

WEEK BEGINNING 2nd December 2018

Our Lady Queen of Peace, Adur Valley

ST PETER, SHOREHAM (SP); CHRIST THE KING, STEYNING (CTK); THE TOWERS, UPPER BEEDING (TT)

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Sunday 2 nd December: First Sunday of Advent				<u>Rosary:</u> Tues: 9.30am CTK Thurs: 10am SP Sat 12noon SP	
Sat	5.30pm	TT	Mass	For all Parishioners	
Sun	8.30am	SP	Morning Prayer		
	9am	SP	Mass	Nancy Finnegan RIP	
	11am	CTK	Mass	Pope Francis, clergy & new vocations	
	5.30pm	SP	Benediction		
	6pm	SP	Mass	Barbara Sullivan RIP	
Mon	Mem: St. Francis Xavier				
3 rd	9am	SP	Adoration		
	9.30am	SP	Mass	Barbara Adams RIP	
	11am	TT	Requiem: Josie Cook RIP		
Tues	9.30am	CTK	Rosary		
	10am	CTK	Mass	Celebrant's Intention	
	...then	CTK	Confessions and Adoration until 11am		
	5.30pm	TT	Mass		
Wed	7.15am	TT	Mass with Morning Prayer		
	9.30am	SP	Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion		
	4.15pm	CTK	Lectio Divina		
Thur	9am	SP	Adoration		
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	...then	SP	Rosary & Confessions		
	4.30pm	TT	Mass		
	7.30pm	SP	Adoration, Confessions & Lectio Divina		
	8pm	SP	Divine Mercy Chaplet		
Fri	Mem: St. Ambrose				
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	Sol: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary				
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Sat	10am	SP	Mass & Prayers of Consecration		
	Sunday 9 th December: Second Sunday of Advent				
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Sun	8.30am	SP	Morning Prayer		
	9am	SP	Mass	Leslie Beevers RIP	
	11am	CTK	Mass	Martin & Thomas Whelan RIP	
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and to watch for His return in glory. We must ensure that our hearts do not get "coarsened" or encrusted with layers of sin or complacency. The love of God must purify our souls. So we can spend this time well and pray for the softening power of the Holy Spirit to fall on us "like the dewfall" and make us holy. With my prayer for each of you. God bless you. Fr Graham

Does God heal today? Sunday 9 December 7pm at SP Hall: A Q&A Forum on healing and a chance to reflect upon the Healing Service celebrated by Fr Claudio in October. Please come with a reflection on the fruits of the healing service and any answers to prayer you may have received as well as questions for Fr Graham to answer about the healing ministry. All welcome. Blessing of Holy Water, Salt and Oil will take place after the Q&A on Sunday evening (9 Dec). Please bring your water, salt and olive oil to be blessed.

Advent begins this weekend and there are booklets available in the porch to help you with daily readings and Psalms. A children's version is also available with activities and the Christmas Story. If you'd like to make a donation, it can go in the "newspapers" slot.

The Traidcraft stall will be open in St. Peter's hall after both Masses on Sunday 2nd December. There will also be a stall in the Cuthman room after Mass at CTK on Sunday 9th December. The stall is well stocked with charity Christmas cards tree decorations and novelties. There are unusual handmade goods from small producers who need our help as well as the usual chocolates, sweets and other grocery items. Please support the stalls and help people who are trading their way out of poverty. Thank you.

Enquirers group: The next meeting is TODAY, 7pm in SP. All welcome.

Please pray for Josie Cook RIP who died recently. Her requiem is on Monday 3rd December at 11am at the Towers Convent Chapel. Please pray too for Tony Clarke, Mary's husband, who died this week. May they rest in peace.

School Christmas Fairs: 7th Dec from 3 – 5pm (SP), 2 – 4pm (TT). All welcome

There is a J&P meeting Tuesday at 7.30pm, 23 Rosslyn Road. New members are welcome

Eucharistic Adoration in Advent: There will be the opportunity for Adoration each Thursday during Advent between 10am and 8pm, but we need at least four people to be in the church at any one time. Please sign the list in the porch if you can commit to an hour or more.

Deanery Meeting and Lunch Tuesday 11 Dec 11am – we are hosting the Deanery Clergy Christmas Lunch and need cooks and helpers. There is a sign-up list in the porch.

Advent Group at TT: Praying Advent with Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation, The Joy of the Gospel. Monday Evenings: 7 - 8pm. Please let the Sisters know if you would like to join this group.

SMALL PRAYER GROUP: We meet together for informal prayer, intercessions, discussion (based on forthcoming Sunday readings) and fellowship on Tuesdays at 2.30pm in Small Dole. Why not come along through Advent even if you can't make any other time. Tea and biscuits afterwards. Ring Sally on 01273 491412 for further details.

On Friday 7th December, the Vigil of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this Country. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed, and it really does save lives. www.GoodCounselNetwork.com For information on the days of Prayer and Fasting see: <http://www.goodcounselnet.co.uk/Prayer-and-Fasting-Days.html>

SP Church Cleaners: After many years on the rota, some of our cleaners would like to retire! We therefore need some new volunteers to clean the church 3 times a year at a time to suit you – all materials are provided. Please call the office on 01273 452654 to offer your services. Thank you.

TODAY (Sun) Darkness to Light Advent Carol Service: St. Andrew's & St. Cuthman Church, Steyning, 6.30pm. Mulled wine and mince pies will be served afterwards in the Grammar School Boarding House.

Consecration to Jesus through Mary – Consecration Day on Saturday
Many parishioners have been following the 33 day consecration retreat booklet. We have been brought closer to Jesus reaffirming our baptism and being guided by St Louis de Montfort, St Maximillian Kolbe, St Mother Teresa & St John Paul II into a deeper entrustment to the one who knows Jesus better than anyone – Mary. Jesus entrusted Himself to Mary and she is His first disciple and our mother. We thank God for all God has done in us in these last days and I invite ALL those who have been following this prayer to come to Mass on Saturday morning at SP to make or renew their consecration. All are welcome to share in this. "Let there be revealed, once more, in the history of the world the infinite saving power of the redemption: the power of Merciful Love! May it put a stop to evil! May it transform consciences! May your Immaculate Heart reveal for all the Light of Hope!" – St John Paul II (from his prayer of consecration)

Thank you to Ann and all who helped in any way with our Christmas Fair last weekend. The sum raised for church funds was £1230 and good fun was had by all!

We are thinking of doing a Christmas Lunch in the week after Christmas, for those who we know who are on their own. If you, or anyone you know would like to attend, please call George on 07714640297 and we will decide if there is enough demand.

Fr David Goddard, parish priest of Our Lady of Consolation and St Francis, West Grinstead died on Friday 23 November. Please pray for the repose of his soul and the consolation of wife and children. May he rest in peace.

CTK Offertory Counters: We need some volunteers to go on the rota to count the offertory after mass on a Sunday. Some of our long-term counters have asked to come off the rota and replacements are needed. It is about 4 times a year. Please call the office if you can help.

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 participate in the Mass.

Children from year 2 up are invited to join the children's mass rota. Children can help with welcoming, collections, offertory, reading and singing in the choir. This is a wonderful opportunity for children to be fully involved in the mass. We give the children their own copy of the reading or psalm and plenty of time to practice. Either Olive or George will be available to run through readings with the children and show them what to do for collections and offertory. If your child would like to find out more please contact the office or George and Olive directly: georgina_carter@sky.com

UPDATED.....Shoreham Foodbank have asked for the following items please (there is a box in the porch at SP): long life fruit juice, squash, shower gel, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste/ brushes, toilet rolls, cereal, instant mash, jelly, long life dessert pots etc.

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."

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.

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.

Fully escorted St Patrick's Weekend Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 16th March 2019. £599.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight with 10kg hand luggage, all taxes, luxury transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full Irish Breakfast each morning and 4 Course Dinner each evening. All entertainment, excursions and guided tours included. Wheelchair accessible rooms in the hotel. Limited single rooms at supplement of £100. Groups and Individual bookings welcome. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

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

Covenant with the Poor: