

WEEK BEGINNING 16th 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 16 th December: Third "Gaudete" + Sunday of Advent			
Sat	5.30pm	TT	Mass Celebrant's intention
Sun	8.30am	SP	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
	9am	SP	Mass Anna Henshaw RIP
	11am	CTK	Mass In Thanksgiving (PCD)
	5.30pm	SP	<i>Benediction</i>
	6pm	SP	Mass For all Parishioners
Mon 17 th	7.15am	TT	Mass with Morning Prayer
	9am	SP	<i>Adoration</i>
	9.30am	SP	Mass Celebrant's Intention
	2pm	CTK	Requiem: Tony Clarke RIP
Tues 18 th	9.30am	CTK	<i>Rosary</i>
	10am	CTK	Mass Celebrant's Intention
	...then	CTK	<i>Adoration & Advent Reconciliation (Frs Graham & Tony)</i>
	5.30pm	TT	Mass
Wed 19 th	8am	TT	Mass with Morning Prayer
	9.30am	SP	<i>Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion</i>
	4.15pm	CTK	<i>Lectio Divina</i>
Thur 20 th	9am	SP	<i>Adoration</i>
	9.30am	SP	Mass Celebrant's Intention
	...then	SP	<i>Rosary, Confessions & all day Adoration</i>
	4.30pm	TT	Mass
	7.30pm	SP	<i>Advent Reconciliation (Frs Graham, Tony & Daryl)</i>
8pm	SP	<i>Divine Mercy Chaplet</i>	
Fri 21 st	8am	TT	Mass with Morning Prayer
	9am	SP	<i>Adoration</i>
	9.30am	SP	Mass Celebrant's Intention
	...then	SP	<i>Confessions</i>
Sat	8.15am	TT	Mass with Morning Prayer
Sunday 23 rd December: Fourth Sunday of Advent			
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

Rosary:
Tues: 9.30am CTK | Thurs: 10am SP

Confessions (as below or by appointment)
Sat: 5pm TT | Thurs: 10am & 7.30pm SP
Tues: 10.30am CTK | Fri: 10am SP

This week:
Today (16th): Youth SVP Bake-Off after 9am Mass
Mon: Secret Singers Singalong 10.30am SVP
Tues: Toddler Group 9.30am; Advent Reconciliation CTK 10.30am
Thurs: All day adoration 10am – 8pm; Advent Reconciliation SP 7.30pm
Sat: SP Choir Practice

Christmas Mass Times:

Christmas Eve SP 6pm

Christmas Eve TT 9pm

Midnight SP

Christmas Day SP 9am

Christmas Day CTK 11am



We all have our image of Jesus. For some He is healer, a brother, friend, Saviour. For Isaiah (prophesying in the first reading), Jesus is liberator or victorious warrior. For John the Baptist, He is judge over the house of Israel and he "is not worthy to undo the strap of His sandal" and He is imminent! For Pope Francis, Jesus is Mercy because God is Mercy. Jesus is all these things and many more, He is God. "To have seen me is to have seen the Father". So when John the Baptist describes Jesus as one who separates the wheat from the chaff and "burns the chaff in a fire that will never go out", it is a little uncomfortable. This is a difficult image of Jesus. None of us is useless chaff. But, each one of us have things that weigh us down and keeps us from loving God fully and one another as ourselves. These might be material possessions or memories and hurts, sins and habits. St Paul writes that he wants us to be "happy". If we are to be truly happy then it must be with the Lord and He will need to burn these things away with the purifying fire of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is amongst us for the forgiveness of sins. In your confession this Advent offer Jesus your chaff and expand your image of Jesus as merciful judge. With my prayer for a joyful Gaudete Sunday. God bless you. Fr Graham

The Youth SVP Group will be holding a Bake-Off competition after 9am Mass today - each of the Group will enter a cake (3 anonymous judges have been selected). To raise money the group invite you to sample the cakes (for a fee) and see if you can correctly guess the winning cake! The raffle will be drawn and cake winner announced after 9am Mass today.

The Youth SVP will be selling raffle tickets this weekend to help raise money/items for their trip to the friary with the Franciscan Brothers. You can buy a ticket for £1 or you can donate an item the group can take to the friary, e.g. a pair of warm socks, gloves, toothpaste, and receive a raffle ticket in return. Prizes for the raffle will include alcohol and chocolate!!

After Mass activities will be in the hall each Sunday in Advent (9am).

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 participate in the Mass.

Thank you to all who made our clergy deanery lunch such a special and lovely occasion. The food was wonderful, and our priests and deacons were spoilt with a team of happy helpers. Thank you.

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..

Covenant with the Poor: Not even the remotest corner of the Commonwealth remains unaffected or unthreatened by climate change Commonwealth citizens, especially the poorest are struggling.

Secret Singers Christmas Sing-a-long! Please join the Secret Singers on Monday 17th December in SP church hall for coffee, mince pies and singing at 10.30am. There will be a collection for the SVP. All welcome

Eucharistic Adoration in Advent: There will be the opportunity for Adoration each Thursday during Advent between 10am and 8pm, but we need at least four people to be in the church at any one time. Please sign the list in the porch if you can commit to an hour or more.

Please pray for Tony Clarke RIP who died recently. His requiem is on Monday at 2pm at CTK. May he rest in peace.

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 07714640297.

If your child would like to be involved in the Christmas eve 6pm Nativity please let George know. They will be talking about it in Children's Liturgy this week and next so please ensure your child comes along if they can.

Consecration to Jesus through Mary: It has been wonderful to repeat the Consecration of 33 days and the Mass of Consecration on the Immaculate Conception of Mary was a most beautiful day to re-consecrate ourselves to Jesus again through Mary. To join in His consecration to the Father for the salvation of the world. That is our task, to please and help Jesus. If you have any thoughts about the retreat please share them with others and with Fr Graham

Volunteers needed: We are in urgent need of Offertory Counters at CTK and Cleaners at SP. Neither is onerous - training is given - so please call the office if you can help. 01273 452654.

Advent Reconciliation: Tuesday 10.30am at CTK, 7.30pm at SP. Other opportunities in the Deanery are available - see poster in the porch.

SMALL PRAYER GROUP: We meet together for informal prayer, intercessions, discussion (based on forthcoming Sunday readings) and fellowship on Tuesdays at 2.30pm in Small Dole. Why not come along through Advent even if you can't make any other time. Tea and biscuits afterwards. Ring Sally on 01273 491412.

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.

Please pray for Fr Jack Lusted who will be ordained priest for our diocese on Wednesday evening at the cathedral.

Congratulations to our young parishioners and their families as they celebrated their 1st Confessions on Saturday morning.



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.

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

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.

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.

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.