

**Parish Newsletter:**  
30<sup>th</sup> JULY to 7<sup>th</sup> AUG 2022

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

**Year C**

**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](http://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, Ann and  
Arthur Watson,  
Fr. Dominic O'Hara,  
Jenni Ripley, Carol Volney  
and Patricia Fitzpatrick

**SAFEGUARDING**

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

**100 CLUB**

There are still some numbers available. Please help your parish with this fundraising effort. Please contact the office 01903 731171

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

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**Parish Secretary: Mrs Sue Pegrum**

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**Mass Intentions at St Catherine's this week**

<b>SATURDAY 30<sup>th</sup> JULY</b> <b>FR. ALAN SHARPE</b>	<b>MASS AT 6.00 PM</b> <b>CAROLINE SILVERSON INT.</b>	<b>OUR LADY ON SATURDAY</b>
<b>SUNDAY 31<sup>st</sup> JULY</b> <b>MASS AT 11.00 AM</b>	<b>PATRICIA ELIZABETH</b> <b>FREEMAN RIP</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>
<b>MONDAY 1<sup>st</sup> AUGUST</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	<b>ORDINARY WEEKDAY</b>
<b>TUESDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> AUG</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	<b>ORDINARY WEEKDAY</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> AUG</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	<b>ORDINARY WEEKDAY</b>
<b>THURSDAY 4<sup>th</sup> AUG</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	<b>ST. JOHN VIANNEY. PRIEST</b>
<b>FRIDAY 5<sup>th</sup> AUG</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	<b>ORDINARY WEEKDAY</b>
<b>SATURDAY 6<sup>th</sup> AUG</b>	<b>MASS AT 6.00PM</b>	<b>TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD</b>
<b>SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> AUG</b> <b>MASS AT 11.00 AM</b>	<b>ANN &amp; ARTHUR WATSON</b> <b>INT</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>

**Please note Hall Booking enquiries are to be sent to:**  
**[hall.littlehampton@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:hall.littlehampton@abdiocese.org.uk)**

**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.**

**We welcome any visitors to our Church today. Coffee/ Tea after Sunday Mass. All are welcome. Please come and join in.**

**Parish youth programme starting in August for those who will be in years 7-9. We will meet once a month (St. Catherine's Don Bosco Room) to spend time socialising together and discussing our faith. We'd love to see you there – our first session will be on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August 6-8pm. We need more adults to help. Please talk to Francesca or Adrienne or email [franblondell@gmail.com](mailto:franblondell@gmail.com).**

**Offertory collections 23/24 July amounted to £530 (this includes standing orders) Thank you. FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST EACH MASS WILL HAVE A SECOND COLLECTION IN AID OF THE BUILDING MAINTENANCE FUND**

**2022/2023 Holy Communion & Reconciliation Preparation**

The new first Holy Communion Preparation course, for Baptised children in year 3 or above, starts in September.

Forms can be collected from the back St Catherine's Church and St Joseph's Church after Masses. Closing date is 11th September.

SVP: If you need assistance please email our parish St Vincent de Paul Society. They can offer help, befriending and information. [stcatherinessvp@gmail.com](mailto:stcatherinessvp@gmail.com)

### Roof Vandals: EVERYONE PLEASE BE VIGILANT!

Fellow Parishioners:

Damage is being done to the church and centre roofs by vandals or thieves climbing up to steal lead. The Parish Finance Committee has lodged an insurance claim with estimates ranging from £2,500 to £4,500. A response is awaited. Since then, within the last week, further substantial damage has been done. There is now a danger of having to close the centre, pending temporary and permanent roof repairs. Closure would pose a serious threat to the income of the Parish on which we rely. As we are now in the holiday season when fewer people are on site, will all Parishioners please be vigilant when coming to the site or just passing by. Look for anything suspicious. If you see youths in the church grounds near the roof or see anyone on the roof, especially outside normal working hours, PLEASE tell the Police (101) and the Parish Office. (01903 731171 ext. 2) We have contacted the Police and have requested an urgent meeting with them.

### **An Update on the Synod**

A two-year synodal process is taking place across the Catholic Church. From October 2021 - March 2022, dioceses, national organisations, and religious communities engaged in a number of listening conversations exploring the way the Church embraces her missionary mandate in the world of today. The ideas and thoughts collected as part of this exercise informed Diocesan Synthesis documents which were then shared with the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. You can read our Diocesan Synthesis at: [https://assets.website-files.com/5ed93a8802f9816a9341c2a2/62612632d832cf656cbbe830\\_Synod%20of%20Bishops%202023.%20Report%20to%20CBCEW.pdf?ct=t\(EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_2\\_17\\_2022\\_14\\_56\\_COPY\\_02\)&mc\\_cid=c6ff0ad0b6&mc\\_eid=a14601a975](https://assets.website-files.com/5ed93a8802f9816a9341c2a2/62612632d832cf656cbbe830_Synod%20of%20Bishops%202023.%20Report%20to%20CBCEW.pdf?ct=t(EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2_17_2022_14_56_COPY_02)&mc_cid=c6ff0ad0b6&mc_eid=a14601a975)

Reflecting on the main themes that emerged as a result of the diocesan phase of the Synod, a **National Synthesis for England and Wales** was drawn up. Go to: [https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2022/06/synod-national-synthesis-england-wales.pdf?ct=t\(EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_2\\_17\\_2022\\_14\\_56\\_COPY\\_02\)&mc\\_cid=c6ff0ad0b6&mc\\_eid=a14601a975](https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2022/06/synod-national-synthesis-england-wales.pdf?ct=t(EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2_17_2022_14_56_COPY_02)&mc_cid=c6ff0ad0b6&mc_eid=a14601a975)

This document will go forward - together with the Bishops' Reflection - to form part of the European continental synodal phase, contributing to the Synod of Bishops due to take place in Rome in October 2023. You can read the Bishops of England and Wales' Reflection on the National Synthesis "**Seeking our Hearts' Desire**" at [Bishops-Reflection-Synodal-National-Synthesis.pdf \(cbcew.org.uk\)](https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2022/06/synod-national-synthesis-england-wales.pdf?ct=t(EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2_17_2022_14_56_COPY_02)&mc_cid=c6ff0ad0b6&mc_eid=a14601a975)

### **CAFOD school volunteers required**

Do you enjoy working with children and young people? Could you help to inspire and empower children and young people in our Catholic schools and churches to bring alive their sense of global justice? Could you give an assembly or a workshop in a local school? Supported by CAFOD with training and resources, you will discuss issues of global justice, add to parish and school life, whilst complementing the work of teachers, priests and catechists. Contact the CAFOD A&B office at St Pius X Church, Laustan Close, Merrow, Guildford, Surrey GU2 2TS. T: 01483 573273 M: 07710 094448 E: [arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk](mailto:arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk) W: [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk).

### **India's first lay Catholic saint.**

The Canonisation of Blessed Lazarus, also called Devasahayam, an 18th-century Indian martyr, took place in Rome on 15<sup>th</sup> May this year. Lazarus was a married Hindu man who converted to Catholicism, taking the name 'Lazarus' or 'Devasahayam', which in Tamil and Malayalam means 'God is my help'.

Lazarus was brought up on false charges of treason and espionage and was divested of his post in the royal administration in the Kingdom of Travancore (which covered what is now the southern parts of the Indian states of Kerala and Tamil Nadu). He was also imprisoned and subjected to harsh persecution. A Catholic for only seven years, Lazarus was shot dead in the Aralvaimozhy forest on January 14, 1752.

### **Young Adults Day at the Seaside with Fr Stephen Ortiger – Saturday 20 August 11am - 3pm**

Mass at Our lady Star of the Sea, East Preston, followed by a walk on the beach and a shared lunch at a beachside café. Contact E: [lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk) for more information.

### **Are you Deaf or Hard of Hearing?**

Come and join the Diocesan Deaf Service as we celebrate Mass in Horsham at 1pm on the first Saturday of each month (except in August). Mass is celebrated in sign language and speech so is fully accessible to all. You are also invited to join everyone for refreshments after the Mass for some social time together. For more information, please contact Margaret Fraher, Diocesan Inclusion Adviser - E: [margaret.fraher@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:margaret.fraher@abdiocese.org.uk) M: 07508459315.

### **"Who Cares?" New group for The Diocese of Arundel & Brighton - next meeting is at 1.30pm - 4pm on Sunday 7 August 2022**

A support group offering a safe place and support, without prejudice, to those impacted people going through divorce, separated and divorced. This is a self-help group run by others who have experienced this loss and change in their lives and are on a recovery journey. We will meet monthly at St John the Evangelist, 3 Springfield Road, Horsham, West Sussex RH12 2PJ. The theme for the meeting will be Communication Skills. There is also plenty of time for a chat over tea and cake! Contact details E: [Carolinevdb55@gmail.com](mailto:Carolinevdb55@gmail.com) and E: [TeacherSue@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:TeacherSue@hotmail.co.uk)

**Advance notice; There will be NO weekday masses in the month of August**

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