



# OUR LADY OF ENGLAND

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## 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent, Year B – 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2021

### **THIS SUNDAY 21, First Sunday of Lent, Year B**

(Genesis 9:8-15; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:12-15)

11am Outdoor Mass: For the people of the Parish  
(outdoors at Our Lady's Statue, Matt's Wood)

### **MONDAY 22, Fest: The Chair of St Peter the Apostle**

(1 Peter 5:1-4; Matthew 16:13-19)

### **TUESDAY 23, Tuesday of the First Week in Lent**

(Isaiah 55:10-11; Matthew 6:7-15)

### **WEDNESDAY 24, Wednesday of the First Week in Lent**

(Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 11:29-32)

Church open 2pm – 4pm (Face covering required)

### **THURSDAY 25, Thursday of the First Week in Lent**

(Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Matthew 7:7-12)

### **FRIDAY 26, Friday of the First Week in Lent (CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY)**

(Ezekiel 18:21-28; Matthew 5:20-26)

### **SATURDAY 27, Saturday of the First Week in Lent**

(Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Matthew 5:43-48)

Church open 10am – 12 noon for Private Prayer (Face covering required)

### **NEXT SUNDAY 28, Second 'Transfiguration' Sunday of Lent, Year B**

(Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Romans 8:31b-34; Mark 9:2-10)

11am Mass or Liturgy (outdoors at Our Lady's Statue, Matt's Wood) **subject to confirmation or cancellation in next weekend's newsletter**

## OUR LOCAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ARE:

St Philip's Catholic Primary School

London Road, Arundel

Tel: 01903 882115 [www.stphilipsarundel.org.uk](http://www.stphilipsarundel.org.uk)

St Philip Howard Catholic School

Elm Grove South, Barnham

Tel: 01243 552055 [www.sphcs.co.uk](http://www.sphcs.co.uk)

### From Fr Charles

The weather forecast for Sunday morning is cloudy and mild, with a light southerly airflow, and possibly some nuisance drizzle or dampness from a decaying frontal system. An outdoor Mass or Liturgy will be attempted at 11am.

It is perfectly acceptable to attend Mass, make a Spiritual Communion, and not receive Holy Communion if you feel it's too great a risk.

Next Sunday our Mass or Liturgy will be outside at 11am, or simply cancelled if the weather is not good.

New COVID case numbers in Amberley / Pulborough / Storrington continue to fall. I hope to be able to resume Mass indoors early in March, updates to follow. Details at: <https://digital.nhs.uk/dashboards/coronavirus-in-your-area>

The church will remain open for private prayer at the usual times Sat 10-12 and Wed 2-4. Votive lights will not be available. The audio podcast Mass will continue unchanged. The obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended.

Attending a place of worship is a valid legal 'excuse' for being outside your home during lockdown, and therefore making a reasonable journey to get there. Please note, if you choose to attend Mass in another parish you may need to book in advance.

**LENT** may have begun, but you have not missed the start of the **Diocesan Mission Invited**. The first film premiers on the Diocesan Website at 7pm on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, and will be available for you to watch for the whole of Lent. And, if you have not already signed up to a discussion group, there are still places available for the Thursday evening Diocesan wide conversations. The really exciting news is that we have a number of international participants who would like to join our Diocesan community for this extraordinary opportunity, with people registering in Switzerland, Nigeria, the USA and indeed Somerset! We have the incredible problem of having to accommodate more people than we had ever dared to hope! Head to [www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited](http://www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited) to find out more.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS PODCASTS** In two parts, recorded last year by Fr Charles, available on the parish website.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** meets on Zoom usually at 4pm on Saturdays. If you've not joined before and would like to, e-mail [storrington@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:storrington@abdiocese.org.uk)

**ST PHILIP HOWARD CATHOLIC SCHOOL** is currently recruiting for both teaching and support roles. All the details of our vacancies can be found on our website ([www.sphcs.co.uk](http://www.sphcs.co.uk)).

### CAFOD LENT APPEAL - FAMILY FAST DAY 26<sup>th</sup>

**February** see <https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Family-Fast-Day> Abdella lives in an extremely remote and mountainous part of Ethiopia. It takes him ten hours a day to collect water. He says his life is being wasted as he has no time for anything else. Give today to reach vulnerable communities around the world with water and to provide other vital support. Donate online at [cafod.org.uk/lent](http://cafod.org.uk/lent) or by using a CAFOD envelope. You can also give via text. Text LENT to 70460 to donate £10\*. \*Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message you'll be opting in to hear more about CAFOD's work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £10 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text LENTNOINFO to 70460. For more information, please see CAFOD's Privacy Policy: [cafod.org.uk/Legal-information/Privacy-notice](http://cafod.org.uk/Legal-information/Privacy-notice)

### PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent, Year B, 21<sup>st</sup> February 2021

In our struggles with temptation, we pray that we will know that God's care for us is real.

We pray for the Church around the world, to use this time of Lent to be humbled and guided by your divine will.

**Lord, have mercy.**

We pray for those who bear the responsibility for leading us in this time. Help those that make decisions which affect the lives and future of our country. Grant them wisdom and clarity of thought and enable their communication with each other and with the public. May we receive and heed their guidance.

**Lord have mercy**

We pray for the international community to stand in solidarity with the people of Myanmar at this time. May the Rohingya refugees from Myanmar living in Bangladesh, be able to return and rebuild their homes and villages in peace.

**Lord, have mercy.**

We pray for the continued success of our vaccine rollout. Renew the energy of our healthcare workers and volunteers, sustain them on long shifts and bring your protection upon them as they work with patients.

**Lord have mercy**

We pray for our parish community to come together in prayer and reflection by joining our Invite Mission. Teach us to become more reliant on you. Bring us into a greater discernment of how you operate, so that we may come into a deeper understanding and open our hearts to your work.

**Lord have mercy**

**SUNDAY OFFERTORY COLLECTION** For those not on a standing order, a monthly cheque payable to "Our Lady of England Church" is preferable to cash as it presents less risk to our money counters. Cheques can be sent in by post. If you use the parish gift-aid envelopes, please include one with your cheque to help us collect the gift-aid. Thank you for your recent offerings.

**THE YEAR OF ST JOSEPH** Pope Francis has written a letter on the 150th Anniversary of Blessed Pope Pius IX's declaration of St Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To celebrate the anniversary, Pope Francis has proclaimed a special "Year of St Joseph," beginning on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception 2020 and extending to the same feast in 2021. See [Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales \(cbcew.org.uk\)](http://www.cbcew.org.uk)

**FINAL CALL FOR SACRAMENTS FOR 2021** First Holy Communion (school year 3 or above), Confirmation (school year 10 or above), Adult Confirmation or Reception into the Church: Please notify Fr Charles of any possible candidates for these Sacraments. **The CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME** will take place jointly with Arundel Parish. Please complete an application form at [www.arundelcathedral.uk](http://www.arundelcathedral.uk) enquiries to Louise in the Cathedral Office [arundel@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:arundel@abdiocese.org.uk) or 01903 882297.

**Friday 5 March is an ecumenical women-led WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE** written by the Christian women of Vanuatu and entitled: 'Build on a Strong Foundation'. The verses of the Bible reference conclude the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew's gospel; "When we build on the rock which is Christ we know we are on a strong foundation." This South Pacific island was hit by Cyclone Harold which devastated everything in its path in 2020. Let us unite spiritually together on this day with the people of Vanuatu and pray for their needs. *\*\* please note OUR LOCAL ECUMENICAL STORRINGTON BRANCH SERVICE IS POSTPONED UNTIL LATER IN THE YEAR TO A DATE TO BE ADVISED.* See [www.wwdp.org.uk](http://www.wwdp.org.uk)

**FRANK AND MADELEINE DOUGHARTY RIP** The funeral for Frank and Madeleine has taken place privately. Later in the year, on a convenient Saturday at 6pm, we will include the Requiem prayers for them at Mass.

**THE OPEN CLOISTER AT WORTH ABBEY** forthcoming events:

**The Lent Journey:** (online weekend retreat) 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> February Led by Fr Peter Williams OSB Places can be booked online at <http://worth.co.uk/retreats/online-retreats>

**EXPLORING THE DIRECTORY FOR CATECHESIS CONFERENCE 2021** is being offered by the Maryvale Institute. The Directory, published in March 2020, makes clear the essential elements in teaching and personal formation required by the mission of catechesis. This conference offers an opportunity for those either involved with or interested in catechesis, to explore the main themes and key emphases of this important text, and to reflect on its implications for their work in the Church and the world. There are three sessions, one each in March, April and May. For more information visit: <https://www.maryvale.ac.uk/conference-2021.html> To register go to: <https://bit.ly/2Z2KqIX> There is no cost to attend, but a donation is welcomed.

**UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE HOUSE OF PRAYER, EAST MOLESEY:**

**Wondrous Doings:** Praying the Psalms 27 Feb For more details see [www.christian-retreat.org](http://www.christian-retreat.org) e-mail [admin@christian-retreat.org](mailto:admin@christian-retreat.org) or telephone 020 8941 2313.

#### **PRAYER FOR HEALTH STAFF**

Wondrous God, author of life,  
you fashioned us in your likeness  
and breathed into us the life which is your own.  
Be with those whose special care  
is the health of mind and body.  
Fill their hearts with awe  
for the life which is your gift  
and sustain them daily in your service,  
that their hands may bring to others  
the comfort of your healing touch.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **PRAYER FOR THOSE AFFECTED**

Merciful God, come to the help of your people.  
Be our shelter in this time of peril  
and strengthen the bonds of our community.  
Bring healing to all who suffer  
the ravages of disease  
and assist those whose skill and art  
can put an end to this affliction.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

##### **PRAYER OF ST ALPHONSUS**

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar.  
I love you above all things  
and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul  
so that I may unite myself wholly to you  
now and forever. Amen.