

Parish Newsletter:
21st Nov to 29th Nov 2020

**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

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.

Please pray for those who are unwell

**Mary Bond, Deidre Currell,
Simon Hobson, Gloria Bird,
Flora Gardener Reeves,
Michael Keaveny and
Kellie Marshall**

REQUIEM AETERNAM

Please pray for Fr. Albert van der Most, and Jacqueline Wythe. May they rest in peace. Amen.

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

LIVE STREAMING OF MASS:

Churches continue to live stream

Mass: www.churchservices.tv
and www.cbcew.org.uk

100 CLUB

A great way to help with church funds (especially as there are no services and so no collections) 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 21st NOV	CHRISTINE RICHARDS INT.	PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
SUNDAY 22nd NOV	PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES	CHRIST THE KING
MONDAY 23rd NOV	PETER COLE RIP	ST. COLUMBANUS. ABBOT
TUESDAY 24th NOV	MARY SUTTON RIP	ST. ANDREW DUNG-LAC PRIEST AND COMPANIONS
WEDNESDAY 25th NOV	WINIFRED AND HARRY BURCHFIELD RIP	ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGIN, MARTYR
THURSDAY 26th NOV	AUDREY PICKARD RIP	ORDINARY WEEKDAY
FRIDAY 27th NOV	FUNERAL AT RUSTINGTON	ORDINARY WEEKDAY
SATURDAY 28th NOV	MAY GALLAGHER RIP	ORDINARY WEEKDAY
SUNDAY 29th NOV	PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

BISHOP'S CATECHESIS FOR ADVENT I shall be offering talks at the Cathedral on the Fridays preceding the Sundays of Advent. These will begin at 7pm. The dates and themes are as follows and information will be included on the diocesan website and in e-news. The first will be livestreamed only, on account of the lockdown, but it will be possible for people to attend the other three and bookings can be made through the Cathedral office. 27th November: Advent – Waiting 4th December: John the Baptist – Witness 11th December: Gaudete – Rejoice 18th December: Mary – Openness

DEANERY MASSES FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Bishop Richard will be offering a live streamed Deanery Mass for those who have died during this difficult year. You are invited to provide the name of those you would like remembered at these Masses to Fr Carl who will pass them on to the Bishop on your behalf. Our Deanery mass, at St. Mary of the Angels, is scheduled for 2nd December at 6.30pm.

PRISONS: This Christmas will be a particularly difficult time for those in the prisons of the diocese and the staff who care for them. Please remember them all in your prayers. More information can be found at www.prisonadvice.org.uk

MASS OFFERINGS AND CRIB COLLECTIONS: Christmas Day Mass offerings may be retained by the Parish Priest, thanking you in advance for your generosity to Fr. Carl. Crib offerings will be for the crisis fund as operated by the Catholic Children's Society. There will be **ONE** Mass on Christmas day at Rustington at 9.00am and **ONE** Mass at St. Catherine's at 11.00AM. Please arrive early to get a seat and please do not be offended if the Church is full as we will be adhering to Government Guidelines.

Godly Play

Godly Play is a creative and engaging way of praying with children, young people and even adults! Telling stories helps us explore God's story, Bible stories, our own story, and where we fit in to it all. Are you involved with, or interested in Godly Play?

Join members of our Formation Team on Zoom, on Saturday 21st November at 10.30am. Please contact rosie.read@abdiocese.org.uk for booking information.

Missio Boxes

The Missio Red Box Collection this Autumn has resulted so far in £106.14 being sent to Missio. Do let Mike Webber know (01903 725448) if he can pick up your box.

Supporting the Bereaved Course 2021

Around the Diocese many parishes are developing a bereavement befriending team, to accompany and support those experiencing grief and loss.

They provide a vital service where people with a common faith can walk with others on this painful journey.

Do you feel that you are being called to this Ministry? Do you have a good ear for listening? Are you able to empathise with people? Are you able to maintain confidentiality?

If you feel drawn to supporting fellow parishioners, please speak to your Parish Priest about being considered for the Diocesan Supporting the Bereaved Course.

A commitment to attending every session is needed (Eight Tuesdays across January to March 2021).

If you wish to speak to someone about what the course entails and to register your interest in joining the programme please call Rev Deacon Simon South, Diocesan Marriage & Family Life Project Worker, on 07415 306222 or email on simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk.

Thank you.

St. John's Seminary, Wonersh

Many of you will have heard that St John's Seminary in Wonersh is to close in its present form. The Seminary has served the Church for 130 years and there is great sadness that formation must now end at the site.

Unfortunately, there was no new intake this September. With the seminarian body numbering just 17 the community is small, with the building and staffing costs too high to sustain. Arrangements have been made for the remaining seminarians to join the community at Allen Hall, Chelsea in September 2021.

Archbishop John Wilson and Bishop Richard are committed to providing priestly formation that will serve the people of our Dioceses and parishes into the future. St John's will remain a legal entity so that consideration can be given to the ways in which the tradition of priestly formation established at Wonersh in 1891 will continue.

The Trustees of St John's are extremely grateful to rectors, staff and seminarians, past and present, and to all those who have supported the Seminary over the years. We ask our Diocesan church family to pray for vocations to the priesthood, keeping our seminarians in their thoughts and prayers over the coming months.

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 stoops

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