

# ST DUNSTAN'S CHURCH WOKING NEWSLETTER

Father Peter Andrews, Parish Priest  
Deacon Russell Young

**September 5<sup>th</sup> 2021,**

**Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**



## **FR SIMON'S FAREWELL**

As you know, we have invited Fr Simon back to St Dunstan's on the evening of Sunday 12th September. He will celebrate the 5.30 Mass. There will then be a presentation to him from the parish and an opportunity to say farewell. This part of the evening will begin at 6.45 pm, so you will be able to come after Mass if you have been to one of the earlier Masses.

This weekend there will be an opportunity to make a financial contribution towards Fr Simon's gift from the parish. A cheque will be given to him on the night. As well as collection boxes there will be a button on the card payment machines for electronic donations.

We would also like to give Fr Simon a card with messages from parishioners – something tangible that he will be able to keep, to remind him of his time with us here in Woking. There will be dedicated tables in the narthex for the next three weekends where sheets of paper will be available for you to write your messages. These will then be collated into one card.

## **FIRST RECONCILIATION AND HOLY COMMUNION**

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.

## **CHILDREN'S LITURGY AND TODDLERS' PRAYERS**

We are planning to resume Children's Liturgy and Toddlers' prayers soon.

## **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.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK especially for *Tony Dent*.**

## MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Weekday Lectionary Cycle Year 1, Week 23; Sunday Lectionary Cycle Year B  
Morning Prayer at 9.45 am, Monday - Saturday

### **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September, Weekday**

10.00 am *Larkham family intentions*  
Rosary and Adoration  
6.00 pm *L. J. Scaria*  
7.45 pm Mass in Portuguese

### **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September, Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9.00 am *In Thanksgiving, Chrissie and Russell Young, 40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary*  
10.30 am *Rory McIlhargey*  
12 noon Mass in Italian  
5.30 pm *All Parishioners*

### **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September, Weekday**

10:00 am *John and Maura Dennis RIP*  
Rosary and Adoration until 2.00 pm

### **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September, Weekday**

No Mass or Adoration  
Morning Prayer at 9.45 am followed by Rosary

### **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September, The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Feast**

10.00 am Requiem Mass for Nick Harvey RIP  
No Rosary or Adoration

### **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September, Weekday**

10.00 am *Holy Souls*  
Rosary and Adoration

### **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September, Weekday**

10.00 am *Manuel Lopez Paz*  
Rosary and Adoration  
1.00 pm The Marriage of Rachael Cook and Daniel Green

### **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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*

All services will be Live Streamed at [st-dunstans.org/streaming](http://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](http://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2020/03/20/200320c.html)

## READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 5<sup>th</sup> – TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Isaiah: 35:4-7.** Isaiah not only remotely prepares for Jesus but often actually sounds like him. In revealing the messianic hope, and colouring its fulfilment with signs of what will accompany it, the writer is out to bring succour to the beleaguered people. The beautiful images taken from the human body being made new again and the gushing springs from nature send tingles of excitement into faint hearts. The responsorial Psalm brings to a crescendo this hope-filled theme.

**Psalm 145:7-10.** My soul, give praise to the Lord.

**James 2: 1-5.** We might say that James is talking about discouraging people or putting them down. This cannot be combined with true faith in and discipleship of Jesus. In fact the person is poorer than the person he is decrying. Poor in worldly terms is not the concern that is to be uppermost for us but poverty of faith, a poverty that would deprive us of the kingdom. Hence, we are to act out of love, the love which God has taught us.

**Mark 7: 31-37.** The words of prophecy proclaimed by Isaiah come to be fulfilled in the extract from the Gospel of Mark today. It is personified in the healing of the unnamed hearing and speech impaired man. This man and the people with him are so encouraged and amazed that they want to spread the good news. They proclaim the goodness and power of Jesus, in spite of his declaring the messianic secret, he did not want any political or secular acclaim. They were having none of it. They wanted everything about him to be known. This encouraging and saving message was not intended for the deep freeze or for later - out it must come now. The courage of Jesus to each person is a treasure to be shared now!

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**Readings for Sunday September 12<sup>th</sup>: Isaiah 50: 5-9; Psalm 114: 1-6, 8-9; James 2: 14-18; Mark 8: 27-35.**

### ALTAR SERVERS

There is a training session for new altar servers this Saturday September 4<sup>th</sup> at 11.30 am in the church. For those who cannot attend on Saturday there will be an additional training session on Friday September 10<sup>th</sup> at 4.30 pm in the church. It is not necessary to attend both sessions. Please contact the parish office if your child would like to attend. Thank you.

*Mike (Runswick) and Billie (Preston) - Altar Servers' Coordinators*

### 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](mailto:zjlightfoot@gmail.com). Deadline 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

### WOKING CATENIANS

The Woking Catenians have a limited number of pre-booked tickets for afternoon visits to Dunsborough Park, in Ripley on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September and Albury Park, near Shere, on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October. All are welcome to join us for these trips out. To book a place or for more information, please contact Ian White on 01932 340747 or at [ianwh236@gmail.com](mailto:ianwh236@gmail.com).

The Woking Catenians recently held a social event for their members, wives and widows, at which the sum of £800 was donated to our Parish SVP, which is our chosen charity this year. As a group based in our parish, we are always keen to do our best to support those who need help in our locality in variety of ways through fundraising.

### 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 9<sup>th</sup> with Mass at 11.30am. 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](http://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events) or contact the Diocesan Marriage & Family Life Adviser, Katherine Bergin at [Katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:Katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk) (Places are limited to 150). We so look forward to celebrating with you!

**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=yAzfamR1Pk2FrcOXh5LOjpcX5zXqJxOmJs9DW3VqjBUMlpDUolaQVZaQVJZR1RKTVpIUUVYOFdJW14u>.

**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](mailto: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](http://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/](http://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](https://forms.office.com/r/J1zTkUTiP7)

## **CAFOD FOCUS - PARLIAMENT IN YOUR PARISH: RECLAIM OUR COMMON HOME**

The coronavirus pandemic has been the greatest health crisis in a century. Pope Francis tells us that this moment of extraordinary turmoil is the time to rethink the future of our common home. By using the phrase 'our common home', the Holy Father reminds us that our planet is much more than simply a store of resources to be used and abused by a few at the expense of millions. The planet is everyone's home; it is also a gift from the Lord and a reminder of our shared humanity. With this as our inspiration, we are campaigning to achieving three major goals:

- Tackling the climate crisis
- Ending unjust debts
- Holding business accountable

These issues may feel overwhelming for many of us. There is no doubt that they are big and complex. Yet, as Catholics, we know that for God nothing is impossible. We also know that small actions can be transformative and that now more than ever, we need to put our faith into action. The eyes of the world are on us. In November 2021, Britain will be hosting the UN 'COP26' climate talks in Glasgow, where world leaders will come together to agree on the next steps needed to tackle the climate crisis. The decisions taken will affect millions of people around the world. As host, Britain is in a unique position to exercise global leadership in the journey towards a greener and fairer world after the pandemic.

CAFOD has invited Catholics to organise a virtual meeting with their local MP, to discuss how to rebuild from the pandemic in a way that tackles the major global issues of our time, including climate change and unjust foreign debts. With more than five million Catholics in the UK, these virtual meetings will be a chance for local MPs to hear the voices of the Catholic community in their constituency. To this end, a small group of CAFOD volunteers from St Dunstan's and Our Lady Help of Christians Parishes have arranged a virtual meeting with Mr Jonathan Lord, our local MP on Thursday the 16th of September (in the afternoon). Your MP was elected to represent their constituents in Parliament. That includes you! It's important that they hear about your concerns, as each MP has the power to make a difference. If you would like to attend the virtual meeting, and/or you would be interested in proposing a question, please email Audra at [audds37@gmail.com](mailto:audds37@gmail.com) with your name and email address to register your interest. If you cannot attend, but would like to sign the petition, you can do so at [action.cafod.org.uk/page/73304/petition/1](http://action.cafod.org.uk/page/73304/petition/1).

### **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](http://www.worth.co.uk/retreat-programme) including 'Finding Stillness', an Advent Retreat and 'Quiet Fridays'. For any enquiries please email [retreat@worth.org.uk](mailto: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.

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

### **JOB VACANCIES AT RIGHT TO LIFE**

Right to Life are advertising for a number of full time positions at their office in Westminster. More information can be found on their website [righttolife.org.uk/jobs](http://righttolife.org.uk/jobs).

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