

Week beginning 24th March 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 24 th March: Third Sunday of Lent				Int.
Sat	5.30pm	TT	Mass	For all Parishioners
Sun	8.30am	SP	Morning Prayer	
	9am	SP	Mass	Ray Brooks RIP
	9am	TT	Adoration until 12.30pm	
	11am	CTK	Mass	Holy Souls
	4pm	SP	Stations of the Cross	
	5.30pm	SP	Benediction	
	6pm	SP	Mass	Edward Devitt & James Hayden RIP
Mon	Solemnity: The Annunciation of the Lord			
25 th	7.15am	TT	Mass with Morning Prayer	
	9am	SP	Adoration	
	9.30am	SP	Mass	Intentions of Sr. Patricia
Tues	9.30am	CTK	Stations of the Cross	
	10am	CTK	Mass	Good health of Hany Ahmed
	...then	CTK	Rosary, Confessions & Adoration until 11am	
	11.45am	TT	Adoration until 1.45pm	
	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	
	9.30am	SP	Mass	Pamela & Herman Cunningham RIP
	10am	SP	Lenten Holy Hour (Adoration) & Rosary	
	4.30pm	TT	Mass	
	7.30pm	SP	Lectio and Adoration (Confessions)	
Fri	8pm	SP	Divine Mercy Chaplet	
	7.15am	TT	Mass with Morning Prayer	
	9am	SP	Stations of the Cross	
	9.30am	SP	Mass	Wellbeing of Daniel & Gladys Labelle
	...then	SP	Divine Mercy Chaplet & Confessions	
Sat	6pm	TT	Stations of the Cross and Evening Prayer	
	8.15am	TT	Mass with Morning Prayer	
Sunday 31 st March: Fourth "Lætare" Sunday of Lent				
Sat	5.30pm	TT	Mass	Claire Hartley RIP
Sun	8.30am	SP	Morning Prayer	
	9am	SP	Mass	Intentions of Ana Whittaker
	9am	TT	Adoration until 12.30pm	
	11am	CTK	Mass	For all Parishioners
	4pm		Stations of the Cross at St. Mary's, Shoreham	
	5.30pm	SP	Benediction	
	6pm	SP	Mass	Barbara Sullivan RIP

Rosary: Tues 10.30am CTK;
Thurs 10am SP

Confessions (as below or by appointment)
Sat 5pm TT, Tues 10.30am CTK;
Fri 10am SP

This Week:
Today: Second Coll SVP Sudan Appeal
Mon: Secret Singers SP 10am; SVP
Tues: Toddler group SP 9.30am; 1st HC
Parents meeting
Thurs: 33 Days group reflection 8.15pm
Fri: SP Choir practice
Sat: 1st HC Group
Sun: Second collection for CAFOD -
Urgent Appeal: Cyclone Idai;
SP Gift Aid Appeal

Stations of the Cross
Sun 4pm; Tue 9.30am CTK; Fri 10am SP
& 6pm TT

Why was Moses chosen to be the one to lead the people of God out of slavery in Egypt? Was he holier or better than anyone else? No. Yet he received a revelation and experienced God. He was chosen. Jesus puts it another way. When bad things happen to people, are they any worse sinners than us? No. Good things happening to good people and bad things happening to bad people! Not so, says Jesus! A phrase from our 33-day retreat struck me this week: "**God doesn't love us because we are so good, but because He's so good, He loves us not because we deserve it but because we desperately need it**". This isn't the first time I have thought or read this, but it was one of those "burning bush" moments when God spoke to me.

Furthermore, as He said to Moses "I am well aware of (your) sufferings". He has come to deliver us from our "slave drivers" and all that binds us to set us free to love Him. Not because we are so good but because of who He is (I AM). He is love. Trust in His compassion and love. May God bless you all. Fr Graham

Lent: There are still some Lenten leaflets in the porch and, free on line, a daily retreat <https://praymoreretreat.org/> as well as plenty of opportunity for Stations of the Cross, Holy Hour, Confessions and Adoration each week.

This weekend: There will be a second collection on Sunday 24th March in aid of the SVP Twinnage Sudan Appeal. This is an ongoing crisis and millions of people have been killed and displaced. Members of the SVP will be on hand at St. Peter's together with leaflets at both SP and CTK for further information about the situation on the ground and how the SVP helps.

March 24th: There will be a short walk up the river to Bramber and back to commemorate St Oscar Romero and the Romero walks (we did them for 20 years). After 9am Mass -- weather permitting. More info -- contact ashley.ralston@ntlworld.com.

Weekly boxed set of envelopes (numbered 1 to 60) for the new tax year are available for collection in SP porch arranged in alphabetical order. Please collect on your way out.

New Database: The Diocese has introduced a new database which will be GDPR compliant. The glitches have now been ironed out by the Diocese! Our old database will become obsolete. Please complete here: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/AdurParish>. If you are unable to complete this online, paper copies are available (but please do it online if you can as it will be uploaded automatically. Paper copies will have to be input manually). Thank you for your help.

Hosanna! A Cantata for Holy Week. Come and relive the events of Holy Week as we are led by HAND IN HAND. Saturday 13th April 2.30pm at St. Wilfrid's Parish Hall. Station Road Burgess Hill. RH15 9EN. Audience participation welcomed!

March for Life UK - Saturday 11 May 2019, London: The day will start at 9.30am-1.30pm with an indoor festival called LifeFest19 which takes place this year over two venues. For more information and to book your tickets for the morning events, please visit www.marchforlife.co.uk.

Please pray for Fr Charles Jeffries RIP whose Vigil Requiem Mass is at Our Lady of Lourdes, Rottingdean on Monday at 7pm

CAFOD Emergency Appeal:

We don't yet know how many people have been killed by the powerful cyclone that has hit southern Africa, but the number is likely to be in the hundreds - maybe higher. We do know that those who survived are in desperate need of your help. We are in a race against time to provide emergency shelter, clean water and food to people who have lost loved ones, homes and livelihoods. Thank you to everyone who has recently given to our Lent Appeal. We are appealing again so soon because of the urgency and scale of this disaster - an estimated 2.6 million people are in need of vital humanitarian aid to survive the coming days and weeks. If you are able to give again, every donation will help bring hope and dignity to ordinary people facing a terrible situation. We will have a second collection next weekend.

Please Pray for the repose of the soul of Peter Bloomfield RIP and for his family especially Luise. His requiem will be on Friday 5th April at 12noon in St. Peter's. May he rest in peace.

The Spring Clean at Christ the King will take place on Friday 29th March from 10am and more volunteers are needed. Please join us and help make the church especially clean for the Easter celebrations. Refreshments & cleaning materials will be provided, but bring your own rubber gloves.

Lenten Alms: there is a wall box above the papers marked for your Lenten Alms at SP.

Our Spring Fair is on 12th May and we'd like lots of plants to sell. If you are planting any seeds in the near future, please do a few extra for the Spring Fair! Thanks you.

Administrative Assistant Property Team: The Diocese of Arundel and Brighton wish to recruit a permanent full time Administrative Assistant for the Property Team within the Diocese. Based at Bishop's House in Hove reporting to the Buildings Officer, with a primary focus on monitoring and supporting health and safety compliance in the Diocese and parishes. The Administrative Assistant will also take responsibility for maintaining and developing the property database. Closing date is Monday 1 April 2019 by 5pm. Interviews week of closing date. All application forms to be returned to Bishop's House, The Upper Drive, Hove BN3 6NB or coo@abdiocese.org.uk for the attention of Sarah Kilmartin, Chief Operating Officer.

Project Officer for Marriage and Family Life: The Diocese of Arundel and Brighton wish to recruit a permanent part time project officer to the Marriage and Family Life Ministry within the Diocese. Based at the St Philip Howard Centre in Crawley reporting to the current adviser, the successful applicant would work with the Commission in delivering both specific projects and in supporting the ongoing work of the Formation Team. This is an exciting opportunity for someone who has a heart for working with families in developing faith and supporting couples through all stages of married life. Closing date is Monday 29 April 2019 by 5pm. Interview early May. All application forms to be returned to Bishop's House, The Upper Drive, Hove BN3 6NB or coo@abdiocese.org.uk for the attention of Sarah Kilmartin, Chief Operating Officer.

The Knights of St Columba Worthing are having a Race Knight on 11th May at English Martyrs Barn in Goring from 7pm. For more information contact david.wynndavies@yahoo.co.uk.

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

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.

Parish Art Group: Is anyone interested in an informal art group? Being fairly new to the parish I am missing my painting friends and would be happy to host a small group who would enjoy being creative in any way and having a chat. For further details contact Julie Bull 01273 461409.

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.

Annual Ecumenical Walking Pilgrimage: 'Saint Hilda's Pilgrimage' : 10th – 25th August. Lincoln to Whitby. Full details and booking form now at the www.pilgrims.org.uk

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."

This Easter weekend, there will be a retreat for young adults at Worth Abbey Benedictine Monastery, celebrating the Passion and Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The monastic community at Worth Abbey and the members of The Wellspring Community invite you to join us for this great Feast! To Book, please contact The Open Cloister at Worth Abbey (TOC@worthabbey.net) for a booking form. If you have any questions, do drop us an email youngadults@wellspringbrighton.org.uk. We look forward to seeing you there!

Your choir needs you! We would like to invite you to join SP choir - singers and instrumentalists of all ages welcome. If you are interested in taking a more active part in the liturgy please speak to any choir member after 9am mass or, if you give your details to Claire in the Office, Paul or Helena will contact you and give you further details about the choir. We are particularly looking for younger musicians. An ability to read music is not essential - enthusiasm is!! We look forward to hearing from 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 and please be aware that booked mass dates can be subject to change.

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.

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.

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

Catholic People's Weeks have been offering faith-filled, fun and reflective holidays for Catholics and their families for nearly 75 years. The UK-based holidays range from 2 – 7 nights and are fully inclusive. See the notice board, look at catholicpeoplesweeks.org or speak to Joan Cater at SP or James Welch at CTK.