

THE CATHOLIC CHURCHES OF

SS Anthony & George, Duncton
The Divine Motherhood & St Francis of Assisi, Midhurst
The Sacred Heart, Petworth

Sunday May 12th		Seventh Sunday of Easter		The Parish of Petworth & Midhurst www.petworthcatholic.org
8.00am	Duncton	Mass	People of the Parish	
9.30am	Midhurst	Mass	Alys Ferguson RIP	
11.00am	Petworth	Mass (Rosary before)	Private Intention	Parish Priest Canon Peter Newsam peter.newsam@abdiocese.org.uk
Monday May 13th		Monday after the Seventh Sunday of Easter		
No Mass				
Tuesday May 14th		S. Matthias		The Presbytery, Angel Street, Petworth, West Sussex GU28 0BG 01798 342169
9.30am	Petworth	Mass		
Wednesday May 15th		Wednesday after the Seventh Sunday of Easter		
9.30am	Midhurst	No Mass		
Thursday May 16th		Thursday after the Seventh Sunday of Easter		Parish Office Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 10am-2pm 07934 479097 petworth@abdiocese.org.uk
9.30am	Petworth	Mass		
Friday May 17th		Friday after the Seventh Sunday of Easter		Chair of Finance Committee Paul Mellings pt.petworth@abdiocese.org.uk
6.00pm	Petworth	Confessions		
6.30pm	Petworth	Mass		
Saturday May 18th		Saturday after the Seventh Sunday of Easter		Pastoral Lead Charles Sommer charles@sommer-holdings.ltd.uk
9.30am	Midhurst	Mass	Sister Giles RIP	
10.00am	Midhurst	Confessions		
Sunday May 19th		Pentecost		Parish Safeguarding Rep Sister Paula 01730 817221 sg1.petworth@abdiocese.org.uk
8.00am	Duncton	Mass	Simon Edwards RIP	
9.30am	Midhurst	Mass	Tom Begley RIP	
11.00am	Petworth	Mass (Rosary before)	People of the Parish	

Our Parish: "We are striving to be followers of Christ, loving the Lord, loving his Church, and loving his world; committed to growing together in faith and friendship, and to serving one another and the world around us."

A daily time of Prayer and Friendship : Anyone who wishes can join in the daily parish prayer time online from Monday to Thursday at 6pm The Zoom log in is 850 3492 8671 or Dial 0203 4815237 followed by Meeting ID: 850 3492 8671#

Sister Giles RIP Please pray for the repose of the soul of Sister Giles, whose funeral will take place at The Convent of The Poor Clares at Crossbush at 2.30pm on Thursday May 16th

Second Collections in May

Sunday 12th Communications Day Collection providing facilities and training for those working in the apostolate of the mass media

Sunday 26th Missionary Endeavour of The Diocese (CAN Gift Aid) supports the Diocese of Chulucanas in Peru, as well as supporting diocesan priests serving

in the missions and seminarians from missionary dioceses.

Arundel Cathedral and Our Lady of England, Storrington These two churches, each of which formerly had their own priest, are now sharing a priest (Fr Stephen Dingley, resident at Arundel). All weekend Mass times at both churches have changed - see the Cathedral website for more details: <https://arundelcathedral.uk>

Corpus Christi Carpet of Flowers, Arundel Cathedral, 29-30 May. Experience our Cathedral Carpet of Flowers in celebration of the Feast of Corpus Christi. View the carpet 9.30am-7pm on Wednesday and 9.30am-5.30pm on Thursday. Mass, followed by a procession to Arundel Castle, will begin at 5.30pm on the Thursday. Everyone is welcome.

Children's Liturgy training day - Saturday 18 May 10-1pm at the St Philip Howard Centre in Crawley Following on from the success of our previous Children's liturgy training event, we are repeating the

day. Please join us for a morning exploring an exciting style of delivering the liturgy of the word for children. Lucy Hall will be demonstrating a hands-on, tactile approach to wondering about the Gospel. Whether you have been working in this ministry for a long time or if you are new, come to be enthused by Lucy and to meet others who share your passion. Please sign up here: [Liturgy of the Word with Children - Leaders' training \(18-May-2024\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)

Godalming Week of Guided Prayer, 16-21 June at the Franciscan Centre Ladywell. Step into the quiet beauty of the Franciscan Centre each day, without being away overnight or needing to book time off work. Participants spend 30 minutes each day in prayer, visiting Ladywell each day to talk about their prayer experience with a trained Spiritual Director. Find out more [here](#).

Wheelchair Jenny, who cares for a local person, is looking to borrow/buy a wheelchair - can you help? 07826662690

Petition for new pedestrian crossing on A286 (Midhurst). There is an online petition for a crossing near the primary school. You can read more, and sign it if you think appropriate, here <https://chng.it/p4HHrKcWsy>

CAFOD Sudan Crisis Appeal The war in Sudan has forced millions of people to flee their homes, creating one of the world's largest humanitarian crises. The situation is quickly getting worse, and people caught up in the middle of the conflict are now facing yet another crisis – hunger. People are running out of food, water and medicine and many families continue to risk their lives fleeing their homes to escape the fighting. “As violence persists into its second year, the humanitarian situation deteriorates rapidly, with 25 million Sudanese in need of immediate assistance. Famine looms ominously, threatening to become the worst crisis in living memory.” Telley Sadia, CAFOD's Country Representative for Sudan. You can support the appeal here: <https://cafod.org.uk/give/donate-to-emergencies/sudan-crisis-appeal>

Santa Marta Group – Modern slavery & human trafficking presentation – Saturday 29 June 11-1pm at St Peter's Hall, Shoreham. By kind invitation of Bishop Richard Moth all are invited to attend a presentation and discussion on Modern Slavery & Human Trafficking – Communities and Parishes. In

Please continue to pray for the sick, amongst them: Kerry Callaghan, Mark Chabrel, Clive Wigan, Sister Johanna, John Morey, Jennifer Thomas, Henry Anderson, Ellen Duguid, Sue Bull, Margaret Daley-Dawson, Christopher Browne, Rosemary Grinstead, Tessa Bohane, Kathleen Behan, Tristan Pye and Sister Ancilla.

2014 Pope Francis instructed Cardinal Vincent Nichols to lead the work of the Santa Marta Group as an important mission for the Catholic Church. It now has partners in over 40 countries; from acorns oak trees grow. Places can be booked through the attached link [Santa Marta Group - Modern slavery & human trafficking presentation \(29-Jun-2024\) · ChurchSuite Events](#) If you wish to discuss your engagement with this event before booking please contact Tessa Ricketts, Diocesan Advisor
E: tessa.tickets@abdiocese.org.uk

Please pray for all the recently departed, as well as for all whose anniversaries fall in this week: Pam Fryer, Stella Mills, Shane Blewitt, Moira Boxall, Pat Williams and Maureen Alderslade.

This Week

Sunday May 12th

Second collection for World Communications Day
(Not Gift Aid)

Wednesday May 15th

No Mass today - Fr Peter is away at a residential meeting of the deanery clergy
5.30pm Finance Committee meeting in The Parish Room at Midhurst

Thursday May 16th

Funeral Mass for Sister Giles at The Convent of The Poor Clares, Crossbush at 2.30pm

Giving to the Parish with Internet banking

Please enter in the reference field the reason for the transfer - 'offertory' or 'Mass stipend' or whatever. Thank you so much for your generosity.

A/c name Petworth Sacred Heart

Sort code 40-05-20

Account number 11076612

OR

You can give to our parish (including any current appeals) at:
<https://donate.mydona.com/sacred-heart-church-petworth>

OR use this QR code:



Fr Peter's Message for Sunday May 12th 2024

My Dear Friends,

We are in that time of waiting, between Ascension Day and Pentecost. The followers of Jesus know that something exciting is about to come; they know that they will have an experience of great power, an experience that will launch them on a new life; they know that there will be no going back to the old way of living. It will all be very, very new - and both exciting and frightening in equal measure. They cannot have known (although, knowing what had happened to their Master, they might have guessed) that this new way of life would lead each of them, in their different ways, towards a cross of their own.

What might have been going through their minds in these days of waiting? I imagine that they would have spent a lot of time together, telling the old stories of all that Jesus had done, reminding one another of everything that he had said. This is the calm before the storm, and they would have realised that they needed to use the time wisely. Through their prayer, and their discussions, and their retelling of the story, they would be getting a clearer and clearer picture in their minds of what Jesus really meant to them. They would be going out to proclaim him to the nations and they would want to have a very clear message to proclaim - no ambiguity, no contradictions, no confusion.

In fact, spending some time asking ourselves 'Who is this Jesus, what does he mean to me, why does he matter so much, why do I choose to build my life around him?' is something that all of us could usefully do. Like the apostles, we need to carry the message of Jesus Christ into a very needy world; in places the world is very dark, and it needs us to carry his light there. What is the message that we carry? How will it influence our lives, how will it change what we choose, what we do?

I have included below a meditation by St Teresa of Calcutta that you might find helpful. Some of it might seem quite obvious, some of it more surprising. But I do suggest that you spend a few minutes with it, and use it as a focus for your own prayer, your own reflection. Who is Jesus to me? The answer that we give to that question might make a real difference to how we live our lives; it might make us more like the apostles as they set off into the world with their message of delight and salvation.

Have a wonderful week,

Fr Peter

Who is Jesus to Me? A Meditation by St Mother Teresa

Who is Jesus to me?

Jesus is the Word made Flesh.

Jesus is the Bread of Life.

Jesus is the Victim offered for our sins on the Cross.

Jesus is the Sacrifice at Holy Mass for the sins of the world and mine.

Jesus is the Word – to be spoken.

Jesus is the Truth – to be told.

Jesus is the Way – to be walked.

Jesus is the Light – to be lit.

Jesus is the Life – to be loved.

Jesus is the Joy – to be shared.

Jesus is the Sacrifice – to be given.

Jesus is the Bread of Life – to be eaten.

Jesus is the Hungry – to be fed.

Jesus is the Thirsty – to be satiated.

Jesus is the Naked – to be clothed.

Jesus is the Homeless – to be taken in.

Jesus is the Sick – to be healed.

Jesus is the Lonely – to be loved.

Jesus is the Unwanted – to be wanted.

Jesus is the Leper – to wash his wounds.

Jesus is the Beggar – to give him a smile.

Jesus is the Drunkard – to listen to him.

Jesus is the Little One – to embrace him.

Jesus is the Dumb – to speak to him.

Jesus is the Crippled – to walk with him.

Jesus is the Drug Addict – to befriend him.

Jesus is the Prostitute – to remove from danger and befriend her.

Jesus is the Prisoner – to be visited.

Jesus is the Old – to be served.

To me Jesus is my God,

Jesus is my Spouse,

Jesus is my Life,

Jesus is my only Love,

Jesus is my All in All,

Jesus is my Everything. Amen.