

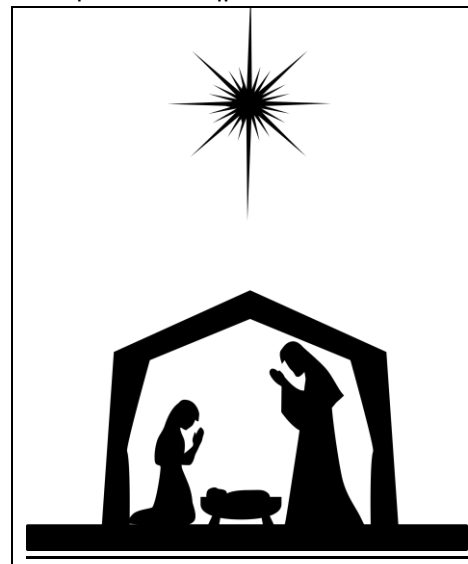
WEEK BEGINNING 23rd December 2018

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 23 rd December: Fourth Sunday of Advent			Int.
Sat	5.30pm	TT	Mass René & Marie-Emilia Labelle RIP
Sun	8.30am	SP	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
	9am	SP	Mass For all Parishioners
	11am	CTK	Mass Tony Clarke RIP
	5.30pm	SP	<i>Benediction</i>
	6pm	SP	Mass Celebrant's Intention
Mon 24 th	8am	TT	Mass with Morning Prayer
	9am	SP	<i>Adoration</i>
	9.30am	SP	Mass Celebrant's intention
Mon	Sol: The Nativity of the Lord, Christmas Day		
Tues 25 th	6pm	SP	Vigil Mass of the Nativity Bunty Brooks RIP
	9pm	TT	Mass (carols and readings from 8.30pm)
	Midnight	SP	Mass Holy Souls
	9am	SP	Mass For all Parishioners
	11am	CTK	Mass For all Parishioners
Wed 26 th	Feast: St. Stephen		
	10am	TT	Mass with Morning Prayer
Thur 27 th	Feast: St. John		
	4.30pm	TT	Mass
Fri 28 th	Feast: The Holy Innocents		
	5.30pm	TT	Mass with Morning Prayer
Sat 29 th	Feast: St. Thomas Becket		
	8.15am	TT	Mass with Morning Prayer
Sunday 30 th December: Feast: The Holy Family			
Sat	5.30pm	TT	Mass Intentions of Peggy Barnes
Sun	8.30am	SP	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
	9am	SP	Mass Wellbeing of Barbara Wilder
	11am	CTK	Mass Tony Clarke RIP
	5.30pm	SP	<i>Benediction</i>
	6pm	SP	Mass For all Parishioners



Christmas Mass Times:

Christmas Eve SP 6pm

Christmas Eve TT 9pm

Midnight SP

Christmas Day SP 9am

Christmas Day CTK 11am



Confessions 5.30pm TT Saturdays

God is very patient. He waits for thousands of years to become flesh amongst us. He waits for just the right time and person to carry His Son. Once Mary had received the "Good News" at the visit from the Archangel Gabriel, she allowed God to take the substance of her flesh, she shared it and she allowed the reality of the news to take flesh in her mind too. Her heart and soul was filled with God's presence. This joy overflowed in her and she immediately went to share this news with her cousin Elizabeth. Many people need to hear the same news today. The shepherds were told by the angel "I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared with the whole people". A joy to be shared. We cannot keep this to ourselves. "Today" a saviour has been born to us. There are many mentors, politicians, leaders, celebrities and even powerful men and women who might proclaim a plan or secret for individual and world peace and happiness. But, there is only ONE Saviour and He is Christ the Lord. May not only His message and method, but He Himself take flesh in us that we might share His joy. With my prayer for you for a joyful and blessed Christmas. God bless you.
 Fr Graham

A Happy and Blessed Christmas to all our parishioners and visitors.

Thank you for your prayers, gifts and generosity to us all.

With the assurance of our prayers for you and your intentions.

Fr Graham, Fr Tony and the Sisters

Any children wanting to join in the nativity scene on Christmas Eve will need to be at the hall between 5-5.30 so we can have a run through.

Parishioners are invited to do one Christmas card to all and pin it on the left hand notice board. Then donate the money saved to Turning Tides (new name for Worthing Churches Homeless Projects). Please put your donation in an envelope marked Turning Tides Homeless in the collection plate, or at SP, give to Anne Doyle..

Crib Offerings 2018: This Christmas our Crib Offering will be donated to the Catholic Children's Society A&B Crisis Fund. This fund provides emergency grants for children and families in our Diocese who are facing a crisis in their lives. Every single penny donated to the Crib will be given out via these grants.

Enquirers Group next meeting
Sunday 6 Jan 2019 at 7pm SP

We are doing a Christmas Lunch on 27th December at 1pm, for those who we know who are on their own. If you, or anyone you know would like to attend, please call George on 07714640197. If anyone has any leftovers/ extras (cold cuts, sausage rolls, crackers, any festive leftovers) they would like to donate to the Christmas buffet lunch, please could they bring them to the hall on the morning of the 27th. George will be at the hall from 11am, any volunteers who would like to help, and join the lunch, can come to the hall from 11.30/12pm.

Bl. Peter Vigne Associates – Afternoon of Prayer – 2pm – 4.30pm on Saturday 5th January at TT – All are welcome!

Thank you to all who have made Advent special this year. For those who have prayed, adored Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, confessed, consecrated, served Christ in those in need, baked or allowed Christ to be formed in them or others. A special thanks to all who have prepared for the spiritual, practical and liturgical celebration of Christmas this coming week. May God be glorified in all that we do. A parish takes many people to, not only, carry on but to grow. Thank you. please consider getting involved. You have something to offer!

Golden Circle: Congratulations to Mary Cowin, Dee Gavin, Mo Challen and Frank Turner who have won £200, £50, £25 and £100 (Christmas Bonus) respectively in the Christmas Golden Circle Draw. Entry costs £13 per year and there are two draws a year. If you'd like to join, please call the office.

Please take a look at the Greetings card campaign display in the hall porch and stop to write a card of support to people suffering rights abuses at this time. Please leave the card in the box for posting or take some information and post a card yourself. Thank you.

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.

We have recently sent £500 to Turning Tides (WCHP) and to the Shoreham Foodbank to help those less fortunate than ourselves. Please remember them in your prayers.

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.

Parish Visitation! Put the dates in your diaries. Bishop Richard will be giving us a formal visitation on the weekend of 2nd and 3rd of February 2019. It is an opportunity for him to see and experience the whole of our parish, to celebrate the Sunday Masses, meet with key groups and visit some parishioners. It is not just an inspection. He is our apostolic shepherd – our Bishop and so we look forward to spending time with him. All are welcome to share in this.

The recent Poetry and Music evening in honour of St Cecilia was a great success. Many thanks to everyone from the parish who supported it! Our next venture will be the annual Burns Night held at The Towers. Tickets are already selling for this so please be quick if you would like one. The event is booked for Saturday 26th January 2019, and profits will go to AMAZE, a dedicated charity who assist families with children with learning disabilities with funding. Please put this event into your diary, and if you would like to reserve a ticket, the contacts are

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.

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.

Covenant with the Poor: Water is a basic need yet every minute a new-born baby dies from diseases linked to unsafe water.



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

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.

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.