupied Rome in 1943. If you'd like to come along and chat about the book we will be meeting on Fri 4th Sep after the 10am Mass. Be sure to take advantage of buying a copy second hand on line.

Getting married: Just to remind any couples intending to marry that the Diocese requires that 12 months' notice is given so that marriage preparation can be undertaken.

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!

Pray for Vocations: We continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life. We pray for all who serve God in this way, and especially for any who may be experiencing challenges at this time.

Bereavement Coffee Morning: Grief is a very personal experience but it can help to talk about one's feelings to someone who is not family or a close friend. If you feel that this would be of comfort to you please come along to our Bereavement Café on Sat 1st Aug 10:30-12:00 in the Meeting Room at St Joseph's PNL Centre. Trained befrienders will be there to support you.

50/50 Club - this month's winner is no. 49, congratulations!

Thursday 6 August 2026 is the 81st Anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima. Between 11.30 and 12.30, the local CND peace group will have a presence under the Harlequin steps (below Redhill Library) and reflect at midday on what happened when the first nuclear bomb was used in warfare. Please visit and lend your support.

Marriage Anniversary Mass on Sat 3rd Oct at 11.30am in Arundel Cathedral. Whether you are celebrating a special anniversary or simply giving thanks for your marriage this year. There will also be a wonderful opportunity to renew your wedding vows during Mass. This will be followed by a small drinks reception in the Cathedral Centre. For info: Deacon Simon South, Marriage and Family Life Adviser at E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk.

Young Adult Retreat Day, 26 Sept, 10am to 6.30pm, St Wilfrid's Church, Burgess Hill, RH15 9EN (£20). Young Adults (18-35) are invited to a jam-packed day of prayer, formation, friendship, and fun - praying to discover true peace within ourselves, to become peacemakers in the world around us, and to be renewed with an apostolic fire burning brightly within our hearts. For details contact the parish office.

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.

Collections

Offertory Collection last weekend: £1,628.21
Last weekend Stella Maris £511.62

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 AND HOUSEBOUND OF THE PARISH

Marisa Brazer 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 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 Tosh RIP
St Joseph's	11.00	The People of the Parish
St Teresa's	17.30	Private Intention

Mon 27 Jul		
St Teresa's	10.00	In thanksgiving

Tue 28 Jul		
		No Mass

Wed 29 Jul		
St Joseph's	10.00	Giuilherne Alves & Gervasio Barreso RIP

Thur 30 Jul		
St Joseph's	10.30	Funeral Mass for Larry Walker RIP

Fri 31 Jul		
St Joseph's	10.00	Ford and Grier Family RIP

The Eighteenth Sunday of the Year (year A)

1 Kgs 3:5-6a, 7-12; Ps 119; Rms 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52

Response: O Lord, how I love your law!

Sat 1 Aug		
St Joseph's	17.30	In thanksgiving
Sun 2 Aug		
Holy Family	09.00	T C Cooper & Family
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

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.

Sally Harding RIP her funeral will take place at St Joseph's on Thursday 13th August 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