

Week beginning 17th February 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 17 th February: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time				Int.
Sat	5.30pm	TT	Mass	Holy Souls
Sun	8.30am	SP	<i>Morning Prayer</i>	
	9am	SP	Mass	William Stebbeds RIP
	9am	TT	<i>Adoration until 12.30pm</i>	
	11am	CTK	Mass	For all Parishioners
	5.30pm	SP	<i>Benediction</i>	
	6pm	SP	Mass	Langford Carlton Cunningham RIP
Mon	8am	TT	Mass with Morning Prayer	
Tue	5.30pm	TT	Mass	
Wed	8am	TT	Mass with Morning Prayer	
Thur 21 st	4.30pm	TT	Mass	
	7.30pm	SP	<i>Adoration & Lectio Divina</i>	
	8pm	SP	<i>Divine Mercy Chaplet</i>	
Fri 22 nd	Feast: The Chair of St. Peter			
	8am	TT	Mass with Morning Prayer	
Sat 23 rd	Mem: St. Polycarp			
	8.15am	TT	Mass with Morning Prayer	
Sunday 24 th February: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time				
Sat	5.30pm	TT	Mass	For all Parishioners
Sun	8.30am	SP	<i>Morning Prayer</i>	
	9am	SP	Mass	In Praise & Thanksgiving (Zahoui Family)
	9am	TT	<i>Adoration until 12.30pm</i>	
	11am	CTK	Mass	John Haseldine RIP
	5.30pm	SP	<i>Benediction</i>	
	6pm	SP	Mass	Deceased of Cunningham & Dominguez fams

Rosary
Not this week

Confessions (as below or by appointment)
 Sat 5pm TT

This Week:
Today: 2nd Collection Campaign for Racial Justice – Racial Justice Sunday
Tues: Facilities & Safeguarding Comm Meeting SP
Fri: SP choir practice
Sat: 1st HC group 9.30am
Sun: SP SVP Raffle tickets for sale

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We shouldn't do it, but we all compare ourselves with others. Social media and targeted advertising not only encourage us but stimulates us to do so. Our readings today even touch on it by comparing one person with another and looking at their outcomes. Jeremiah examines those who rely on "things of flesh" and those who put their "trust in the Lord". The former is like one who is cursed, and the latter blessed. The Psalm echoes this. Jesus turns this around. The very things that look like God's judgement (poverty, hunger, tears, hatred) become blessings. This doesn't seem to make much sense, but we do not preach a popular gospel. It is because Christ is raised from the dead that we know that this is how God works. We see it in our everyday life. As people of faith we place our trust in the risen Lord and this is whereby our happiness comes. The most attractive thing about Christians is their hope and joy in adversity not based on feelings but on spiritual gifts from the Holy Spirit. Such faith is the faith of even recent martyrs. When things get tough our faith gets going. Pray for the increase of faith especially for those whose faith is being challenged by personal circumstances or threatened by the flood of tepid waters of unbelief. May God bless you all. Entrusting you to Mary. Fr Graham

Today, Racial Justice Sunday, there will be a second collection for the Campaign for Racial Justice which will be used for promoting racial justice in England and Wales.

Please Pray for the repose of the soul of Frank Turner (formerly of CTK) who died this week. Please pray for Ann and for all his family. May he rest in peace.

The office will be closed on Friday.

33 Days to Merciful Love (7 March – 11 April)
After the parish and group consecrations to Jesus through Mary last year, we have an opportunity to pray a consecration to Divine Mercy. There is no DVD only a book written by Fr Michael Gaitley MIC. 33 Days to Merciful Love journeys with one of the most beloved saints of modern times, St. Thérèse of Lisieux, and concludes with a consecration to Divine Mercy. The retreat will begin on Thursday 7 March (day after Ash Wednesday) and consecration day will be on Thursday 11 April, in time for the Divine Mercy Novena starting on Good Friday. It follows a familiar format with daily readings and reflection. You do not have to have completed any other consecration beforehand and so anyone is welcome to join in. Those who want to can join us on the Thursdays during the retreat at 7.30pm and after the Divine Mercy chaplet we will have a short time of discussion about the retreat. If you would like to find out more then please look at the hearts afire website <https://www.allheartsafire.org/stage-3/33-days-to-merciful-love-group-retreat.html>. Please add your name to the list so we can order enough books.

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.

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 Visitation – Thank you!

Bishop Richard's pastoral visitation to our parish was a wonderful weekend. I think he enjoyed his visit. We look forward to his report! There have already been some comments and ideas that have sprung from his time with us. He is encouraging us to have a Pastoral Mission Council. We have been planning such a group for some time and he said we were right in not rushing. It is good to get his support. Thank you to everyone who helped organise the various events, meetings and hospitality and to all who took part. I personally felt very encouraged and supported by our apostolic shepherd.

This year's World Day of Prayer Service will take place at St. Giles' Church, Upper Shoreham Road, Shoreham by Sea at 2pm on Friday, 1st March. The theme of the service is "Come- Everything is ready!" It has been prepared by the Christian women of Slovenia. All are welcome and refreshments will be served afterwards. There will be a music practice on Wednesday 27th February at 10.30am for anybody who is interested.

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

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.

To celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the signing of the local unity covenant in Steyning, there will be a celebration at CTK on 28th February at 7pm, followed by refreshments in the Cuthman Room. All welcome.

Next Sunday: It is again time for the annual SVP National Raffle so tickets will be on sale at SP in the hall porch after 9am Mass and, if there are any left, at 6pm and the following Sunday. Tickets are £1 each or £5 for a book of five. The draw will be held on 28th March 2019 and this year the prizes are: 1st prize £3,000, 2nd prize £2,000 and 3rd prize £1,000, 10 X £100 and 10 X £50. With the purchase of each ticket you are supporting the work of the SVP within your local community as well as the work of the national Society. Good luck.

Covenant with the Poor: Since 2017, the impacts of the political and economic crisis in Venezuela have intensified resulting in increased violence and poverty. Men, women and children are being forced to walk the 200km road across the border into Brazil in search of food, medicines, and shelter for their families.

Pray with the Heart Starting Lent 2019
Pray with the Heart is a new course for the Worthing Deanery, designed to help us grow in our relationship with God through the gift of prayer. Each Monday evening through Lent (starting Monday March 11th) at St. Michael's. See poster in the porch.

Day of Recollection for Ministers of the Word and Holy Communion: 16th March at TT. See poster in porch

From the Youth SVP: "The youth SVP went to visit the friars in Caning Town, London. We met some of the friars and people who volunteer there. Then we helped to give presents to the people who came for their Christmas dinner. After that we gave the donations to the friary and they thanked us and everyone who contributed in anyway. Thank you to all the parishioners who gave us donations, bought our cakes and sent us best wishes for our fundraising and trip to London, we raised £90 which paid for our train tickets and items to donate to the homeless."

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.

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.

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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

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.

