



Newsletter

Diocese of Arundel & Brighton 10th January 2021

THIS SUNDAY 10, Feast: The Baptism of the Lord

(Isaiah 55: 1-11; 1 John 5: 1-9; Mark 1: 7-11)

9.15am For the People of the Parish

11.15am: Michael Fuller RIP

MONDAY 11 Feria in Ordinary Time, Week 1

(Hebrews 1:1-6; Mark 1:14-20) No Mass

TUESDAY 12 Feria in Ordinary Time, Week 1

(Hebrews 2:5-12; Mark 1:21-28)

10.00am Mass: Holy Souls

WEDNESDAY 13 Feria in Ordinary Time, Week 1

(Hebrews 2:14-18; Mark 1:29-39)

10.00am Mass: Holy Souls

THURSDAY 14 Feria in Ordinary Time, Week 1

(Hebrews 3:7-14; Mark 1:40-45)

10.00am Mass: Holy Souls

FRIDAY 15 Feria in Ordinary Time, Week 1

(Hebrews 4:1-5, 11; Mark 2:1-12)

10.00am Mass: For the intentions of Anne & Benny Walsh

SATURDAY 16 Our Lady on Saturday

(Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 2:13-17)

10.00am Mass: Agnes McGing RIP

6.00pm Mass: Holy Souls

NEXT SUNDAY 17, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

(1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19; 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20; John 1:35-42)

9.15am Mass: For the People of the Parish

11.15am: Deceased members of the Hewitt/McCombe Families

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Deacon (Retired)**

THANK YOU for your Christmas best wishes and gifts and also for your prayers for my niece Rachel who has been seriously ill with Covid-19. I pleased to report that the worst seems to be over and although recovery will be a long journey, she is improving each day. I would also like to place on record my **thanks to Alex Clouter** who has been editing our Parish magazine, the Parish Proclaimer, for the past eleven years. Alex has done a fantastic job and would have continued on for a while longer but has resigned to take up offer of other work which could not easily be combined with his voluntary role with us. We do need a new editor; but I will return to that at a later date. Lockdown may not be a great time to recruit! Thank you, Alex, best wishes and prayers for the new work and we all look forward to seeing you soon. Canon David

FINANCIAL MATTERS: Thank you for your recent contributions 1st Collection: £267.85 + £205 (Gift Aid) = £472.85

December Standing Order donations: £1,827.58

Next Sunday Second Collection (17th) for Pax Christi

PEACE SUNDAY will be celebrated next Sunday, 17 January, 2021. The theme chosen for 2021 by Pope Francis is: 'A Culture of Care as a Path to Peace.' Pax Christi depends very much on financial contributions received from Peace Sunday collections and in these difficult times would be doubly grateful for any donation you are able to make. You can leave a donation in the marked box at the back of the Cathedral or make a donation online at:

<https://paxchristi.org.uk/peace-sunday-2021/> where you can also find more information about Pax Christi.

JUSTICE & PEACE WEBINAR 2021: How Should this Diocese Respond to the Food Poverty Crisis? The number of people experiencing food insecurity has increased dramatically during the Covid 19 crisis, with families in our diocese under increasing pressure. To find out what parishes can do to help join on **Saturday 16th January 10 am to 12.30 pm**. To book receive the Zoom link, contact Rosie Read, Social Action Secretary, at rosie.read@abdiocese.org.uk

THE CATHEDRAL LIVE STREAM

Please follow the link on the Cathedral website to follow the live stream Mass www.arundelcathedral.uk

LET'S TALK SHOP

Welcome to "Let's Talk Shop"

As we are currently in "Lockdown" it is not possible for the Cathedral Shop to be open.

However, in order to provide continued support to the Cathedral and to our customers we now have the "Let's Talk Shop".

(Our version of "Click & Collect").

Please contact Jenny Bloxham to discuss your requirements and to arrange both pick up and payment.

Telephone- 07767 728181 (between 10.30-16.00).

Email- jenny.bloxham@aol.com

UNDER NATIONAL LOCKDOWN stay at home regulations, you can attend places of worship for a service. However, you must not mingle with anyone outside your household or support bubble. You should maintain strict social distance at all times. Opening times may vary.

Weekday Mass is celebrated at 10am from Tuesday to Saturday. Sunday Mass is celebrated at 6pm on Saturday (the evening vigil) and then at 9.15 am and 11.15am on Sunday. Please book with the Cathedral Office if you would like to attend: (01903) 882297 or arundel@abdiocese.org.uk . All Masses are available via the Cathedral live stream on www.arundelcathedral.uk

Entry to the Cathedral will be through the North Door (facing London Road under the tower) and exit via the West Door.

Please sanitise your hands on entry with the gel provided, observe the distancing rules and follow the one-way system.

Please either use the QR code or complete a form so we know who was in the Cathedral.

Face coverings: It is mandatory to wear a face covering in church unless you fall under the exempt categories. A covering may be a mask, shield or scarf, whatever if most comfortable.

COVID 19 VACCINE There is a very helpful statement from the Bishops' Conference on their website about the COVID19 vaccine, see <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/our-work/health-social-care/coronavirus-guidelines/update-on-covid-19-and-vaccination/>

CRIB OFFERING to support the Catholic Children's Society Crisis Fund Since March the Catholic Children's Society (CCS) has provided emergency food and essentials as well as mental health services, for over five and a half thousand children and their parents/carers. These families have faced desperate situations due to the Coronavirus pandemic. One family were caring for their very sick child when the father lost his job. With no recourse to public funds they faced a bleak and uncertain future. CCS provided support with food and accommodation costs for several weeks, giving the father time to find a new job as a delivery driver. He said: "You have helped my family when we were at our lowest point. I can never thank you enough for the kindness you have showed us. You gave us hope during a very dark time. We will be forever grateful" There are many more families in need of support and our parish will be donating our Crib Offering to support this important work. Every penny donated will be given out via CCS's Arundel and Brighton Crisis Fund to support local families in need. Due to Covid, a special page has been set up at www.cathchild.org.uk/crib where you can make a donation.

WINTER PARISH PROCLAIMER is available at the back of the Cathedral or online on the Cathedral website.

DIOCESAN DIRECTORY 2021 has arrived and is available from the Cathedral Office for £5.00.

ACT NOW and ask your MP to oppose introducing assisted suicide The assisted suicide lobby have launched a large campaign to put pressure on the Government to reconsider the legalisation of assisted suicide. Right To Life UK have set up an easy to use tool which will enable you to email your MP asking them to make it clear to the Government that it should not give into demands from the assisted suicide lobby to reconsider the legalisation of assisted suicide. It only takes 30 seconds to email your MP by visiting the link below: <https://righttolife.org.uk/StopAssistedSuicide>

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Baptism of the Lord, Year B

United in the Spirit of our baptism, let us pray together to our heavenly Father:

Let us pray for Pope Francis as he invites us to proclaim the Gospel by allowing God's light of love to shine for others to see.

Lord, in your mercy ...

Let us pray for the people of America as they face unrest and chaos from supporters of opposing political viewpoints. May 2021, and the new president, bring unity, peace, and respect to all communities.

Lord, in your mercy ...

Let us pray for all those working in education settings as they quickly adapt to new ways of teaching. May they maintain the virtues of perseverance and courage to inspire all children, especially those that are disadvantaged.

Lord, in your mercy...

Let us pray for a strong, personal faith life throughout 2021. Let us draw on our own personal experiences to grow and develop becoming advocate Christian disciples.

Lord, in your mercy...

For all who have died: that, their season of hope having ended, they may receive the promise of beholding God face to face.

We pray for all those who are sick for whatever reason, that they might find healing and full recovery. We pray for Fr Martin Jakubas, Paul Rumball, Lizzie Bennett, Martyn Ford, Lee Ward, Guy Russell, Richard Crosby, Benita Marshall, Jean Marc Fritz, Michael Winter, Pat Burton, Bernard Sanderson, Nick McMenemy, Pauline Rodmell, Rachel Fielding, Irena Ray-Crosby, Philip Wood, Julie Quantrill, Maizy Stratford, Virginia Stewart, Craig Paterson, Joe Jenner, Iona Hamilton, Eve Larley and all in the local hospitals and hospices, the Priory or in their own homes.

May Mary, the Mother of our Saviour pray with us and for us as we say:

Hail Mary...

Redeeming God, may your favour come to rest on us through your Spirit. Enable your people to remain faithful to the mission of Jesus, through whom we invoke your blessing, now and for ever. **Amen**

RESPOND TO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CONSULTATION TO STOP HOME ABORTIONS

The Department of Health is holding a public consultation on whether to continue the practice of allowing abortion providers to send abortion pills to women so that they can perform their own abortion at home. We need as many pro-life people as possible to complete the Department of Health's questionnaire in order to help stop dangerous DIY abortions becoming permanent. SPUC has prepared a briefing which gives a step by step guide to completing the consultation questionnaire. Please go to <https://www.spuc.org.uk/Get-Involved/Campaigns/England-DIY-Abortion-Consultation> The consultation ends on 26 February 2021.

ALTON DAY OF RENEWAL 2021 Programme:

"Alive in the Spirit" Pope Francis has said "I ask all of you that you organise seminars...to share Baptism in the Spirit." In response, the ADoRE programme will follow the stages of a classic "Life in the Spirit" seminar series, exploring how the Holy Spirit inspires and empowers us to be missionary disciples. Programme and booking details are available at www.altonrenewal.com First session on **January 23rd, 10.00-13.00: "God's Love" Speaker: Charles Whitehead**, respected international speaker and author; former chair of International Catholic Charismatic Renewal Service. Please register in advance at bit.ly/ADOREJAN2021

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

PRAYER OF ST ALPHONSUS

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar.
I love you above all things
and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
come spiritually into my soul
so that I may unite myself wholly to you
now and forever. Amen.

PRAYER FOR HEALTH STAFF

Wondrous God, author of life,
you fashioned us in your likeness
and breathed into us the life which is your own.
Be with those whose special care
is the health of mind and body.
Fill their hearts with awe for the life which is your gift
and sustain them daily in your service,
that their hands may bring to others
the comfort of your healing touch.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

PRAYER FOR THOSE AFFECTED

Merciful God, come to the help of your people.
Be our shelter in this time of peril
and strengthen the bonds of our community.
Bring healing to all who suffer
the ravages of disease
and assist those whose skill and art
can put an end to this affliction.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.