

Parish Newsletter:

21st MAY to 29th MAY 2022

**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 and Friday

Please pray for those who are unwell

Mary Bond, Gloria Bird,
Kevin Blake,
Flora Gardner-Reeves,
Kellie Marshall,
Christopher Bruce, Nola Eaton,
Ann and Arthur Watson,
Fr. Dominic O'Hara,
Jenni Ripley and Carol Volney

SAFEGUARDING

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

100 CLUB – THERE ARE STILL NUMBERS AVAILABLE. PLEASE HELP YOUR PARISH WITH THIS FUNDRAISER. PACKS CAN BE SENT OUT ON REQUEST FROM THE PARISH OFFICE. THANK YOU.

For Diocesan information please see our and the diocesan website for new forthcoming events and information

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Mass Intentions at St Catherine's this week

SATURDAY 21 st MAY	MASS AT 6.00 PM CAROLINE SILVERSON INT.	SATURDAY AFTER THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
SUNDAY 22 nd MAY MASS AT 11.00 AM	SIMON HOBSON RIP	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MONDAY 23 rd MAY	NO MASS	ORDINARY WEEKDAY
TUESDAY 24 th MAY	NO MASS	ORDINARY WEEKDAY
WEDNESDAY 25 th MAY	NO MASS	ORDINARY WEEKDAY
THURSDAY 26 th MAY	NO MASS	ASCENSION OF THE LORD
FRIDAY 27 th MAY	NO MASS	ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY.
SATURDAY 28 th MAY	MASS AT 6.00PM	SATURDAY AFTER THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
SUNDAY 29 th MAY MASS AT 11.00 AM	CANON SEAMUS HESTER INT.	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Please note Hall Booking enquiries are to be sent to bracklesham@icloud.com

OUR SHOP WILL BE OPEN EACH SATURDAY BEFORE AND AFTER MASS ALSO EACH SUNDAY BEFORE AND AFTER MASS. COME ALONG AND SEE WHAT WE HAVE.

Coffee/ Tea after Sunday Mass. All are welcome. Please come and join in.

Collection for 14/15th MAY amounted to £626. (this includes standing orders). Thank you.

Next Sunday (May 29) is World Communications Sunday, when a collection will be taken to support the work of the Catholic Communications Network.

This weekend we welcome The Very Reverend Father, Mark Odion MSP, Regional Superior of the Missionary of St. Paul UK Region, and thank him for saying our Masses both here and in Rustington.

It is now three months since the induction of Fr Boniface as our parish priest. A description of the event, with accompanying photos, is now up on our website. Go to:

<https://www.stcatherineschurchlittlehampton.org/induction-of-fr-boniface.html>

Returning to Mass at Pentecost

At the recent Spring Plenary Meeting of the Bishops of England and Wales, a Resolution 'Returning to Mass at Pentecost' was issued. It begins as follows: "A beautiful hallmark of the Catholic faith is the profound desire to participate in the Holy Mass and share in the Eucharist. We do so with deep gratitude and joy. The Eucharist gives the Church her identity – 'The Eucharist makes the Church, and the Church makes the Eucharist.' It enables us to worship Almighty God, to support each other on our journey of faith, and to be a visible sign of faith in the world. This hallmark is supported and strengthened by the precept that our fundamental Christian duty is to worship God by participating in the celebration of Mass. Attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days is the greatest of all privileges, sometimes referred to as "the Sunday Obligation.

Since the beginning of the Covid pandemic, until the present time, we have shared with you our judgment that the situation of the last two years has meant that the Sunday Obligation has been impeded and has needed to be fulfilled in other ways. We thank God that this situation has now changed. The pressing challenges of the pandemic have lessened significantly. Most people have resumed the wide range of normal activities, no longer restricted by the previous Covid measures. **We therefore believe that the reasons which have prevented Catholics from attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation no longer apply."**

The complete Resolution can be found at: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/news/the-sunday-obligation-returning-to-mass-at-pentecost>

The paradox of abundance

Over 800 million people go hungry each day. Yet the world produces over 4 billion tonnes of food, and we only need 3.7 billion tonnes to feed everyone. From all this food produced, a third is wasted. St John Paul II called this 'the paradox of abundance.' Clearly the current global food system is not working. But as Pope Francis said, "Each of us has a role to play in transforming food systems for the benefit of people and the planet." Let's respond to his call! CAFOD's new campaign is called Fix the Food System.

See www.cafod.org.uk/food for more information, including an invitation for parish groups to learn about the impact of our food with our *Fix the Food System: a 7-station journey* resource.

Turning Tides' Big Summer Sleep Out is back!

Make a stand against homelessness on Saturday 18th June.

Spend one night under the stars at Worthing Football Club and raise awareness of the growing number of people who have nowhere to call home.

Last year, Turning Tides supported over 900 people experiencing homelessness across West Sussex. Help support your local charity who are determined that no one should go through the trauma of homelessness alone. The event costs £20 to enter and participants must be 16 and over. Those between the ages of 16-18 will need to be accompanied by an adult.

For more details about this event visit: <https://www.turning-tides.org.uk/event/big-summer-sleepout-2022/> Or phone: 01903 680740

Ministry of the Word Formation Course: Everybody who proclaims the word of God in the liturgy needs, whether new to it or a long time minister, to reflect on the importance of what they are doing and to practice their proclamation. To assist with that there will be a further deanery 'Ministers of the Word Course' on Wednesday 15 June from 7-8.30pm at St Michael's, Hayling Rise, Worthing BN13 3AL in the parish hall and church. Numbers are limited. Please book by contacting Deacon Mark Woods on email mark.woods@abdiocese.org.uk or tel: 01903 877801. A further session if needed will be available in July.

Grandparents Day Wednesday 8 June at West Grinstead 11am to 3pm

Our Annual Pilgrimage to the Shrine at West Grinstead for Grandparents and all those who fulfil this role in so many different ways. The day begins at 11am with coffee available from 10.30am. This is always a joyous day of celebration with Bishop Richard and friends from across the Diocese. Further information and sign-up details can be found on the Diocesan website under events

W: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events>

To find out about events hosted by the Diocese please visit our website events calendar

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Finding Stillness: 6-9 June – Cost: £330 per person

Led by Fr Peter Williams OSB

Come away to a quiet place to find stillness and God's presence. Discover in the Benedictine tradition; how stillness and stability can be ways of opening up to God and living life at a deeper level.

To book and pay for your place go to W: www.worth.co.uk .

For further information contact us: T: 01342 710318 E: retreats@worth.org.uk

Diocesan run events:

Refugee Crisis Coffee Morning with Bishop Richard, Saturday 25 June at 11.30am.

Bishop Richard will be hosting an informal coffee morning to discuss our response to the refugee crisis, at St Gabriel's Hall, Billingshurst, RH14 9QH. Everyone is very welcome, to reserve your free place please sign up

here: <https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/an04uoxn>

The Diocese would like to find out what our Catholic community is doing to support refugees here and abroad. The following short questionnaire will enable Bishop Richard and our Central Office teams to build a picture of the wonderful work being undertaken across our community, as well as highlighting possible areas of need: <https://forms.office.com/r/mEwnrp9bgw>

Invited

Invited Novena: 27 May – 4 June

We are in the middle of our diocesan Mission, Invited Season II but it's not too late to get involved. You can 'binge-watch' the films so far or simply join in when the next episode is released on Monday. Most importantly we encourage you to join in our diocesan-wide Novena to the Holy Spirit, building from Ascension to Pentecost. To sign up, go to <https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/whgsjpng>. To find out more about Invited please visit our website www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited.

Inclusion

Would you like to attend formation for the Ministry of Welcome? Formation provides an opportunity to consider how our wonderful parish communities can become even more welcoming and inclusive. To find out more please contact the diocesan Inclusion Adviser Margaret Fraher E: margaret.fraher@abdiocese.org.uk or M: 07508459315.

Are you Deaf or Hard of Hearing? Would you like to attend the monthly diocesan Mass signed in BSL, with specific Liturgical Mass Signs for the Mass? If you would like further information about our Signed Mass or the diocesan Deaf Group please text or email the diocesan Inclusion Adviser Margaret Fraher; M: 07508459315 or E: margaret.fraher@abdiocese.org.uk

Youth BeCome: Diocesan Young Adults Group (18-35). We are coming to the end of our online study of the Sycamore series but will be starting a new process of studying and praying with scriptures very soon. If you are interested in joining our community and diving deeper into the bible whilst forming new friendships, contact E: lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk

Annual Pilgrimage of Reparation and Consecration at the Church of Our Lady of Consolation & St Francis West Grinstead RH13 8LT on Saturday 16 July, 12.15pm – 4.15pm. The day includes Mass celebrated by Canon Tim Madeley, a personal consecration to Our Lady, The Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of Divine Mercy - Adoration and Silent Prayer and Benediction. There is no need to book, to find out more contact Linda C-Dominguez T: 01273 463463 or Jayne Lock M: 07816 422851 or E: jayne.lock1@gmail.com.

Blessed Pauline Jaricot (1799 -1862)

One of Missio's founders – Venerable Pauline Jaricot – will be beatified this Sunday (22 May) in her home town of Lyon in France.

Pauline Jaricot was a remarkable young lay woman with formidable faith. Through her resolution and strong beliefs, aged only 23 she founded the Association for the Propagation of the Faith (the APF), which makes her one of Missio's founders.

Pauline believed that if we all give a little and pray together, we can share God's love throughout the world. You can watch a short film and read more about her life at

<https://missio.org.uk/pauline-resources>

CORPUS CHRISTI CARPET OF FLOWERS 15-16 JUNE 2022

After a break due to Covid in 2020 and the "mini" Carpet of Flowers last year, Arundel Cathedral are planning to lay a full 'Carpet of Flowers' for the Feast of Corpus Christi this year. Can you offer a few hours of your time and join the Corpus Christi team at Arundel Cathedral? Volunteers are needed from around the Diocese for various roles, from cutting flower heads welcoming visitors, serving teas etc., Preparations begin on Monday 13 – Thursday 16 June. For more information email Louise in the Cathedral Office: arundel@abdiocese.org.uk or Tel: 01903 882297

Prayer for Peace in Ukraine

Father in Heaven, have mercy on us and on the whole world! You sent Your Son, the Prince of Peace, for the salvation of the world. We pray that the Peace of Christ will reign in Ukraine. Please protect and send aid to those in Ukraine and all who are at-risk. We pray for peace-we pray for all who are working towards it and for all who are in danger from this conflict. We pray for an end to violence and war-we pray for wisdom for all leaders who have a hand in this. Lord God, please help those in most need of thy mercy. Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Peace, pray for us! St Joseph, Protector of Mary, Jesus and the Church, pray for us! St Michael, Patron of Kyiv, pray for us! Lord Jesus, Prince of Peace, may your kingdom reign in Ukraine and all the world. Amen. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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