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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B - 24th January, 2021

THIS SUNDAY 24, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

(Jonah 3:1-5, 10; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20)

****11am Outdoor Mass CANCELLED. PLEASE STAY HOME****

MONDAY 25, Feast: The Conversion of St Paul

(Acts 22:3-16; Mark 16:15-18)

TUESDAY 26, Mem: Ss Timothy & Titus

(2 Timothy 1:1-8; Mark 3:31-35)

WEDNESDAY 27, Feria in Ordinary Time Week 3

(Hebrews 10:11-18; Mark 4:1-20)

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

THURSDAY 28, Mem: St Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor

(Hebrews 10:19-25; Mark 4:21-25)

FRIDAY 29, Feria in Ordinary Time Week 3

(Hebrews 10:32-39; Mark 4:26-34)

SATURDAY 30, Our Lady on Saturday

(Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19; Mark 4:35-41)

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

NEXT SUNDAY 31, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

(Deuteronomy 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 7:32-35; Mark 1:21-28)

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

St Philip Howard Catholic School

Elm Grove South, Barnham

Tel: 01243 552055 www.sphcs.co.uk

From Fr Charles

DUE TO A POOR WEATHER FORECAST THE OUTDOOR MASS THIS WEEKEND IS CANCELLED.

The Met Office has issued a weather warning for sleet and snow showers, with icy conditions underfoot. Please stay home this weekend.

New COVID case numbers in Amberley/Pulborough/Storrington are still rising but at a much slower rate. West Chiltington and Ashington/Washington are faring rather better and the numbers of new cases are falling. 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 crib will remain until Candlemas.

Going forward I will keep this under constant review, but for the next few weeks at least our Sunday Mass or Liturgy will be outside at 11am, or simply cancelled if the weather is not good. 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.

PLEASE PRAY for the repose of the soul of Neville Rencontre RIP who died suddenly and unexpectedly last weekend. His Requiem Mass (family only) will be on Friday 29th January.

FRANK AND MADELEINE DOUGHARTY RIP Please continue to pray for the repose of the souls of Frank and Madeleine who died so tragically in a house fire at Christmas. Please also pray for their bereaved children: Ailsa, Jan, Alan and Sue, and their families. Fr Charles has a contact address for the family and can forward condolence cards and notes from parishioners.

COMING SOON – INVITED God loves you. He has great plans for you. He wants to accompany you through all the highs and lows of your life. There will soon be an opportunity for you to explore all this and more as we journey together as a Diocese through a season of mission.

Visit www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited to find out more. You, are Invited.

BISHOP RICHARD'S REFUGEE CRISIS NEWSLETTER:

The latest copy of the Newsletter is now available and can be found on the parish website and under the 'Latest Publications' section of the diocesan website <https://abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/news>

DEEPENING PRAYER IN OUR ORDINARY LIFE: Led by David Clayton and Michael Woodward, this is a Worth Abbey online weekend to explore how we can pray more contemplatively at home. January 29th – 31st. Smart phone, Tablet or computer and Zoom account needed. More information from Michael Woodward: shotwithspirit@gmail.com

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

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY In discussion with our local churches, public celebration of the week of prayer in Storrington has been postponed until later in the year, hopefully around Pentecost. I do however encourage you to make it part of your private prayer this weekend and on Monday, the Feast of the Conversion of St Paul.

CHEMIN NEUF

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The Chemin Neuf Community has prepared an Online service for the Church of England website for January 24th, the Sunday in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The theme is "Living with Difference". The service is led by members of the Chemin Neuf from Storrington, Sclerder and other places:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/news-and-media/church-online/weekly-online-services> You will then need to click on the picture alongside the date and description of our service

Lent Chemin Neuf UK is offering an Online retreat following the Exercise of Ignatius of Loyola from February 13-20th. This will involve each day listening to a talk, praying with Holy Scripture and sharing how it is going in confidence with a spiritual companion. A donation is requested. Ash Wednesday falls on February 17th, so this could be a good way to start Lent. The link to the CCN website is: <https://www.chemin-neuf.org.uk/en/home/our-programmes/retreats/spiritual-exercises/59b3144f396588497ca149a2/seven-day-february-retreat2>

There will also be two Online Quiet Days, dates to be confirmed but late February and late March – details to come.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL
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Loving God, we draw strength from you through these difficult days. Enrich our daily lives by bringing us closer to your son, Jesus Christ.

Let us pray for Pope Francis as he reminds us that the greatest joy for every believer is to respond to God's call of love and offer one's entire being to the service of God and our brothers and sisters.

Lord hear us - Lord hear our prayer

Let us pray for all volunteers that give up their time for the well-being of others, especially those that are enlisting to assist with coronavirus testing and the vaccine roll-out.

Lord hear us - Lord hear our prayer

For healing, that vaccinations, medical supplies, and hospital care will be available to people who live in poverty and all whose lives are vulnerable or precarious.

Lord hear us - Lord hear our prayer

For families, that homes will be places of peace, free from violence and aggression, places where children are encouraged to recognise and develop their own talents and learn to respect the talents of others.

Lord hear us - Lord hear our prayer

For Christian unity on this Word of God Sunday – that we continually open ourselves to hear the Word of God and seek unity with all people who are hearers of the Word

Lord hear us - Lord hear our prayer

Let us pray for the sick and vulnerable in our communities. May they receive the care, attention and support they need during these difficult days.

Lord hear us - Lord hear our prayer

Let us pray for the people of America as their new president begins his term. May the country unite under its new leader and may he use his executive power as a force of good for all.

Lord hear us - Lord hear our prayer

Let us ask Mary, the Holy Mother of God, to pray with us as we say Hail Mary
Heavenly King, we give thanks for you every day of our lives. Please bless and protect those we love and cherish. Amen.

CRIB OFFERING to support the Catholic Children's Society Crisis Fund. Since March the Catholic Children's Society (CCS) has provided emergency food and essentials as well as mental health services, for over five and a half thousand children and their parents/carers. These families have faced desperate situations due to the Coronavirus pandemic. Every penny donated will be given out via CCS's Arundel and Brighton Crisis Fund to support local families in need. Due to Covid, a special page has been set up at www.cathchild.org.uk/crib where you can make a donation or you can put money in the wall box at the back of the church.

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. Thank you for your recent offerings of: 1st collections £600:00 and Crib Offerings of £112.05.

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.