

ST DUNSTAN'S CHURCH WOKING NEWSLETTER

Father Peter Andrews, Parish Priest
Deacon Russell Young

September 12th 2021,

**Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Education Sunday**



FR SIMON'S FAREWELL

Fr Simon is returning to celebrate the 5.00 pm Mass this Sunday, September 12th, and his farewell will follow at 6.45 pm. Unfortunately, ***we cannot accept food to share*** on this occasion.

BAPTISMS

Please pray for those who will be baptised this weekend: Evlyn MacGillivray, Kara MacGillivray, Leo Grona, Emelie Regan, Marija Oziunaite, Hugo Lavollee Egede, Emilia Comer, Myla Harris, Samuel Ankama Adjekum, Luke Maloney, Dylan Corkery, Freya Dance, Molly-Ann Copps, Kristian Cardoso, Phoenix Watts, Sophia Watts, James Varney and Elijah De Bruijn. Please pray also for their families.

CONGRATULATIONS

Many congratulations to Rachael Cook and Daniel Green who were married at St Dunstan's Church this Friday.

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND HOLY COMMUNION

Closing date Monday 20th September

Do you have a child in Year 3 or above from September? Have they celebrated their First Reconciliation and Holy Communion?

If not, and you believe that they are ready, with your help, to prepare for these Sacraments, then the first thing that we invite you, as their parents, to do is to enrol yourselves on the First Communion Parents' Course which will take place in the Autumn. You can do this by emailing the parish office. The purpose of the Parents' Course is to help you to reflect on your own faith and the faith of your family as it is lived at home and within the Parish Community. We hope that in doing this you will be able to make an informed decision as to whether this is the right time to prepare your child for their First Reconciliation and Holy Communion. Registration for the children will only take place after you have completed the Parents' Course.

BECOMING CATHOLIC

If you are not baptised, not Catholic, or Catholic but not confirmed, and would like to find out more about the Catholic Faith, then you are very welcome to come along to our first meeting on Thursday 23rd September at 7.30 pm in the Function Room. No commitment – just come and see...

CHILDREN'S LITURGY AND TODDLERS' PRAYERS

Children's liturgy for school-age children will resume this Sunday at the 9.00 am Mass. We hope to start Toddlers' prayers soon.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE
SOUL OF

Sis Coady RIP (wife of John).
Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord,
May she rest in peace.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK
especially for **Elizabeth Ann Harris**,
Irene Mersh and **Wayne Minnaar**.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Weekday Lectionary Cycle Year 1, Week 24; Sunday Lectionary Cycle Year B
Morning Prayer at 9.45 am, Monday - Saturday

Saturday 11th September, Weekday

10.00 am *Abraham Selvadurai RIP*

Rosary and Adoration

12 noon Baptisms

6.00 pm *Deceased members of the Dwyer and McKinley families*

7.45 pm Mass in Portuguese

Sunday 12th September, Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Education Sunday

9.00 am *Jerry and Margaret O'Mahoney*

10.30 am *In memory of Jane Rambold RIP*

12 noon Mass in Italian

1.30 pm Baptisms

2.45 pm Baptisms

5.30 pm *All Parishioners*

Monday 13th September, St John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor, Memoria

10:00 am *In Thanksgiving for the job*

Rosary and Adoration until 2.00 pm

Tuesday 14th September, Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Feast

No Mass or Adoration

Morning Prayer at 9.45 am followed by Rosary

Wednesday 15th September, Our Lady of Sorrows, Memoria

10.00 am *Chantal Kennedy and family*

Rosary and Adoration

Thursday 16th September, Saints Cornelius and Cyprian, Martyrs, Memoria

10.00 am *Robert Searle RIP*

Rosary and Adoration

Friday 17th September, Weekday

St Dunstan's School opening Mass of the year, attended by years 4, 5 and 6

10.00 am *Cliff Lambart RIP*

Rosary **but no Adoration**

Saturday 18th September, Weekday

10.00 am *Jim Ahern*

Rosary and Adoration

6.00 pm *Margaret Fuller RIP*

7.45 pm Mass in Portuguese

Sunday 19th September, Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Home Mission Day

9.00 am *All Parishioners*

10.30 am *May Cosgrove RIP*

12 noon Mass in Italian

5.30 pm *The intentions of Lila and David*

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday mornings after 10.00 am Mass until 11.15 am.

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 SEPTEMBER 12th – TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 50: 5-9. This reading is one of four ‘songs of the suffering servant’ that occur in these chapters of Isaiah.

Psalms 114: 1-6, 8-9. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

James 2: 14-18. Martin Luther said that we are saved by ‘faith alone’, making this reading a famous post-Reformation debating point: ‘faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead’. One would also think that James was originally replying to exaggerated interpretations of St Paul’s preaching of the importance of faith. Faith does not function alone. As so often in James, the enemy is a superficial appreciation of the Gospel or outward conformity that does not change the heart.

Mark 8: 27-35. The famous story of the giving of the keys to St Peter is presented here refashioned according to St Mark’s own agenda, emphasising how impossible the disciples find it to keep up with Jesus. It begins hopefully: Peter, the first time for any character in the Gospel, calls Jesus ‘the Christ’, in other words the one Israel has been waiting for. Only the omniscient narrator has said this before, in the first introduction of Jesus (Mark 1:1). But when Jesus introduces the nature of the Messiah as a suffering servant as described in today’s First Reading, Peter balks. Jesus calls him ‘Satan’, the ‘accuser’, a title most used in the book of Job, another story of the sinless man suffering.

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Readings for Sunday September 19th: Wisdom 2: 12, 17-20; Psalm 53: 3-6, 8; James 3:16-4:3; Mark 9: 30-37.

ALTAR SERVERS

After a long absence we welcome back our parish altar servers to all Masses this week. They will be joined by a number of new servers who are currently being trained to assist Father Peter and our Deacons at God’s altar. Please pray for them. *Mike (Runswick) and Billie (Preston) - Altar Servers’ Coordinators*

NUMBERED GIFTAID ENVELOPES

If you donate using this method and are running short of envelopes, please let me know and I can let you have a further supply. Many thanks for your continuing contributions made to our parish finances made in this tax-efficient way. *Ian White, GiftAid Organiser, 01932 340747, ianwh236@gmail.com.*

SIGNING OF SJB SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION FORMS

This year, as last year, Supplementary Information Forms (SIFs) for St John the Baptist School should be sent directly to SJB, along with a copy of the Baptism certificate. Fr Peter will then sign the forms when he visits the school.

PARISH MAGAZINE

The Parish Magazine is now accepting contributions in the form of stories, comments, letters, reflective accounts, prayers, or photos for the Autumn edition. Please send via the church office for the attention of the editor. Alternatively email zjlightfoot@gmail.com. Deadline 30th September 2021.

DIOCESAN DAY FOR CATECHISTS

Saturday 25th September at Worth Abbey

Those who are involved in Sacramental Programmes (Baptism, First Reconciliation and Holy Communion, Confirmation or Marriage), or who would like to become involved, are invited to take this opportunity to share experiences with members of the Diocesan Formation Team and with Catechists from around the Diocese. Please do consider going. To book please go to the Diocesan Website www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events and then click on ‘Day for Catechists’. Then you can click on ‘Sign Up’.

MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES MASS

Anyone celebrating a wedding anniversary that has particular significance for them is welcome to join the annual celebration of marriage at St Joseph’s Church in Guildford. This year the celebration, with Bishop Richard, is on Saturday, October 9th with Mass at 11.30 am. In order that we can be Covid compliant we do ask that everyone books their space via our website. Please visit www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events or contact the Diocesan Marriage & Family Life Adviser, Katherine Bergin at Katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk (Places are limited to 150). We so look forward to celebrating with you!

HELP NEEDED – CHURCH CLEANING TEAM

Additional help is now needed to help keep our beautiful church pristine. Can you spare an hour a month after morning mass on a Tuesday to help support the cleaning team numbers (no experience needed!) Please contact the parish office or email evonnebrown@live.co.uk for further information.

ST DUNSTAN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL 2022/23 ADMISSIONS

Some parents have enquired as to the status of 2022/23 Admissions to St Dunstan's Catholic Primary in as far as the Supplementary Information Form (SIF) and the Mass sign in sheets are concerned.



St Dunstan's School will, as is normally the case, require a SIF to be prepared as part of the application process for school entry in September 2022. Normally there would be "Mass sign in sheets" available on Sundays during calendar year 2021 to help the Priests of the Parish sign the SIFs. Due to the pandemic the sign in sheets have not been available during calendar 2021 to date but will be reinstated once the Sunday Obligation position is changed. Until then the position of St Dunstan's Parish remains that of Parishes throughout the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton which is summarised as follows: -

The suspension of the obligation to attend Sunday Mass was announced on 18th March 2020 by the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. If a parent/carer attended Mass at a particular parish (or parishes) prior to 18th March 2020 then they will be considered to have attended Mass in that parish (or parishes) regularly since that time. This will remain the case until the Sunday obligation is reintroduced by the Bishops.

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



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=yAzfamR1Pk2FrcoxOh5LOjpcX5zXqJxOmJs9DW3VqjBUMlpDUolaQVZaQVJZR1RKTVpIUUVYOFdJWi4u>

WOKING BOROUGH COUNCIL - URGENT AFGHAN REFUGEE HOUSING APPEAL

We have pledged to help resettle Afghan families and are urgently seeking three and four bedroom properties available to rent now. Landlords with vacant or soon-to-be vacant properties are urged to get in touch with our private sector housing team by calling 01483 743 836 or emailing lets.rent@woking.gov.uk. Our Let's Rent scheme offers landlords a choice of free management services (full, partial or none) and a range of additional benefits including cash incentives and rent guarantees.

AID FOR AFGHAN REFUGEES

Woking Borough Council have some specific requests to help refugees and we are awaiting details to give you. In the meantime, here are two other ways you could help "locally":

Our diocese has highlighted Sussex Aid for Refugees (SAR) who are seeking specific items and money donations. The link below will give access to the SAR list where financial donations can also be made: www.abdiocese.org.uk/news/a-number-of-organisations-and-charities-are-working-to-help-afgans-arriving-in-the-uk-with-nothing

Secondly, the Community Foundation for Surrey is coordinating donations on behalf of our county. For financial contributions only, a general fund is accessible by the following link. There is a comment box where it seems you could request your donation is for the refugees. www.cfsurrey.org.uk/fund/surrey-community-fund/.

CARITAS PLYMOUTH: JOURNEYING FROM DESPAIR TO HOPE

‘BUILDING SUPPORT FROM PARISHES TO PRISONERS AND THEIR FAMILIES.’

A virtual online event for Prisons’ Week on 12th October, 5.00 pm to 6.15 pm. Register at forms.office.com/r/J1zTkUTiP7

WORTH ABBEY – THE OPEN CLOISTER

Worth Abbey is re-opening for residential and day retreats. Their new retreat programme is open for bookings at www.worth.co.uk/retreat-programme including ‘Finding Stillness’, an Advent Retreat and ‘Quiet Fridays’. For any enquiries please email retreat@worth.org.uk.

WORTH ABBEY - FINDING STILLNESS (RESIDENTIAL AND ONLINE)

led by: Fr Peter Williams OSB

An opportunity for individuals to come to Worth (either in person or remotely) and enjoy the space and the stillness whilst, at the same time, taking part in joint daily lectio, a daily reflection on the rule of St Benedict plus some input on silent prayer. There will also be an opportunity for 1:1 meetings with Fr Peter, if you wish. A section of the retreat will be silent.

20th-23rd September; 29th-31st October; 8th-11th November; 13th-16th December

COURSES AT THE LONDON JESUIT CENTRE

Introduction to the Old Testament (begins 23rd September 2021)

The Old Testament is essential to understanding the history of salvation and the course will map out the main arc of the Old Testament narrative by exploring four central themes: creation, covenant, prophecy and kingship.

Prayer from Scratch (begins 29th September 2021)

Prayer is at the very heart of the Christian life and this course, over five Wednesdays, will help participants see prayer in a new way. There will be time for discussion and reflection, as well as periods of guided prayer.

God and Suffering I - Philosophical Questions (begins 23rd September 2021)

It has been a centuries old cry of atheists – how can there be a perfect, loving God given that the world is so full of suffering? The course will explore some of the key philosophical arguments and help participants understand the issues more deeply.

You will find a full list of LJC events, courses and retreats at: www.londonjesuitcentre.org.

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