

Parish Newsletter:
1st MAY to 9th MAY 2021

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

Year B

**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

Please pray for those who are unwell

**Mary Bond, Deidre Currell,
Simon Hobson, Gloria Bird,
Flora Gardner-Reeves,
Kellie Marshall,
Christopher Bruce.**

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

The SVP can direct people or provide emergency help if needed. Their e mail is:
stcatherinessvp@gmail.com and
emergency phone number is: 07554 060625

100 CLUB

A great way to help with church funds is to join the club and maybe win yourself a prize.
Go on give it a try!
There are still some numbers available

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Mass Intentions at St Catherine's this week

SATURDAY 1 st MAY	ANDREW KERR RIP	ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER
SUNDAY 2 nd MAY MASS AT 11.00 AM	PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MONDAY 3 rd MAY	PATRICK HALLAGHAN RIP	STS. PHILIP & JAMES APOSTLES
TUESDAY 4 th MAY	REGINA STRIPP INT.	THE ENGLISH MARTYRS
WEDNESDAY 5 th MAY	MASS AT RUSTINGTON	WEDNESDAY AFTER THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
THURSDAY 6 th MAY	CIARAN PURCELL RIP	THURSDAY AFTER THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
FRIDAY 7 th MAY	BRIDGIE SULLIVAN INT.	FRIDAY AFTER THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
SATURDAY 8 th MAY	ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEDICATION (morning) PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES (evening Mass)	SATURDAY AFTER THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
SUNDAY 9 th MAY MASS AT 11.00 AM	VERA STEVENSON RIP	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Please see page 2 information regarding new retreats at Worth Abbey

Please see page 2 information regarding Sussex Heritage

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SOLEMNITY OF THE DEDICATION ANNIVERSARY

Saturday 8th May 2021

In the morning Fr Carl will say in private the Mass of the Dedication Anniversary.

In the evening after Vespers, he will say in private the Mass of the Sixth Sunday of Easter.

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ONLINE RETREATS: The Open Cloister @ Worth Abbey

Saturday 8th May: Wisdom of the Desert Fathers and Desert Mothers: the thoughts.

Led by Fr Peter Williams OSB

Saturday 15th May: C S Lewis: a Prophet for our Time

Led by Robert Elliot

Saturday 29th May: The Post-Covid World: Pope Francis' vision 'Let us Dream'

Led by Austin Ivereigh

Saturday 5th June: The Wisdom of St Benedict

Led by Fr Martin McGee OSB

Fri 18th-Sun 20th June: The Motif of Feast in the Bible

Led by Viv Randall and Michael Woodward (both Lay Community of St Benedict)

Further information and to book your place online: worth.co.uk/retreats/

For enquiries, please email: toc@worth.org.uk

SUSSEX HERITAGE

Quiet Days Wednesday and Thursday 26 and 27 May 10am to 4pm at Sussex Heritage Centre, Arundel, BN18 9QY. Spend the day in beautiful surroundings with prayer resources, art and craft materials, gardens and countryside and river walks from the door. A much needed opportunity to recuperate and re-charge after the difficulties and stresses of the past year. Bring a packed lunch. Cost £15. Optional spiritual direction sessions on Thursday at an additional cost of £20. Also, Pentecost Weekend Individually Guided Retreat 21/23 May £225. Limited numbers. For more details or to book see sussexheritage.co.uk or phone Maria Whitehouse on 01903 413606

MARRIAGE WEEK

10-16th May is Marriage week, a time for us to celebrate the joy and blessings of marriage. Pope Francis reminds us that "Marriage is like a plant. It is not an armoire, which is placed there, in the room, and it's enough to dust it every once in a while. A plant is alive, and it needs to be cared for every day: to see how it is doing, to give it water, and so it goes. Marriage is a living reality: the life of a couple should never be taken for granted, in any phase of a family's journey."

Pope Francis, 21st December 2015. Why not take some time this week to really find some time to talk to your spouse and nurture your marriage?

Rod Thick - St Mary of the Angels Justice & Peace Group

CAFOD Parliament in your Parish is about engaging with our MP's to plan a better post-COVID world. This year the UK hosts both the G7 meeting of rich countries, discussing overseas Debt & Aid, and the Cop26 Climate Summit. It's important to hold our politicians accountable after the Pandemic to rebuild in a way that addresses the world's most pressing ecological and social issues.

Pope Francis in his recent document 'Fratelli tutti', calls and urges us to be involved in the politics of 'renewing our troubled society'. In response to that call, we are inviting Catholics of all ages from Worthing, Rustington, Lancing, Shoreham Parishes to join us in a Zoom meeting with our MP's Sir Peter Bottomley & Tim Loughton, to just listen to or join in a discussion on climate change, debt, Aid budget, and to encourage our MPs to take any actions we, or they, may think appropriate.

Please email: rod.504t@ntlworld.com if you would like to be included and the name of your MP, and we will keep you informed. The Zoom link to be sent when date is confirmed. For more info. see <https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Reclaim>

A HOMELESS CRISIS

EMERGES IN THE WAKE OF COVID

“This last year my life has been like a game of Jenga with blocks falling rapidly one after the other. I never want to sleep rough EVER again. ... I am proof that becoming homeless can happen to anyone - especially now”.

Turning Tides, the largest provider of support for homeless men and women in West Sussex are starting to see the real economic impact of Covid, as increasing numbers depend upon them.

The charity's services are now under huge pressure as increasing numbers of local people lose their livelihoods and subsequently their homes.

Simon, like so many others, never thought his life would unravel completely. Following the breakup of a long term relationship, he had to live out of his van for three months.

“Last March was the worst year of my life, within just a few days everything completely fell apart when my long term relationship ended. I was devastated and had absolutely nowhere to live. At the same time, the country went into its first lockdown - frightening for everyone. Worse still, work dried up and I found myself ‘sofa surfing’. I can only describe that time as feeling completely shell shocked and very afraid that this was happening to me. It was absolute hell.”

Fortunately, Turning Tides were able to support Simon at their local Community Hub where he accessed hot showers, clean clothes, hot meals, and emotional help from keyworkers. Simon is now in accommodation provided by Turning Tides and is rebuilding the future he longs for.

For the first time ever an estimated 1,000 people, including families, are living in temporary emergency accommodation across the county. Unless they are supported into proper housing and, crucially, given support to rebuild their lives, it is only a matter of time before these short term remedies end and many are returned to the streets. With a shortage of temporary accommodation, limited affordable housing and rising numbers of people becoming homeless, Turning Tides are painfully aware the homeless crisis brought by Covid has only just begun. Turning Tides are committed to find lasting solutions for local people, like Simon, who just need the chance to rebuild their lives - but they cannot do this without the continued support from our community.

DONATING WHATEVER YOU CAN AFFORD WILL ENABLE TURNING TIDES TO PROVIDE VITAL SUPPORT TO PEOPLE LIKE SIMON - ACROSS WEST SUSSEX

WWW.TURNING-TIDES.ORG.UK/HOMELESSCRISIS

Telephone 01903 680748

CORONAVIRUS PRECAUTIONS – INFORMATION

Please use hand sanitizers provided

Wait to be shown to your seat

Communion under one kind (in the hand only)

No physical sign of peace

No Holy water in the stoups

Please do not touch or kiss the statues.

Hymn books will not be distributed

Anyone with cold and flu like symptoms should not attend.

No collection plate will be passed around – please place your offertory in the box provided near the exit door or in the basket held by a steward

No catering or refreshments will be served

Toilets will be closed

If you feel unwell, please raise your hand and a steward will attend to you

Please sit down and only stand for the Gospel

No votive candles

Please wear suitable clothing as all doors will be propped open for air flow

If after attending Mass, you come down with any flu like symptoms please let the Parish Secretary know.

Apart from responses please keep silent in the church and outside

Bring and wear your own face mask if you wish

Please take all belongings with you when you go to communion so you can leave the church immediately (if for any reason you do leave anything behind you will have to wait until the church has emptied before returning to collect)

There will be no paper newsletter for the present time

Please respect social distancing at all times (2 metres – 6 feet).

Thank you for your co-operation in these matters – keep well – stay safe