

Parish Newsletter:
24th April to 2nd 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 24 th APRIL	PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES	SATURDAY AFTER THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
SUNDAY 25 th APRIL MASS AT 11.00 AM	FRANCISCAN MISSIONARY SISTERS OF LITTLEHAMPTON	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MONDAY 26 th APRIL	FUNERAL OF ANTHONY MOLLIKA-FRANCO	MONDAY AFTER THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
TUESDAY 27 th APRIL	MONICA MORRIS INT.	TUESDAY AFTER THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
WEDNESDAY 28 th APRIL	MASS AT RUSTINGTON	ST. PETER CHANEL PRIEST. MARTYR
THURSDAY 29 th APRIL	JANICE BRIGHT INT.	ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA PATRON OF EUROPE
FRIDAY 30 th APRIL	THE KERR FAMILY INT.	FRIDAY AFTER THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
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

"We regret the Church loop system for the hard of hearing will not be available, until further notice. A possible fire risk has been identified in the Ampetronic Induction Loop IDL9 which drives the system. Thank you for your understanding.

Please see website for a new book about Catholic Bishops of A & B 1965 – 2020

Please see page 2 re new information re Missio.

Please see page 2 for new CAFOD information.

Please see page 2 information regarding new retreats at Worth Abbey

Please see page 3 for information regarding The Homeless Crisis Appeal

THANK YOU

Fr Carl wishes to express his gratitude for the Easter Offering he has received from both his parishes and also for a number of personal cards and gifts he received from parishioners this Easter.

COVID RESTRICTIONS ARE STILL IN FORCE

Missio / APF

The March Red Box collection this year from St Catherine's Parish totalled £75.55, for which many thanks.

If you would like to help Missio / APF with its Missionary work by making out a Standing Order (or by collecting money, using a Red Box), please contact the Local Secretary Mike Webber on **01903 725448**. Mike can provide you with the necessary forms (or a Red Box, of course).

CAFOD – Climate Change Petition:

This year, the UK will host the largest gathering of world leaders ever to take place on British soil: the 'COP26' climate talks in Glasgow in November. As Prime Minister, Boris Johnson must push world leaders to show the ambition we need to keep temperature rises below the disastrous 1.5-degree threshold. This means that all countries must play their part. With the eyes of the world on the UK, we must urge the Prime Minister to make sure communities hardest hit by the climate emergency are listened to at COP26. Please sign our petition at [//cafod.org.uk/reclaim](https://cafod.org.uk/reclaim)
For those without internet access, petition cards can be ordered from the CAFOD Shop: 0300 011 5680. Thank you.

ONLINE RETREATS: The Open Cloister @ Worth Abbey

Saturday 24th April: Finding Silence 3: the journey of meditation and silent prayer

Led by Fr Peter Williams OSB

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: <https://worth.co.uk/retreats/online-retreats>

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

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