

ST DUNSTAN'S CHURCH WOKING NEWSLETTER



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July 18th 2021

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to St Dunstan's School - the first school in Arundel and Brighton to gain the CAFOD *livesimply* award. The award is given to communities who can show that they have been living simply, in solidarity with people in poverty, and sustainably with creation. A great achievement!

COVID-19 ROUTE MAP: STEP 4 GUIDANCE

Last night (Thursday) we received updated guidance and recommendations from the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales as to how to proceed in celebrating Mass and other Sacraments in the Church from Monday 19th July onwards.

We will be meeting during next week to go through the guidance carefully and to decide how the recommendations will be put into place here at St Dunstan's. For now, we will simply say that from the weekend of 24th/25th July there will no longer be any need to book to come to Sunday Mass and most social distancing measures will be removed. However, we will still be asking people to sanitise their hands and wear masks at all times. We will reserve one area of the church where 'social distancing' will remain for those who are particularly vulnerable.

During next week we will send out an extra email setting out our response to the recommendations so that you will all know what to expect by the following weekend. If you have any questions about any of this please wait until after you receive the details when, hopefully, they will be answered.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

This Saturday 17th July and next Saturday, 24th July, we will again be celebrating First Holy Communion Masses at 10.00 am and 12.00 noon. There will be no Morning Prayer, Adoration or Rosary on these dates.

WORD ON FIRE: THE MASS

From the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 25th July, to the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B (the year during which we hear the Gospel of Mark on Sundays) we have 4 Sundays where the Gospel is not taken from Mark but from Chapter 6 of the Gospel of John. (It should have been 5 weeks, but the fourth week, 15th August, is The Assumption). This passage is known as the 'Bread of Life Discourse'. Here Jesus presents his teaching on the Eucharist, the Bread of Life, and the way to eternal life. During these weeks we are giving you the opportunity to sign up for 'The Mass' – an inspiring series of short films and commentaries about The Mass by Bishop Robert Barron. If you would like to sign up and automatically receive the talks to your email every few days during this time, please email the parish office – woking@abdiocese.org.uk. They are also available in Spanish if you prefer. Do consider taking this opportunity to reflect at home on the Sunday Gospel readings while following the course and learning more about the Mass.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE
SOUL OF

Mary Andrew RIP.

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord,
May she rest in peace.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK
especially for ***those whose names are on
our prayer board.***

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Weekday Lectionary Cycle Year 1, Week 16; Sunday Lectionary Cycle Year B

Saturday 17th July Weekday

10.00 am *Jean Sylvester RIP*

No Morning Prayer, Rosary or Adoration

12 noon *Rev B Sullivan*

6.00 pm *Boniface Tiendrebeogo RIP*

7.45 pm Mass in Portuguese

Sunday 18th July Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00 am *Thanksgiving Mass for son's marriage*

10.30 am *Patrick Emerson RIP*

12 noon Mass in Italian

5.30 pm *All Parishioners*

Monday 19th July Weekday

10.00 am *Davidson, Emmanuel and Blessy Wilson, in thanksgiving*

Rosary and Adoration until 2.00 pm

Tuesday 20th July Weekday

10.00 am *Ismael Diaz Gonzalez RIP*

Rosary and Adoration

1.30 pm Funeral Service for Kathleen Garner RIP

Wednesday 21st July Weekday

St Dunstan's School end of term Mass

10.00 am *Christine Gosney RIP*

Rosary and Adoration

Thursday 22nd July St Mary Magdalene

10.00 am *Kevin Flaherty RIP*

Rosary and Adoration

Friday 23rd July St Bridget of Sweden, Patron of Europe, Feast

10.00 am *John Strong RIP*

Rosary and Adoration

Saturday 24th July Weekday

10.00 am *Lucy Mariana Doherty*

No Morning Prayer, Rosary or Adoration

12 noon *SVP Special Intention*

6.00 pm *All Parishioners*

7.45 pm Mass in Portuguese

Sunday 25th July Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time *World Day for Grandparents*

9.00 am *Bill Goodman RIP*

10.30 am *Deryck Mitchell*

12 noon Mass in Italian

5.30 pm *George Flynn RIP*

All services will be Live Streamed at st-dunstans.org/streaming

Sacrament of Reconciliation

By appointment only.

Online Prayer Petitions - Click on the 'Submit Online Petition' link on the website. Thank you.

COVID-19 Indulgence: press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2020/03/20/200320c.html

READINGS FOR JULY 18th 2021 - SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Jeremiah 23:1-6. Strong words of warning today to those charged with shepherding God's people! Speaking in God's name, Jeremiah's words were first addressed to those whose poor shepherding resulted in foreign armies invading Israel and forcing God's people into exile. The remedy to this result is God's promise that he will shepherd his people himself. He will send the one who will save his flock and be the model for all who are called to be shepherds.

Psalms 22. The Lord is my shepherd: there is nothing I shall want.

Ephesians 2:13-18. Paul, writing to the Christian community in the Greek city of Ephesus, is emphasising that in Jesus Christ there is no longer a distinction between believers based on their background. Those born Jews and those born pagan are being formed into one community in Christ. He is the peace between all, for he has shed his blood for all.

Mark 6: 30-34. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, is full of compassion - for the sheep of his flock and for their shepherds. The apostles, returned from mission, need rest. The crowds, who flock to Jesus, need his shepherding and his guidance.

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Readings for next Sunday: 2 Kings 4:42-44; Psalm 144:10-11, 15-18; Ephesians 4:1-6; John 6:1-15.

CHILDREN

Introduction Jesus wanted His disciples to have time alone with God in order to be refreshed after their successful journeys spent preaching and healing. When the following crowds made that impossible, Jesus showed us the importance of continuing to help others, even if it means changing our plans.



Reflection Sunday is set aside as a day of rest for a very important reason – we all need to spend time alone with God regularly. This is what prepares us and gives us the strength to be a friend of Jesus, when we are busy with other people. Do you spend enough peaceful time alone, looking at Bible stories and praying?

Jesus saw how His disciples needed time in a quiet place - to rest and pray - when they came back from preaching the Good News in the journeys that we learned about last week. Yet the people were giving the disciples no time to themselves, not even to eat. When the crowds saw the deserted place that Jesus and His disciples were heading towards in their boat, they beat them to it on foot. The lonely place that Jesus had planned for His disciples' rest was now full of waiting hordes! Far from being irritated and sending the people away, Jesus was moved to the very core of His being - to Him they looked like sheep completely lost and left to die. That is why Jesus, the Good Shepherd, took pity on them and preached for a long time. We too need to be ready to help when others are in need of love and attention, even if it means altering our existing plans. Have there been times when you have had to give up resting, because of the needs of someone else? Perhaps you could not play your favourite video game, because you had to include a younger brother or sister. Well done if you have, but remember also to make time to rest with God.

Activity The following cafod.org.uk/content/download/25316/181917/version/5/Prayer_childrens-liturgy_16th-Sunday-Ordinary-Time-B-illustration.pdf is a link to the colouring sheet shown, in which an older brother gives up relaxing with a book in order to amuse his younger brother. Alternatively, you could draw your own picture of you helping another person or else praying alone.

Closing prayer

Dear Jesus,
Thank you for being our Good Shepherd
And never abandoning us.
May we always spend time with You,
So that we will be ready to help other people.
Amen



FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS

Please pray for those who will be celebrating their First Holy Communion this weekend: Ciara Smith, Poppy Irving, Fernando Acuna Anscomb, Jan Rygielski, Finn Hourican, Seweryn Bordewicz, Freddie Aldington-Smyth, Anysha Smith, Kimonas Ocharan Bennett, Rory Czepukojc, Eleanor O'Brien, Oliver Ekkel, Theo De Paula Dens, Leo Butler, Teresa Scholze, Alexandra Lee, Gabriella Lee, Joanna Rajan, Philip Gunasekera, Neha Jacob, Ruben Jinto Jose, William McDonnell, Evana Dominic, Isabella Stacey, Natalie Remedios and Daniele Zummo.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME A CATHOLIC?

Perhaps you were never baptised as a child ...

Perhaps you were baptised into another Christian tradition ...

Perhaps you were baptised into the Catholic Church but have never gone on to celebrate Confirmation or First Holy Communion ...

If any of these apply to you and you would like to find out more, please contact the Parish Office and we will gladly speak to you and explain what is involved. Sending an email (woking@abdiocese.org.uk) or making a phone call (01483 760652) does not mean that you are committing yourself to anything, just taking a first step.

Even if you don't know why, at this moment, you feel inclined to take this step, it doesn't matter. Just take it and see where it leads. A group (known as the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** group) will be meeting regularly from September to explore what it means to be a Catholic Christian. We already have 12 adults 'signed up'. Would you like to come along too?

FIRST COMMUNION CARDS AND GIFTS

The Repository now has a good stock of First Holy Communion cards and gifts. Cards are available from the racks whenever the Church is open. The Repository is open after some weekend Masses and can be opened, by request, during office hours, Monday – Friday.

A NOTE FROM THE SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The Saint Vincent de Paul (SVP) has a Caravan in Bogner Regis where they send families who may not otherwise receive a holiday. For the first time it is being opened to parishioners. It has recently been upgraded to top of the range with: 6 berths/central heating/double glazing/flat-screen television. A minimum donation of £250 per week, or £150 per weekend would be expected. So if you fancy an affordable break, call Laurence Kelly on 07788 963909 or Ray Hingerton on 07767 013629.

VACCINE PUBLICITY

To help support the uptake of the Covid-19 vaccination amongst Eastern European and Black, African and Caribbean communities, Woking Borough Council are producing a series of short films. The aim is to record a series of short clips on why people decided to have their vaccination and then share these across social platforms and community groups.

Woking Borough Council seek people from the target audiences who have had at least their first Covid vaccination, who are happy to share their motivation for being vaccinated and willing to be part of a short film. Filming shouldn't take more than 15 minutes. Known Community members, such as teachers, healthcare professionals, faith leaders but also anyone else who is willing to tell their story would be welcomed too. Anyone keen to participate should email andy.denner@woking.gov.uk.

DIOCESAN YOUTH SERVICE 40th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

ARUNDEL CATHEDRAL 4th SEPTEMBER 2021

We are delighted to be able to celebrate our Youth Service, which has impacted many people in the last four decades and we want to invite anyone who has ever attended an event hosted by the service to come along and join the festivities. Whether it was a Maryvale Retreat, a World Youth Day Pilgrimage, Youthgather, Lourdes Redshirts, or you are a member of our new online community BeCome, or one of our other virtual networks, everyone will be welcome to give thanks for all that has been done and to pray for the success of the Youth Service in the future. Reminisce with old friends, and meet new friends in person (not just on a screen!). A thanksgiving Mass will be said by Bishop Richard, followed by a chance to chat over refreshments. Please click [here](#) for more information and to register.

BBC SONGS OF PRAISE FROM ARUNDEL CATHEDRAL

This week's Songs of Praise comes from Arundel Cathedral. It will be airing on Sunday 18th July at 1.15pm on BBC One and will be available to watch on the BBC iPlayer afterwards. We hope you enjoy the episode; we welcome feedback so please get in touch after the broadcast and let us know what you thought; Email: communications@abdiocese.org.uk

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE WEEKEND

If you are single again following divorce, separation or the death of your partner, a residential weekend to help you to heal will be held from 8th to 10th October 2021 at the Sion Community, Brentwood, Essex. If you would like more details, please ring Freda 01322-838415 or Maura 07795-498445 or email besouthofengland@gmail.com.

THE OPEN CLOISTER @ WORTH ABBEY:

Desert Wisdom: the power of thoughts Online Day Retreat led by David Clayton & Michael Woodward - Saturday 24th July 2021. 10.00 am-4:30 pm

Evagrius (b.345) is honoured as 'one of the most important names': come & see why his teaching lives. . .

To book your place online go to www.worth.co.uk/retreats/online-retreats. For further information email toc@worth.org.uk.

ST DUNSTAN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN MORNINGS FOR APPLICATIONS TO START IN RECEPTION CLASS SEPTEMBER 2022



ST. DUNSTAN'S

Please note the Open Mornings for parents to visit the school for applying for a place in September 2022, will be on Friday 15th October 2021, Thursday 21st October 2021 or Friday 5th November 2021. The morning will begin at 9.30 am with a talk by Mrs Birch the Headteacher, followed by a tour of the school. The session will finish at 11.00 am. Prompt arrival for the 9.30 am start would be very much appreciated. Car parking will be available in the lower school playground.

The Open Morning is for parents/carers only. Please therefore pre-arrange childcare for young children and babies. To book a place, please complete the form using the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=yAzfamR1Pk2FrcoxOh5LOjpcX5zXqJxOmJs9DW3VqjBUMlpDUolaQVZaQVJZR1RKTVPiUUVYOFdJW4u>.

ST DUNSTAN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, ONSLOW CRECENT, WOKING, GU22 7AX SCHOOL OFFICE ASSISTANT VACANCY (PART TIME)



ST. DUNSTAN'S

The school is currently advertising for the following vacancy:

School office Assistant – Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 12pm – 4.30pm and Thursday and Friday 10am – 4.30pm (30 minute unpaid lunchbreak on Thursday and Friday)

Surrey Pay Grade 3 – (starting point dependent on relevant experience): £11,032.00 – £11,391.00 (actual salary)

Closing date for applications: Wednesday 21st July 2021 **Start date:** 13th September 2021

Term time only plus 5 Inset days, plus one day before the beginning of each new academic school year. Application forms and job description are available to download on the school website under vacancies or through the eteach website. Alternatively, please contact the Headteacher's PA Mrs A. Murray at amurray@stdunstans.surrey.sch.uk.

St Dunstan's Catholic Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people in its care and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The successful candidate will be required to undertake an enhanced DBS disclosure and sign the Catholic Education Service contract of employment.

REDUNDANT IPADS AND LAPTOPS

Redundant iPads and Laptops are desperately needed by the Gatwick Detainees' Welfare Group. An IT company has agreed to 'clean' devices to remove any data. These devices can enable a person whether in detention or after release, to help themselves; to access classes for speakers of other languages, to communicate with friends, family, our staff, their volunteer visitor and to access resources such as Food Banks and to join our post detention services. Contact Josie at: josiwade@gdwg.org.uk. Thank you.

AFTERNOON OUT

The Woking Catenians are inviting their members, wives and widows for a visit on the afternoon of Tuesday 20th July to Painshill Park in Cobham, for a stroll around the grounds there. Parishioners are very welcome to come to this. As numbers are limited please contact Ian White at ianwh236@gmail.com or on 01932 340747, for further details.

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