

Parish Newsletter:

18th MARCH to 26th MAR 2023

St. Catherine of Alexandria Roman Catholic Church



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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.

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 YEAR A

SATURDAY 18 th MAR MASS AT 6.00 PM	JOE & KATHLEEN ZANELLI INT	SATURDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK IN LENT
SUNDAY 19 th MAR MASS AT 11.00 AM	JAN SAKOWICZ RIP	FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
MONDAY 20 th MAR	NO MASS	MONDAY OF THE FOURTH WEEK IN LENT
TUESDAY 21 st MAR MASS AT 10.00 AM	E.B.S. 9.00 AM DON BOSCO ROOM	TUESDAY OF THE FOURTH WEEK IN LENT
WEDNESDAY 22 nd MAR	NO MASS	WEDNESDAY OF THE FOURTH WEEK IN LENT
THURSDAY 23 rd MAR MASS AT 10.00 AM	E.B.S. 9.00 AM DON BOSCO ROOM	THURSDAY OF THE FOURTH WEEK IN LENT
FRIDAY 24 th MAR	NO MASS	FRIDAY OF THE FOURTH WEEK IN LENT
SATURDAY 25 th MAR	MASS AT 6.00 PM	ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD
SUNDAY 26 th MAR	MASS AT 11.00 AM	FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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

Please note that on Tuesday and Thursdays for the present time E.B.S. and Mass will be held in the Don Bosco room due to problems with the heating of the church. Thank you for your understanding.

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. NOT THIS SUNDAY (19th)

Church collection 11/12 MARCH amounted to £593 (this includes standing orders) Thank you.
Today it is Mothering Sunday, and we ask for blessings on all our Mothers, living or dead.

THANK YOU ; THANK YOU ; THANK YOU ; To date donations of £3490 have been received towards the heating fund so we are on our way to reach our target of £5000. FANTASTIC !

CELEBRATION OF CORPUS CHRISTI in the year of the 150th anniversary of the Cathedral Church. This feast, which we mark with a carpet of flowers, Mass and the Eucharistic procession to the Castle has been taking place in the Church since the Church opened, with the exception of the First World War and the recent Pandemic.

Preparations begin on the afternoon of **Sunday 4th June** and the Cathedral will be open to the public to view the carpet on **Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th June**, finishing with the Mass and the procession to the Castle. This is a large event to put on for our small Parish, would you be prepared to volunteer your time and skills to help with the tasks involved: stewarding, catering, shop, preparing and laying the carpet of flowers, clearing up!

If you can help, come to a briefing (with refreshments) on **Wednesday 22nd March at 7pm** in the Parish Centre. Please let Louise at the Cathedral Office (arundel@abdiocese.org.uk or 01903 882297) know if you can attend and if possible which area of work you might like to be involved with. Bring a friend! Even if you are only able to offer small amount of time during the feast, your contribution will help ensure that those who visit are able to make the most of their time here taking home happy memories and being spiritually refreshed.

If you use your mobile phone and scan in the QR code it should take you straight to our website.

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**. 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).

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 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.

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

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.

Mass for Engaged Couples – Friday 16 June 2023 7pm at Arundel Cathedral Join Bishop Richard for a special Mass celebrating the momentous journey of discernment that is engagement towards the lifelong commitment made by couples preparing for marriage. Mass will be followed by refreshments in the Cathedral Centre.

The Franciscan Centre Ladywell

Set in the heart of beautiful Surrey, we offer retreats, quiet days, spiritual direction and programmes. 'Come away and rest for a while' (Mark 6.31)

Wednesday 26 to Sunday 30 April 2023

Re-imagining the World: The Vision of Saint Francis and Pope Francis A programme with Br William Short OFM

Thursday 9th to Sunday 11th June

New Light from Old Stories A weekend workshop with Brain Purfield

Join us for the day, or for the weekend. We have day places or residential opportunities available. Contact us for further information or to book.

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LOVE THE STRANGER is a new publication by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales Department for International Affairs which articulates our Christian duty to look beyond labels and see the person who has left their homeland in search of a better life. Details <communications@cbcew.org.uk>

Annual Pilgrimage Day to West Grinstead for Grandparents and all those who fulfil this role in so many different ways. Wednesday 14 June 2023 11- 3pm. This is always a joyous day of celebration with Bishop Richard and friends from across the Diocese. Booking is now available through the diocesan website.

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.

PLEASE NOTE CLOCKS GO FORWARD ONE HOUR NEXT WEEKEND

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