



The Sacred Heart Church, Petworth
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November 22nd 2009 Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King

Saturday	21 st	5.30pm	Mass	Dec'd members of Morritt family
Sunday	22 nd	8.30am (Duncton)	Mass	The People of the Parish
		10.30am	Mass	Noreen Smith RIP
Monday	23 rd	10.00am	Mass	
Tuesday	24 th	10.00am	Mass	Rev J Burke RIP (F)
Wednesday	25 th	10.00am	Eucharistic Service	
Thursday	26 th	10.00am	Eucharistic Service	
Friday	27 th	10.00am	Mass	
Saturday	28 th	12.00Noon	Mass	
		5.30pm	Mass	The People of the Parish
Sunday	29 th	8.30am (Duncton)	Mass	Patricia Rose Morley RIP
		10.30am	Mass	Rev J Burke RIP (F)

Confessions: Saturdays at 5.00pm or by appointment

This Week

This Sunday there will be breakfast after the 8.30am Mass at Duncton.

The choir will be singing at the 10.30am Mass.

The Finance Committee meets after the 10.30am Mass.

This Sunday there will be a second collection for the Retired Priests Fund.

This Tuesday Advent Group in The Presbytery at 7.30pm.

Next Sunday There will be a service of Advent hymns and readings with Benediction, at 5pm.

Sunday November 29th Advent 1.

Service of hymns and readings for Advent with Benediction, at 5pm.

Sunday December 6th The 10.30am Mass will be a children's mass.

There will be coffee after the 10.30am Mass.

The Parish Council meets after the 10.30am Mass.

Thank you for my lovely signed card, the beautiful flowers and most generous vouchers that you gave me for my birthday, I was thrilled!

Saints Days This Week

Tuesday S. Andrew Dung-Lac and his companions

Some Forthcoming Dates

Sunday November 22nd Christ the King
Breakfast after 8.30am Mass.

Choir singing at 10.30am Mass

Finance Committee after 10.30am Mass.

✂**Christmas Cards** There are still some available in the Presbytery.

✂**Talents Questionnaire** Many thanks to the 50+ people who have replied, we are now looking through the responses. Rest assured all the information will be safely stored and we may call on your help when we need it, so don't worry if you don't hear

anything from me for a while. If you haven't yet filled in a form but would like to be involved, it is not too late...

First Sunday of Advent
November 29th
Service of Readings and Hymns for
Advent with Benediction
5pm

ADVENT PROGRAMME

There will be a series of meetings in the Presbytery on Tuesday evenings November 24th, December 1st, 8th and 15th.

Please sign the sheet at the back of the Church if you would like to attend. [I know there will also be a meeting for people considering becoming Catholics on Dec 1st - we will use 2 rooms in The Presbytery!]

Last Sunday's offertory The average weekly amount given by standing order is £375.00. Last Sunday's collection was £435.02, of which £347.05 was in envelopes and £88.47 was loose cash.

Masses for the Dead

For a very long time it has been a custom to celebrate masses for the dead, not only on the occasion of their funeral but also at other times, such as anniversaries of death, in the month of November, close to Christmas or Easter etc. Mass may be celebrated for anyone, regardless of whether or not they are a Catholic. While there may be some people whose lives are completely in tune with God, the truth is that for most of us our lives are a mixture of good and bad, of success and failure. When we die we will not be ready for the glory of Heaven, and we need to be purified so that we are ready to see God in all his glory. The purification that we need (and want) is found in purgatory. When we pray for the dead, and most especially when we offer mass for them, we are asking God to bring them quickly through their time of purification so that they can enjoy the glory of Heaven. Our prayers for the dead can make a difference. We read in the Second Book of Maccabees 'it is a holy and a wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sins' (12.46) and Pope Benedict wrote 'my gratitude to the other - my prayer for him - can play a small part in his purification' (Spe Salvi n 48).

It is customary to make an offering to the priest who says mass for a particular intention.

Of course, this is partly a way of supporting the priest, which is good in itself, but it is also significant in that even a small offering of a few pounds enables the donor to unite themselves with Christ's offering of himself; it is a reminder that offering is a part of the nature of Christian life.

It goes without saying that, while the particular fruits of a mass may be applied to a particular intention, every mass is offered for all people, and there is absolutely no sense that the Church is 'selling' holy things. It is good to pray for the dead, and it is good to support priests.

Bishop's Collection for Retired Priests

At present there are 50 retired priests cared for by the diocese, who have given many years of service to the people of Arundel & Brighton.

We want to help our retired priests live independent lives for as long as possible. So the Diocese provides accommodation and pastoral care. As time goes on a retired priest, like any other aging person, may require more and more assistance to live at home. The Diocese ensures he receives all necessary personal care. Eventually he may need to move to a residential or nursing home. The Diocese helps locate suitable accommodation.

Caring for the elderly is costly, but is something we do not want to skimp on. In 2008 the Diocese spent £321,000 on our retired priests. Please be generous.