

Parish Newsletter:

14th JAN to 22nd JAN 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

Please note: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place at 9.00 am before Mass on a Thursday at Littlehampton. On a Friday at 9.00 am before Mass at Rustington.

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**

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Mass Intentions at St Catherine's this week

SATURDAY 14 th JAN MASS AT 6.00 PM	JACQUELINE COTTAM INT	OUR LADY ON SATURDAY
SUNDAY 15 th JAN MASS AT 11.00 AM	GENEVRA AFFORD INT	SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
MONDAY 16 th JAN	NO MASS	ORDINARY WEEKDAY
TUESDAY 17 th JAN	MASS AT 10.00 AM	ORDINARY WEEKDAY
WEDNESDAY 18 th JAN	NO MASS	ORDINARY WEEKDAY
THURSDAY 19 th JAN E.B.S. 9.00 AM	FRANCESCA BLONDELL INT MASS AT 10.00 AM	ORDINARY WEEKDAY
FRIDAY 20 th JAN	NO MASS	ORDINARY WEEKDAY
SATURDAY 21 st JAN MASS AT 6.00 PM	BERNIE COTTAM RIP	ST. AGNES, VIRGIN, MARTYR
SUNDAY 22 nd JAN MASS AT 11.00 AM	MARY KELLY RIP	THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

COFFEE/TEA AFTER MASS ON SUNDAY'S – ALL ARE WELCOME

**Church collection 7/8 JAN amounted to £637 (this includes standing orders)
Thank you.**

Crib offerings amounted to £62. Thank you.

The winner of the 100 club for December was Ann Thomas with No. 21. Congratulations.

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

Littlehampton Food Bank : The number of people in financial crisis in our area continues to rise. We have never before seen this amount of need and deprivation, and the next few months are likely to be the same.

Items on their wish list include: rice pudding, tinned tomatoes, sugar, tinned fruit, shampoo, UHT milk, instant coffee, squash/UHT fruit juice, hot chocolate and incontinence pads. Please help as much as you can. Thank you.

“Veterans Drop In” – Armed Forces Families cup of tea get together at Creative Craft Café in Beach Road. Every Friday afternoon between 2 and 4pm.

Christian Unity Service Sunday 22 Jan, 6.30pm

The joint Churches Together Service to mark the annual **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** will be held this year at **Parkside Evangelical Church, St Flora’s Road**. Members of all Littlehampton Churches are warmly invited.

Four years ago St Catherine’s hosted the Service, and there was a good turn-out from our Christian brothers and sisters in the town. Perhaps in this, hopefully ‘post-pandemic’, year we can repay the compliment.

PLEASE NOTE: If any new parishioners would like to join the cleaning team the next cleaning dates are 28th / Feb. 11th and 25th / March 11th and 25th / April 8th and 22nd. Thank you.

DAY OF REFLECTION: for Ministers of the Word led by Bishop Richard, **21 January 2023, 11am-4pm** at St Bernadette’s Church, Tilgate, Crawley, RH10 5BS. Arrival from 10.30am for refreshments. Please bring a packed lunch. The day will include talks on the Scriptures, the Lectionary and its use in Liturgy, the Liturgy of the Word, preparing to read, using microphones, Lectio Divina and Mass. For more information email: Catherine.Christmas@abdiocese.org.uk or to book visit the Diocesan website events calendar: www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events

ANNUAL DIOCESAN JUSTICE & PEACE ASSEMBLY: ‘Hungry for Change’, **Saturday 28 January 2023, 9.30am – 1.30pm**, The Philip Howard Centre, 4 Southgate Drive, Crawley, RH10 6RP with Bishop Richard and speakers from CAFOD, Pax Christi and the Ecological Conversion Group. The Assembly will explore food and conflict and the positive steps we can all take towards a fairer, more peaceful world. There is no cost to attend; to reserve a place email: Tessa.Ricketts@abdiocese.org.uk the Diocesan Social Action Adviser

Diocesan run events

Marriage Week celebrates the vibrancy of marriage as the basis for family life and is an annual event encouraging couples to invest in their marriage and relationships. The dates this year are 7-14 February and the focus is on ensuring we look after our marriage. Perhaps you might want to organise something in your parish to help each other or perhaps just take some time together as a couple. Google “Marriage Week” for some helpful links and suggestions or look at the Diocesan website. You can contact Katherine Bergin at E: katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk for further information.

Day of Reflection for Ministers of the Eucharist

This was scheduled to take place on Saturday 18 February. Unfortunately, Bishop Richard now has to be in Rome and therefore the day of reflection has been moved to Saturday 11 March, same venue, same time. We apologise most sincerely for any inconvenience this may cause. All those who have booked a place have been informed.

Diocesan Youth Work Training Course Do you want to help young people to grow in faith? Why not sign up for our Youth Ministry Training Days? Taking Place on 25 February and 25 March 2023, you will learn how to effectively engage with teenagers to help them know the love of God. For Confirmation Catechists, Youth Group Leaders or anyone interested in setting up a youth group. Contact E: lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk for more information.

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 A poster is attached for printing off for display in your parish.

CAFOD

Could your New Year's resolution be to help build a better world through volunteering? CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, is looking for people to give some time and join them in their mission. Could you help develop our work in parishes or Catholic schools? Or raise a voice and campaign for justice throughout the diocese? Training and support are provided. See W: cafod.org.uk/Volunteer for more information or get in touch at E: arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk

St Robert Southwell RC Primary, Horsham - Head Teacher wanted for Summer or Autumn 2023. Salary: Group 2, L11-L17. Contract: Full and Permanent. Applications are invited from Heads, Deputies and Assistant Heads for this exciting opportunity to work in a school where students love learning. Closing date for applications 7 February 2023. Please see school website for details and/or contact E: secretary@strobertsouthwell.co.uk. We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. We expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The successful candidate will be subject to Disclosure and Barring Service checks along with other relevant employment checks.

Worth Abbey

Time Out individual self-guided retreats 20–22 January, 6–9 February, 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.

Finding Stillness 13–16 March and 5–8 June Cost: £330 per person, single occupancy.

'Be still and know that I am God' (Psalm 46). Come to Worth Abbey and encounter this refreshing and empowering stillness. Through the Benedictine tradition, discover how stillness can be part of your everyday life and how transformative it can be. The retreat will include: teachings in Lectio Divina and stilling the mind as well as an opportunity to have a 1:1 meeting with a member of the monastic community.

The Wisdom of St Benedict : Fr Martin McGee OSB 14-16 February Cost: £220 per person, single occupancy

Fr Martin will explore the riches of St Benedict's Rule, a guide to living out the Christian life in all its fullness. The following topics will be covered:

Stability – Becoming rooted in Christ;
Humility – Learning how to become oneself;
Lectio Divina – Finding nourishment in God's Word;
Christian leadership – Serving Christ in others.

Lent Retreat : Fr Peter Williams OSB 28 February–2 March Cost: £220 per person

An opportunity to invite God into your daily life, and to give yourself some time for prayer during the season of Lent; to deepen your faith and your relationship with God. All centred around the monastic cycle of prayer and liturgy and Lectio Divina. There is also the opportunity to meet with one of the Monks for reconciliation or 1:1 chat.

Concessionary rate for shared occupancy and bursary assistance available. Please contact Worth Abbey for further information. T:01342 710318

E: retreats@worth.org.uk W: worth.co.uk

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

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