

Week beginning 10th February 2019

Our Lady Queen of Peace, Adur Valley

St Peter, Shoreham (SP); Christ the King, Steyning (CTK); The Towers Convent, Upper Beeding (TT)

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Sunday 10 th February: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time			Int.
Sat	5.30pm	TT	Mass For all Parishioners
Sun	8.30am	SP	Morning Prayer
	9am	SP	Mass Holy Souls
	9am	TT	Adoration until 12.30pm
	11am	CTK	Mass For the Whelan & Macey families
	1pm	SP	Holy Baptism: Arthur Nolan
	5.30pm	SP	Benediction
	6pm	SP	Mass Ken Cowley RIP
Mon 11 th Mem: Our Lady of Lourdes			
	7.15am	TT	Mass with Morning Prayer then Adoration until 9am
	9am	SP	Adoration
	9.30am	SP	Mass Private intention
Tues 12 th	9.30am	CTK	Rosary
	10am	CTK	Mass Michael Cafferty RIP
then	CTK	Adoration and confessions until 11am
	11.45am	TT	Adoration until 1.45pm
	5.30pm	TT	Mass
Wed 13 th	7.15am	TT	Mass with Morning Prayer
	9.30am	SP	Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion
	4.15pm	CTK	Lectio Divina
Thur 14 th Feast: Ss Cyril & Methodius			
	9am	SP	Adoration
	9.30am	SP	Mass Robert & Joan Beck RIP
	...then	SP	Rosary & Confessions
	4.30pm	TT	Mass
	7.30pm	SP	Adoration, Confessions & Lectio Divina
	8pm	SP	Divine Mercy Chaplet
Feb 15 th	7.15am	TT	Mass with Morning Prayer
	9am	SP	Adoration
	9.30am	SP	Mass Keith Channing RIP
	...then	SP	Divine Mercy Chaplet
	12noon	SP	Wedding – Aaron Teague & Rebecca Evans
Sat	8.15am	TT	Mass with Morning Prayer
Sunday 17 th February: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time			
Sat	5.30pm	TT	Mass Holy Souls
Sun	8.30am	SP	Morning Prayer
	9am	SP	Mass William Stebbeds RIP
	9am	TT	Adoration until 12.30pm
	11am	CTK	Mass For all Parishioners
	5.30pm	SP	Benediction
	6pm	SP	Mass Langford Carlton Cunningham RIP

Rosary
 Tues 9.30am CTK; Thurs 10am SP

Confessions (as below or by appointment)
 Sat 5pm TT Tues 10.30am CTK; Thur 10am & 7.30pm SP

This Week:
Today: 2nd Collection: Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund
Mon: Secret Singers 10am SP; SVP
Tues: Toddler Group 9.30am SP; Deanery Meeting
Thur: OLQP Lunch Club 12noon
Fri: SP Choir practice
Next Sun: 2nd Collection Campaign for Racial Justice – Racial Justice Day

Bishop Richard's visit to us last weekend was a wonderful occasion. Despite his comments that it was not an Ofsted inspection, there is no doubt that he was looking for things to comment on in his report. What did he see? What was he looking for? We shall find out. But perhaps the things we wanted to show him were not important to him? It became clear that welcome, the celebration of the sacraments, formation, prayer and mission were high on his list. But would they be top of ours? In today's Gospel Jesus spends time speaking the word of God and preaching. He then commands Simon Peter to do something seemingly illogical but is clearly a command to evangelise even when it seems pointless and difficult. These seem to be the same priorities as our Bishop. Peter is overcome by the result. Peter realises who Jesus is and is filled with fear and unworthiness (like Isaiah). He knows that Jesus can see into his heart and can see all the hidden things he is ashamed of. Jesus doesn't

see what Peter wants Him to see. Whatever we portray for others to see, the truth is often very different. But there is no need to be afraid. Jesus still sends Peter, Isaiah, you and me to be His instruments and disciples. Simply doing what Jesus says, bears fruit. May God bless you all and with my prayer for you. Fr Graham

This weekend there will be a second collection for the Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund which enables financial support to be given to those who need it in order for them to take part in the pilgrimage.

Our Lady of Lourdes (11 February)
Monday is the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. Thank you to all who have prayed the novena. You can start anytime. Please pray for all those whose anniversary of Ordination is on this feast.

PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Mary, you showed yourself to Bernadette in the crevice of the rock.

In the cold and grey of winter,
you brought the warmth, light and beauty of your presence,

In the often obscure depths of our lives,
in the depth of the world where evil is so powerful, bring hope, return our confidence!

You are the Immaculate Conception,
come to our aid, sinners that we are.
Give us the humility to have a change of heart, the courage to do penance.

Teach us to pray for all people.

Guide us to the source of true life.

Make us pilgrims going forward with your Church,

wet our appetite for the Eucharist,
the bread for the journey, the bread of life.

The Spirit brought about wonders in you, O Mary: by his power, he has placed you near the Father, in the glory of your eternal Son. Look with kindness on our miserable bodies and hearts.

Shine forth for us, like a gentle light,
at the hour of our death.

Together with Bernadette, we pray to you,
O Mary, as your poor children.

May we enter, like her, into the spirit of the Beatitudes.

Then, we will be able, here below,
begin to know the joy of the Kingdom of Heaven and sing together with you :
Magnificat! Glory to you, Virgin Mary,
blessed servant of the Lord,
Mother of God, dwelling place of the Holy Spirit! Amen.

To celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the signing of the local unity covenant in Steyning, there will be a celebration at CTK on 28th February at 7pm, followed by refreshments in the Cuthman Room. All welcome.

Please
Pray for
our
deanery
clergy
meeting
on
Tuesday.

Parish Visitation – Thank you! I hope you enjoyed Bishop Richard's pastoral visitation to our parish last weekend and that you had a chance to speak to him. There were lots of opportunities to meet him. I think he enjoyed his visit. We look forward to reading his reflections in his report! There have already been some comments and ideas that have sprung from his time with us. He is encouraging us to have a Pastoral Mission Council. We have been planning such a group for some time and he said we were right in not rushing. It is good to get his support. Thank you to everyone who helped organise the various events, meetings and hospitality and to all who took part. I personally felt very encouraged and supported by our apostolic shepherd.

Peter Ransom – Thank you. It was lovely to be able to say thank you to Peter for all the work, skill, expertise and time that he has given to our parish (especially at St Peter's) over many years in regards the maintenance and building clerk of works. We were able to present him with a gift of a Foundation Mass for him every year for the next 25 years – for his intentions. His offering joined with Christ's offering. It was especially appropriate that Bishop Richard was able to present him with our gift.

Welcome to Arthur Nolan who is to be baptised at SP on Sunday. May he be filled with the Holy Spirit. Please pray for his family especially his parents Joseph and Chloe.

Congratulations to Rebecca Evans and Aaron Teague who will be married at SP on Friday. May God bless them and their families and Mary, our heavenly Mother, pray for them. Please can you pray for them too.

33 Days to Merciful Love (7 March – 11 April)
After the parish and group consecrations to Jesus through Mary last year, we have an opportunity to pray a consecration to Divine Mercy. There is no DVD only a book written by Fr Michael Gaitley MIC. 33 Days to Merciful Love journeys with one of the most beloved saints of modern times, St. Thérèse of Lisieux, and concludes with a consecration to Divine Mercy. The retreat will begin on Thursday 7 March (day after Ash Wednesday) and consecration day will be on Thursday 11 April, in time for the Divine Mercy Novena starting on Good Friday. It follows a familiar format with daily readings and reflection. You do not have to have completed any other consecration beforehand and so anyone is welcome to join in. Those who want to can join us on the Thursdays during the retreat at 7.30pm and after the Divine Mercy chaplet we will have a short time of discussion about the retreat. If you would like to find out more then please look at the hearts afire website <https://www.allheartsafire.org/stage-3/33-days-to-merciful-love-group-retreat.html> . Please add your name to the list so we can order enough books.

Pray with the Heart
Starting Lent 2019
Pray with the Heart is a new course for the Worthing Deanery, designed to help us grow in our relationship with God through the gift of prayer. Each Monday evening through Lent (starting Monday March 11th) at St. Michael's. See poster in the porch.

Lunch Club Thursday
14th February: Why not join us at our next Lunch Club? It's an opportunity to come and spend a couple of hours socialising. Not limited to parishioners, why not consider bringing a friend along? All are welcome. We meet at 12 noon (in SP Hall) for fish and chips, dessert and tea/coffee. £5.50 per person. A lovely chance for a sit down and a chat.

Shoreham Foodbank has a serious shortage of the following: rice; longlife milk; instant coffee; instant mash; tinned spaghetti; biscuits. Donations can be left in SP porch. Thank you.

Day of Recollection for Ministers of Word and Holy Communion: 16th March at TT. See poster in porch

Covenant with the Poor: Since 2017, the impacts of the political and economic crisis in Venezuela have intensified resulting in increased violence and poverty. Men, women and children are being forced to walk the 200-kilometre road across the border into the Brazil in search of food, medicines, and shelter for their families.

From the Youth SVP: The youth SVP went to visit the friars in Caning Town, London. We met some of the friars and people who volunteer there. Then we helped to give presents to the people who came for their Christmas dinner. After that we gave the donations to the friary and they thanked us and everyone who contributed in anyway. Thank you to all the parishioners who gave us donations, bought our cakes and sent us best wishes for our fundraising and trip to London, we raised £90 which paid for our train tickets and items to donate to the homeless.

Pentecost Family Day: Sunday 9th June at Womersley with Bishop Richard from 1pm. In order to assist with catering please contact Katherine Bergin at katherine.bergin@dabnet.org 01293 651152

New Kneelers at SP: As you will have noticed we have lovely new kneelers which we'd like to try and keep in good condition. Please use them only for kneeling and try to avoid walking, standing or resting your feet on them. Dirt, grit etc on shoes will scrape the fabric and shorten their life – it will also transfer dirt to clothing when people kneel. Thank you for your co-operation.

We have had the following kind offer from Patsy: "Lifts to Church (SP, CTK, TT). It is a wonderful thing to be able to be able to come to mass, therefore if you could give a fellow parishioner a lift to mass at the weekend, or if you need a lift to mass, please contact Patsy Daniels on patsydaniels@gmail.com or 01273 973803 or 0790 567 3555. Thank you."

Worthing Churches Homeless Project have changed their name to Turning Tides. They are still a community led homelessness organisation that puts clients and local people at the heart of their mission to end homelessness. See www.turning-tides.ork.uk for more details.

If you would like a Mass celebrated for a certain intention, please complete a form to be found in the porch and pop it in an envelope with the stipend (originally meant to keep the priest for a day but the average is £10 – sometimes more, sometimes less) and get it to the office. Please give as much notice as possible as Sunday Masses get booked up quickly.

Handmade cards, including First Holy Communion and Confirmation are available in SP porch. 50% of sales will go to The Friends of Worthing Hospital.

Children at Mass: There are Mass books in the porch and leaflets on the small table as you come in to the church at SP to help children during the Mass.

Prayer for our Diocese:

Lord, the Word who is life. May all the people in our diocese grow in openness to the power of the Holy Spirit, so that through a growth in understanding and courage, and truly open to your call, we may bear powerful witness to all around us, for you are Lord for ever and ever,
Amen.

