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The Nineteenth Sunday of the Year (year A) 9th August 2026

The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill is back in the House of Commons and seeks to legalise assisted suicide. It will have its Second Reading and vote on Friday 11 Sep. The Church believes in the dignity and value of every human life. This deeply flawed Bill, if passed, could lead to vulnerable people feeling pressured to end their lives and risks putting many hospices and care homes in the position of no longer being able to operate. Please write to your MP to make your voice heard and oppose the Bill, even if you have done so on a previous occasion.

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.

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 at 10.30am. Be sure to take advantage of buying a copy of the book 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.

Continue to pray for Fr Stephen Wang His episcopal ordination for our Diocese will take place on Mon 19 Oct, the Feast of St Philip Howard. Space within the Cathedral is limited, with lay, religious and clergy representatives attending the Mass by invitation only. The celebration will be livestreamed to enable as many people as possible to participate in the Mass online. On Sat 24 Oct at 11.30am, Bishop Stephen will celebrate a special Mass of Welcome at Worth Abbey near Crawley, attended by representatives from diocesan deaneries, new parishes and schools. The Diocese will provide a coach from every deanery and new parish, to support participation from across our family of faith. Further details will be shared soon.

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.

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.

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

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!

Season of Creation from 1st Sep-4th Oct: Our parish joins Christians worldwide for this month-long journey, starting with the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation and ends on the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. Inspired by Pope Francis's *Laudato Si'*, it is a time to renew our relationship with God's creation. Through prayer, simpler living, and action, we are called to protect our environment and support those vulnerable to climate. Please join us in prayer and look out for upcoming parish initiatives.

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. For details contact the parish office.

Parish Sunday Lunches. As usual, there is no lunch in August. If you or your group would like to offer to host a lunch please contact the parish office. We are looking for a host for the September lunch - please contact the parish office if you can help this wonderful parish social event!

A new WhatsApp channel for our diocese, enabling members of our faith community who perhaps don't use social media to receive the latest news from the Diocese. Those who do use social media can still sign up - WhatsApp channels don't allow comments or replies so are very safe spaces. Go to <https://www.whatsapp.com/channel/0029VbDWbIR5a241k0VYff0E>

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

A Level & GCSE Results: Please keep in your prayers all those who receive their results during the next two weeks as they prepare for their next steps in God's plan for them.

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: £1,385.21

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

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, 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 Nineteenth Sunday of the Year (year A)

1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85; Rms 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

Response: Show us, O Lord, your mercy, and grant us your salvation.

Sat 8 Aug		
St Joseph's	17.30	Barrara Fronczyk RIP
Sun 9 Aug		
Holy Family	09.00	Shanon Chambers RIP
St Joseph's	11.00	The People of the Parish
St Teresa's	17.30	Private Intention

Mon 10 Aug		St Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr
St Teresa's	10.00	Special Intention

Tue 11 Aug		St Clare, Virgin
		No Mass

Wed 12 Aug		
St Joseph's	10.00	Sean O'Donnell RIP

Thur 13 Aug		
St Joseph's	10.30	Funeral Mass for Sally Harding RIP

Fri 14 Aug		St Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr
St Joseph's	10.00	Elaine Carter RIP

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (year A)

Vigil: 1Chr 15:3-4.15-16;16:1-2; Ps 132; 1Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28

Day: Rev 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45; 1Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

Response: On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir

Sat 15 Aug		
St Joseph's	17.30	Jenny Dott's intention
Sun 16 Aug		
Holy Family	09.00	The People of the Parish
St Joseph's	11.00	Sara & Family
St Teresa's	17.30	Virginia Agcaoili's wellbeing

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

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

Sean O'Donnell RIP his funeral will take place at Surrey and Sussex Crematorium on Thursday 13th August at 12.30pm.

Jorgen Lovbakke RIP his funeral will take place at Our Lady & St Hugh Church, Witney OX28 5YA on Thursday 20th August at 11am.

Andrew Wilson RIP his funeral will take place at Holy Family on Friday 28th August at 10.30am followed by burial at Matfield, Kent, refreshments provided.

Maurice (Mo) Hartnett RIP his funeral has not yet been arranged.

Please remember them and their families in your prayers