



OUR LADY OF ENGLAND

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5th Sunday of Easter, Year B – 2nd May, 2021

SUNDAY 2, Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year B

(Acts 9:26-31; 1 John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8)

No 6.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass this week

8.00am People of the Parish 10.00am People of the Parish

MONDAY 3, Mem: Ss Philip and James, Apostles

(1 Corinthians 15:1-8; John 14:6-14)

TUESDAY 4, Feast: The English Martyrs

(Acts 14:19-28; John 14:27-31a)

10 – 10.30am Ecumenical Prayers (face covering required)

WEDNESDAY 5, Wednesday after the Fifth Sunday of Easter

(Acts 15:1-6; John 15:1-8)

Church open 2pm – 4pm for Private Prayer (face covering required)

THURSDAY 6, Thursday after the Fifth Sunday of Easter

(Acts 15:7-21; John 15:9-11)

FRIDAY 7, Friday after the Fifth Sunday of Easter

(Acts 15:22-31; John 15:12-17)

SATURDAY 8, Saturday after the Fifth Sunday of Easter

(Acts 16:1-10; John 15:18-21)

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

6.00pm Saturday Vigil: People of the Parish

NEXT SUNDAY 9, 6th Sunday of Easter, Year B

(Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 John 4:7-10; John 15:9-17)

8.00am People of the Parish 10.00am People of the Parish

OUR LOCAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ARE:

St Philip's Catholic Primary School

London Road, Arundel

Tel: 01903 882115 www.stphilipsarundel.org.uk

St Philip Howard Catholic School

Elm Grove South, Barnham

Tel: 01243 552055 www.sphcs.co.uk

FR CHARLES is away until Saturday 8th May (returning in time for 6pm Mass). Thanks to Fr Miguel of the Chemin Neuf Community who will celebrate the 8am and 10am Masses this Sunday, 2nd May. **Please note that there will be no 6pm Mass on Sat 1st May, and no podcast Mass this weekend.**

PARISH OFFICE If you need to get in touch, or need a priest while Fr Charles is away, please call Louise at the Arundel Cathedral Office 01903 882297.

ASCENSION DAY, THURSDAY 13TH MAY There will be Mass in the church at 12noon There is still no obligation to attend Mass at the moment.

MEMORIAL MASS FOR HRH PRINCE PHILIP, DUKE OF EDINBURGH RIP Bishop Richard will celebrate this Mass on Friday 7th May at 7pm in Arundel Cathedral. If you would like to attend, please book a seat through the Cathedral Office arundel@abdiocese.org.uk or 01903 882297

CHILDREN'S LITURGY / FAMILY MASSES The children's liturgy team with Fr Charles are planning to have a monthly Family Mass on a Saturday at 4pm on May 15th, June 12th and a date in July to be confirmed. All families with young children are welcome.

SHORT PODCASTS FOR EASTERTIDE Recorded last year by Fr Charles and available on the parish website: Easter Vigil (in two parts), Easter Sequence *Victimae Paschali Laudes*, Easter Marian Anthem *Regina Coeli*, and the Easter Bells.

HEARING AID USERS PLEASE READ Hearing Aid Loop reinstated. The unit has been replaced and the system is now working again.

WINTERSHALL – THE LIFE OF CHRIST "We are unable to perform the Life of Christ this year but will instead be offering a new experience, Walking the Parables of Jesus from 28 June to 3 July. There will be 5 Parable scenes with the audience walking from scene to scene. There will be limited numbers and this will allow more social distancing. Schools will join us during the week with adult groups and families invited to join us for Friday 2 July or Saturday 3 July, who will be allocated into groups of a maximum of 60. There will be resources available to help you reflect on what the Parables might mean for us today, in our changing world. Please e-mail: admin@wintershall.org.uk to book or go to: <https://www.wintershall.org.uk/walking-parables-jesus> Please book without delay as our numbers are limited."

Personal GIFT AID Envelopes can be collected from the Church – they will be on a table under the notice-boards in the porch. Please contact John Crook (Brambledown, Monkmead Copse, West Chiltonington, RH20 2PD. physics.scitutor@live.co.uk) if you wish to know more about Gift Aiding by Direct Debit. It makes the process of Offertory Collections easier to administer.

10-16TH MAY IS MARRIAGE WEEK, a time for us to celebrate the joy and blessings of marriage. Pope Francis reminds us that "Marriage is like a plant. It is not an armoire, which is placed there, in the room, and it's enough to dust it every once in a while. A plant is alive, and it needs to be cared for every day: to see how it is doing, to give it water, and so it goes. Marriage is a living reality: the life of a couple should never be taken for granted, in any phase of a family's journey." *Pope Francis, 21st December 2015* Why not take some time this week to really talk to your spouse and nurture your marriage.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL
5th Sunday of Easter – 2nd May 2021

We are called together in our closeness to Jesus as branches of the vine. We pray to God that we open our hearts and listen to bear more fruit.

We pray for Catholics around the world to unite in fervent prayer with our Pope for an end to the Covid 19 pandemic.

Lord in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

We pray for world leaders to rule and govern with wisdom and integrity. We pray that they carry out their responsibilities with honesty and lay any selfish ambition aside.

Lord in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

We pray for those struggling to cope with difficult living arrangements, for the sick in hospital, at home or in care homes. We ask for comfort and relief from pain.

Lord in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

We pray for the Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group to continue to offer support and friendship to those held in detention centres. We pray that they get all the assistance needed to raise awareness of the trauma many detainees experience.

Lord in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

We pray in silence for our own personal needs and for those in our parish intercessions book.

Lord in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

Let us join our prayers with Mary as we say together. Hail Mary ...

COMMUNITY MINIBUS ASSOCIATION (WEST SUSSEX) Following a long break in service due to Covid19, the CMA(W.S), Storrington Division, hope to resume operations in June but need new volunteers to join our happy, diverse team. We need volunteer drivers, preferably in their 60s, with a clean driving licence. We also need assistants to help passengers while they are on the bus and Booking Office staff to take bookings and schedule the buses and crews. The association is run entirely by volunteers, that provide shopping trips and fun afternoon outings and pub lunch trips to members of our community without transport. It also provides a vital lifeline and social opportunities to the many amongst us who live alone. If you are able to offer just a few hours of your time each month, please call Angela Reynolds on 01903 746648 or email timandangelareynolds@gmail.com

A & B DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2021

Applications now open at <https://2021.ablourdes.org/> the pilgrimage is not open to assisted pilgrims this year due to COVID restrictions. For more information see the website.

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 of £951:50

THE PLASTIC BOTTLE TOP collection remains suspended. Please do not bring bottle tops to the church. It's because handling and transferring 'stuff' increases the COVID risk.

QUIET DAYS Wednesday and Thursday 26 and 27 May 10am to 4pm at Sussex Heritage Centre, Arundel, BN18 9QY. Spend the day in beautiful surroundings with prayer resources, art and craft materials, gardens and countryside and river walks from the door. A much needed opportunity to recuperate and re-charge after the difficulties and stresses of the past year. Bring a packed lunch. Cost £15. Optional spiritual direction sessions on Thursday at an additional cost of £20. Also Pentecost Weekend Individually Guided Retreat 21/23 May £225. Limited numbers. For more details or to book see [Sussex Heritage Centre - Holiday and Conference Centre, Group Accommodation in Arundel, Sussex](#) or phone Maria Whitehouse on 01903 413606.

THE PONTIFICAL COUNCIL FOR THE NEW EVANGELISATION has called for the month of May to be a time of prayer for "the end of the pandemic together with the recitation of the Rosary together with shrines from all over the world." 1st May has been assigned especially for Our Lady of Walsingham, with the prayer intention in favour of all Souls.

CALLING ALL PARENTS AND THOSE SUPPORTING FAMILIES ON THE ADVENTURE OF FAITH! The Colour and Shape Online community is a new way to resource, inspire, and connect families looking for support as they accompany their children on their own faith journey. Together we are exploring how to live a joy-filled life of faith that creates sacred space in the home and celebrates the liturgical seasons of the church creatively and sustainably. But it's not just for parents! The network is for all those supporting families and gathers together grandparents, godparents, teachers, youth workers, clergy, children's liturgy leaders, and catechists so that we can all inspire and learn from each other. Throughout the year we run courses online (such as the 'Parenting for Faith' course) and beginning May 4th we will be starting 'The Prayer Course' (from 24/7 Prayer) – an eight-week journey through the Lord's Prayer which discusses a wide variety of prayer practices and themes. There will be optional Zoom meetings on Thursday evenings, beginning May 6th, and all are welcome! Visit www.colourandshapeonline.com to find out more about the community and to sign up. It's free and we can't wait to meet you!

CAFOD – CLIMATE CHANGE PETITION: This year, the UK will host the largest gathering of world leaders ever to take place on British soil: the 'COP26' climate talks in Glasgow in November. As Prime Minister, Boris Johnson must push world leaders to show the ambition we need to keep temperature rises below the disastrous 1.5-degree threshold. This means that all countries must play their part. With the eyes of the world on the UK, we must urge the Prime Minister to make sure communities hardest hit by the climate emergency are listened to at COP26. Please sign our petition at [//cafod.org.uk/reclaim](http://cafod.org.uk/reclaim)

WORTH ABBEY ONLINE RETREATS: The Open Cloister @ Worth Abbey has a number of retreats coming up. Further information and to book your place online: <https://worth.co.uk/retreats/online-retreats> Enquiries, please email: toc@worth.org.uk

ADVANCE NOTICE - ST RICHARD'S DAY –

WEDNESDAY 16TH JUNE Mass will take place in Chichester Cathedral for the Feast of St Richard who is the Secondary Patron of our Diocese. If you wish to please book via chichester@abdiocese.org.uk; or 01243 782343 (ext 2) or 07521 697117 Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

BOSCO CATHOLIC EDUCATION TRUST (BCET) BCET consists of Catholic schools across Sussex and within the Arundel and Brighton Diocese. The Trust Board is looking for committed, strategic and skilled practising Catholics to join the Trust Board. An advert has been sent out with this newsletter or for more information contact either the Chief Executive Officer of BCET, Dave Carter, dcarter@boscocet.org.uk (tel: 01243 558205) or Tim Feast, Chair of the Trust Board, tfeast@boscocet.org.uk Closing date for applications: 14 May 2021

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.