

THE CATHOLIC CHURCHES OF

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

Sunday July 23rd		Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A)		Parish Priest
8.00am	Mass	Duncton	Private Intention	Fr Peter Newsam
9.30am	Mass	Midhurst	Michael Mellotte RIP	
11.00am	Mass	Petworth	People of the Parishes	The Presbytery,
Monday July 24th		Feria		Angel Street, Petworth, West Sussex GU28 0BG 01798 342169
No Mass				
Tuesday July 25th		S. James		Email
9.30am	Mass	Petworth	All the people of our parishes	pp.petworth@yahoo.co.uk cathchurchmidhurst@gmail.com
Wednesday July 26th		SS. Joachim & Anne		Website
9.30am	Mass	Midhurst	Private Intention	petworthcatholic.org or midhurstcatholic.org
Thursday July 27th		Feria		Confessions
9.30am	Mass	Petworth	Holy Souls	Petworth – Fridays 6.00pm Midhurst – Saturdays 10.00am
12.00Noon	Mass	Midhurst (Convent)	Jean & Joe Ryan RIP	
Friday July 28th		Feria		Mass Book Page Numbers:
6.30pm	Mass	Petworth	Ellen Duguid's intentions	16th Sunday of Ordinary Time p105
Saturday July 29th		S. Martha		
9.30am	Mass	Midhurst	Nigel Homes RIP	
Sunday July 30th		Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A)		
8.00am	Mass	Duncton	Berry Churchill RIP	
9.30am	Mass	Midhurst	Kelly family RIP	
11.00am	Mass	Petworth	People of the Parishes	

Forthcoming Dates - Midhurst

Mass that day at 9am (Midhurst); 10.30am (Petworth);
and 7.30pm (Petworth)

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Saturday August 5th Holy Hour at Petworth
Midday-1pm.
Sunday August 6th Coffee after 11am Mass

Day of Reflection for Readers led by Bishop Richard:
at The Sacred Heart Church, Cobham, KT11 1AA,
on Saturday 16th September. 11 am to 4 pm (packed
lunch needed). Talks on the Scriptures, the
Lectionary and its use in the Liturgy, the Liturgy of
the Word, preparing to read, using microphones.
Lectio Divina. Mass. Booking is essential as places
are limited. To book contact ruth.gerun@dabnet.org
01293 651164.

Congratulations to Kevin Pink and Maria Sleight,
married at Midhurst yesterday

Listening with the Ear of the Heart A residential
retreat with Bishop Richard at S. Cuthman's,
Coolham, 18th-19th September. Based on teaching &
practical experience of Lectio Divina Cost £110. Book
early! 01403 741220 or stcuthmans@dabnet.org

**Afternoon of Recollection for Extraordinary Ministers
of Holy Communion** from both parishes at the Priory,
Storrington, on Saturday November 4th 2pm-5.30pm.
Please make a note of the date. Further details will
follow nearer the time.

Sponsoring a Seminarian Our parishes sponsor a
seminarian at the National Seminary of Our Lady of
Lanka in Sri Lanka. There will be an additional
second collection *next Sunday*, 30th July, so that we can
all contribute to his theological formation.

Transfigured in Christ A summer week for young
adults (18-35) at Worth Abbey 24th-28th August. For
more details contact toc@worthabbey.net or
01342710318

**August 15th will be The Solemnity of The
Assumption**, a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be

Diocesan Wedding Anniversaries Mass: If you are celebrating a significant wedding anniversary this year then join Bishop Richard to give thanks for the gift of marriage at 12 noon on Saturday, 7 October at Arundel Cathedral followed by a drinks reception in the Cathedral Centre. All family members welcome. For a booking form please contact the Diocesan Marriage & Family Life Secretary, Rosie Read: 01293 651161 or rosie.read@dabnet.org

Grandparents' Day of Reflection: Helping Grandchildren to deal with perceptions of failure:

Thursday, 21st September, From 10 am to 3 pm, at Worth Abbey. Led by Fr Stephen Ortiger and Elizabeth O'Shea. No charge, charge but donations appreciated to cover costs. To book contact rosie.read@dabnet.org or 01293 651161.

Last Sunday's Collections

	Midhurst	Petworth & Dunton
GA Envelopes	82	
Loose cash	153	
Ave standing orders	230	650
This week's total	465	1008
Weekly budget	500	1050
Deficit/surplus	- 35	- 42

Thank you for your generosity

Newsletter Items for the newsletter should reach Fr Peter by 9am on Thursday, preferably by email

Pope Francis writes this about the weeds among the wheat:

“At times we are in a great hurry to judge, to categorize, to put the good here, the bad there.... But remember the prayer of that self-righteous man: “God, I thank you that I am good, that I am not like other men, malicious” (cf. Lk 18:11-12). God, however, knows how to wait. With patience and mercy he gazes into the “field” of life of every person; he sees much better than we do the filth and the evil, but he also sees the seeds of good and waits with trust for them to grow. God is patient, he knows how to wait. This is so beautiful: our God is a patient father, who always waits for us and waits with his heart in hand to welcome us, to forgive us. He always forgives us if we go to him.

The field owner's attitude is that of hope grounded in the certainty that evil does not have the first nor the last word. And it is thanks to this patient hope of God that the same weed, which is the malicious heart with so many sins, in the end can become good grain. But be careful: evangelical patience is not indifference to evil; one must not confuse good and evil! In facing weeds in the world the Lord's disciple is called to imitate the patience of God, to nourish hope with the support of indestructible trust in the final victory of good, that is, of God.

In the end, in fact, evil will be removed and eliminated: at the time of harvest, that is, of judgment, the harvesters will follow the orders of the field owner, separating the weed to burn it (cf. Mt 13:30). On the day of the final harvest, the judge will be Jesus, He who has sown good grain in the world and who himself became the “grain of wheat”, who died and rose. In the end we will all be judged by the same measure with which we have judged: the mercy we have shown to others will also be shown to us. Let us ask Our Lady, our Mother, to help us to grow in patience, in hope and in mercy with all brothers and sisters.”

Reminder for Your Diaries Please make sure that you have the date when Bishop Richard will be visiting the parish and coming to all three Masses: Sunday September 10th.

This Week

Sunday July 30th

Second collection for our seminarian in Sri Lanka

Coffee is served in the Parish Room every Sunday after the 9.30am Mass at Midhurst - please come and join us.

Welcome to anyone who may be visiting our church, or if you have recently arrived in the area. We hope that you will enjoy being with us for our worship. If you are a taxpayer and are putting money in the collection (for which we are always grateful) you might like to use one of the yellow envelopes labelled 'Gift Aid Declaration'. These enable us to reclaim the tax paid on the gift, at no cost to you.