

Parish Newsletter:

11th MARCH to 19th MAR 2023

**St. Catherine of Alexandria Roman
Catholic Church**

Year A

Saint Catherine of Alexandria



Prayer

Glorious St. Catherine, virgin, and martyr help me to imitate your love of purity. Give me strength and courage in fighting off the temptations of the world and evil desires. Help me to love God with my whole heart and serve him faithfully. O St. Catherine, through your glorious martyrdom for the love of Christ, help me to be loyal to my faith and my God as long as I live. Amen

LIVE STREAMING OF MASS: Churches continue to live stream Mass: www.churchservices.tv

Daily Readings and the Daily Homily are available to view on our parish website, also Gift Aid information.

CONFESSIONS BY APPOINTMENT

St. Joseph's Convent

Public masses and visits remain suspended until further notice.

St. Joseph's Rustington

**MASS AT 9.00AM ON SUNDAY
10.00am WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHO
HAVE RECENTLY DIED.**

**Please pray for those in the parish
who are unwell**

SAFEGUARDING If you have any issues, please contact **PAT RODDEN 01903 716496**

100 CLUB: There are still some numbers left, please help your parish with this fundraising effort, contact the parish office for more details. Thank you for your support. **WINNER FOR FEBRUARY NO 37. CHRISTINE BATTERBEE.**

Lent Reconciliation

**Services: Tuesday 4th April,
7.30 pm Fr. Boniface / Fr.
Seamus / Fr. Liam**

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Mass Intentions at St Catherine's this week

SATURDAY 11th MAR	MASS AT 6.00 PM	SATURDAY OF THE SECOND WEEK IN LENT
SUNDAY 12th MAR	ARTHUR WATSON RIP	THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
MONDAY 13th MAR	NO MASS	MONDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK IN LENT
TUESDAY 14th MAR	E.B.S. 9.00 AM	TUESDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK IN LENT
WEDNESDAY 15th MAR	NO MASS	WEDNESDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK IN LENT
THURSDAY 16th MAR	E.B.S. 9.00 AM	THURSDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK IN LENT
FRIDAY 17th MAR	NO MASS	ST. PATRICK PATRON OF IRELAND
SATURDAY 18th MAR	JOE & KATHLEEN ZANELLI INT.	SATURDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK IN LENT
SUNDAY 19th MAR	JAN SAKOWICZ RIP	FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

**Please note Hall Booking enquiries are to be sent to:
hall.littlehampton@abdiocese.org.uk**

**THE SHOP WILL BE OPEN EACH SATURDAY AND SUNDAY BEFORE AND
AFTER MASS. PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR SHOP**

**Join us in a warm room after Sunday Mass for a cup of Fairtrade tea,
percolated coffee or squash and a chat. Please note there will be NO coffee
morning on Sunday 19th March (Mother's Day)**

**Church collection 4/5 MARCH amounted to £674 (this includes standing
orders) Thank you.**

SVP: If you need assistance, please email our parish St Vincent de Paul Society. They can offer help, befriending and information. Please telephone 07423 312840 or mail stcatherinessvp@gmail.com

March Red Box Collection: If box holders wish to have their Red Boxes emptied this month, please will they leave them in the Sacristy **before 26 March**.

The total amount collected in 2022 from 9 Red Box holders was £217.45, for which many thanks. If anyone else would like to become a Red Box-holder and support the "Missions" in this way, please pick up a box from the Church Shop.

Mission Today – for all parishioners!

Pick up your copy of the Spring edition of Mission Today from the 'hymn book table' in the porch. It contains the Pope's prayer intentions for each month of the year and news of 5 seminaries that Missio England supports: in Hyderabad, India; Zomba, Malawi; Kandy, Sri Lanka; Nyeri, Kenya; and the largest, with 837 seminarians, in Onitsha, Nigeria. Also a brief biography of each of the 18 Missionaries worldwide killed in 2022 (5 of whom were priests killed in Nigeria).

Annual Novena to St Joseph 11-19 March

A Novena of daily Masses to St Joseph, the Mill Hill Missionaries' patron, takes place from Monday(13th) to Friday (17th), all at 7.30pm – except for the Saturday and Sunday Masses, which take place at 10am and 11am respectively. You can follow them on **Zoom**. Go in via www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena

To send in your petitions, or to request a 36 page novena prayer booklet, please write to: The Novena Director, 6 Colby Gardens, Maidenhead SL6 7GZ, phone 01628 673178, or email novenamhm@gmail.com

For your diaries: Good Friday Walk of Witness

The Littlehampton Churches Together Walk of Witness on Good Friday will once again be conducted **along the High Street**, through the Friday Market, starting at St Mary's Church (Church St) **at 11.00am** and ending on the lawn of the United Church (Arundel Road) with a short service. A time to show by our presence to the people of our town that we are followers of Christ.

LENT TALKS WITH FR TERRY MARTIN -

I propose three talks (with time for questions and comments) during Lent, in St Mary's church, Worthing.

Wednesday 15th March, 7.00pm: Prayer

Wednesday 22nd March, 7.00pm: Universal call to holiness

Wednesday 29th March, 7.00pm: Becoming what we do

PLEASE NOTE: If any new parishioners would like to join the cleaning team the next cleaning dates / March 25th / April 8th and 22nd. Thank you.

Littlehampton Food Bank reports: We provided emergency food parcels to 2,627 people last year, 39 per cent more than the previous year.

Items currently sought for the donation box at the back of the church include tinned tomatoes, rice pudding, tinned fruit, sugar, UHT milk, hot chocolate, jam/peanut butter etc, deodorants, shampoo, toilet rolls and incontinence pads. Thank you.

Baptism Catechists Day Saturday 18 March

A morning for those interested in developing the Church in the home. We will be exploring the potential that preparation for the sacrament of Baptism offers. Catechists, sponsors and parents are all welcome. 9.30am - 1.30pm at The St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley. If you wish to discuss participation contact Katherine Bergin E: katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk

Worth Abbey

Time Out individual self-guided retreats 6–9 March and 15–18 May Cost : £90 per person, per night (min 2 nights).

Spend a few days at Worth Abbey enjoying the rhythm of the monastic prayer and liturgy, time in reflection and the peace of the Sussex countryside. There is no set programme other than an optional daily Lectio Divina session, the usual monastic timetable of divine office and liturgy and the opportunity for a 1:1 meeting with a member of the monastic community.

Protect Your Vote! Did you know that in order to vote in the UK's local elections on Thursday 4 May (and in future national elections) you need to have photo-ID? **If you don't have a passport, a driving-licence** or certain other types of government-recognised photo-card, you will be deprived of your vote **unless you apply** to www.gov.uk for a free **Voter Authority Certificate** by Tuesday 25 April 2023.

The Diocese is recruiting for three exciting new roles based at our diocesan Central Office, The St Philip Howard Centre (SPHC) in Crawley

SPHC sits geographically at the heart of our faith community and is an important place of mission within the Diocese providing a vibrant, faith-centred workspace for all our diocesan teams. To find out more about joining the Diocese as:

- [Reception Administrator](#) (30 hours per week, term time only)
- [IT Administrative Apprentice](#) (full time)
- [Choral Director](#) working with our Education Service and diocesan schools, please visit the Careers section of the diocesan [website](#).

Talk for Young Adults. Dominican Brother Thomas Mannion will be joining our Young Adults group online on Monday 20 March at 7.30pm to talk to the community about Ecclesiology: Why is Christian Fellowship so important? Please contact E: lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk to find out how to join this engaging and interactive session.

Gidea Park Talk on the Holy Eucharist - Wednesday 22 March at 7pm in the church hall at Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park. Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest and member of the Pope's Biblical Commission, will speak about the Eucharist. The talk, entitled 'Do this in memory of me', will examine the New Testament material, and trace the understanding of the Eucharist through the centuries, including the latest teaching of Pope Francis. This talk is in person and can also be followed live stream by going to W: www.whatgoodnews.org

The next **Chilworth Abbey Study Day** is on Saturday 1 April led by Fr John Seddon OSB, of Bishop Barron's 'Catholicism', Episode 8, 'A Vast Company of Witnesses: the Communion of Saints. Mass 9am, Talks 10.15am-3.30pm. Bring a packed lunch and a friend if possible. See W: chilworthbenedictines.com for more details.

PLEASE, PLEASE, REMEMBER ST. CATHERINE'S IN YOUR WILL, LEGACIES ARE DESPERATELY NEEDED. THANK YOU FOR THINKING OF US.

The church WILL NOT be left open for unsupervised or individual prayer at this present time.

Date for your diaries – Sunday 16th April, after 11.00 am mass celebration for Fr. Boniface 50th birthday – If you can help in anyway, please contact Sue the Parish Secretary – Thank you.

For Diocesan information please see our and the diocesan website for new [forthcoming events and information](#)