

Sick Parishioners

Please pray for; Jim McFarlane, Caroline Audy, Margaret Chapman, Vincent O' Rourke, Jim and Valerie Lee, Eileen Banks, Matthew Garcia, Beverley Coughlan, Sonia Wall, Dennis Tribe, Rosemary Kilcourse, Adrian Van Twest, Liz Perkins, Richard Martin.

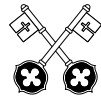
You may have noticed our new floor. Please note too the two new images of saints in the chapel. One is Saint Oscar Romero, and the other is Saint Bakhita, who said: "If I were to meet the slave-traders who kidnapped me and even those who tortured me, I would kneel and kiss their hands, for if that did not happen, I would not be a Christian and Religious today." She is the patron saint of the Sudan, and human trafficking survivors. She was born in 1869, in a small village in Darfur. While still a young girl around 7 years old, she was kidnapped and sold into slavery. Her captors asked for her name but in her fear, and as a result of the trauma, she was unable to remember. Mocking her, they named her "Bakhita," which means "fortunate". During her time of captivity she was tortured by her various owners. She suffered brandings and beatings on many occasions. Once her owners cut her 114 times and poured salt in her wounds to make sure that the scars remained. During these early years of her life, she did not know Christ but she did believe in a Creator and had great awe and wonder for His creation. Eventually, after exchanging hands five or six times, St. Bakhita found herself serving as a caretaker for a young girl at a school in Venice run by Canossian Sisters. Bakhita was very intrigued by the Catholic faith. She learned many things from the sisters and was eventually baptized by the

name Josephine Margaret. Against the will of her owner, who wanted to take her back to Africa, she went before the Italian courts seeking her freedom. The courts declared that Bakhita was a free woman because slavery had been outlawed in both Italy and the Sudan and they allowed her to stay in Italy. She entered the Canossian Sisters and lived out the rest of her days serving God and her community and teaching others to love Him with great faithfulness. She died in 1947 and was canonized in 2000 in St. Peter's Square. At the mass, Pope John Paul II said that in St. Josephine Bakhita, "We find a shining advocate of genuine emancipation. The history of her life inspires not passive acceptance but the firm resolve to work effectively to free girls and women from oppression and violence, and to return them to their dignity in the full exercise of their rights."

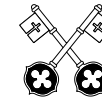
Please pray for the repose of the soul of Father John Healy, the parish priest of Selsey who was found dead last Sunday. He had been unwell for some time, suffering from cancer. Fr John had previously been parish priest of Shoreham, where some of you may have known him, and before that curate in Woking. He was well known for his great kindness and gentleness of soul. We await news of his funeral arrangements. In the meantime, one of the Masses this week is for the repose of his soul. In addition, the Church in this country mourns the loss of Fr Anthony Meredith, of the Society of Jesus, a well-known scholar, who taught for many years in Oxford and in Heythrop College, London. May he too rest in peace, and your prayers for his soul are urged. Mass will be offered for him too.

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Fourteenth Sunday of the Year.

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Mass Intentions for the week starting 4th July

Sat 4 July 10am Whitehead family,
living and dead

Sat 4 July 6pm For All parishioners

Sun 5 July 8.30am Margaret Franchetti RIP

Sun 5 July 10am For Benefactors

Sun 5 July 11.15am Tom W. Fitzgerald RIP

Mon 6 July Giuliana Sussex RIP

Tues 7 July Alice O'Shea RIP (1st anniv)

Wed 8 July No Mass

Thurs 9 July No Mass

Friday 10 July Bill Fuller RIP

Sat 11 July 10am GE Stella Thomson

Sat 11 July 6pm Fr John Healy RIP

Sun 12 July 8.30am For all parishioners

Sun 12 July 10am Fr Anthony Meredith
SJ RIP

Sun 12 July 11.15am For Benefactors

Today is the Fourteenth Sunday of the Year.

If you have a Missal the readings are from Year A. If you have a phone with internet connection, you can find the readings and all the prayers at universalis.com The first reading is from

the prophet Zechariah and tells of the Messiah coming to inaugurate a reign of peace and prosperity for all. In the Gospel, Jesus the humble and meek Saviour, invites all to come to Him and find peace and rest. Given all the conflict in the world, and all the distress caused by the pandemic, these are great readings for our first Sunday back from lockdown.

This Sunday the Syriac Oriental Orthodox community will be celebrating Divine Liturgy at 6pm. We are delighted to welcome them back after lockdown.

This week, please note, there will be no Daily Mass on Wednesday and Thursday. Please note that the Church will be open every morning when Mass is celebrated and close at lunchtime. The Church will also be open in the evening for Eucharistic Adoration from 6pm to 7pm on days that Fr Alexander is not away. Please check on the website.

From Saturday 4th July, public Masses will resume at Saint Peter's. Just to remind you: these are on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday at 10am; and on Sundays at 6pm (Saturday evening), 8.30am, 10am and 11.15am.

The Archbishops of England and Wales have written to us, as follows: "We remain centred on the Lord Jesus and His command at the Last Supper to "do this in memory of me." We must now rebuild what it means to be Eucharistic communities, holding fast to all that we hold dear, while at the same time exploring creative ways to meet changed circumstances. It is important to reaffirm that, at present, the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended. We ask every Catholic to think carefully about how and when they will return to

Mass..... Given there is no Sunday obligation, we ask you to consider the possibility of attending Mass on a weekday. This will ease the pressure of numbers for Sunday celebrations and allow a gradual return to the Eucharist for more people.' (The full text is available online.)

Covid 19 Update:

The maximum safe operating capacity of the church, based on social distancing guidelines, is 100 people. This means two people per bench, spaced at one metre apart, and one person per chair. (Families can sit together.) We have stewards on the door to help people sanitise their hands, on entry and exit, and to keep a tally. Needless to say, these stewards rely on your co-operation. When the Church is at capacity, they will ask people to wait outside, as is done in shops.

When moving around in Church please observe the following one way system: up the middle, down the sides. This is particularly important at Holy Communion.

As already decreed, there can be no hymn books or mass books, as paper can be a covid vector. If you take a newsletter, please take it home with you. However, you are free to bring your own Missal with you. There will be no Holy Water in the stoups either. Moreover, there is to be no congregational singing. The lavatories and the Church Hall remain shut. The Church doors are to remain open to ventilate the building.

Mass will be shorter than usual. There will be no Bidding Prayers, and the bishops urge short sermons. There will be no procession of the Gifts to the altar. There will be no passing around of the

collection baskets. There will be no sign of peace.

The collection will be taken as you leave the church; this is not a retiring collection but the usual parish collection; please remember you can also donate online and by banker's order.

Holy Communion will be received under one kind only. Once the priest has received Holy Communion, he will cleanse his hands with alcohol sanitiser before opening the ciborium for the Communion of the people. At the place where communion is to be distributed, a prie-dieu will be placed to socially distance the priest from communicants. Communion must be given silently, avoiding any physical contact. People should wait in their pews until instructed to move forward to the priest for Holy Communion by the Stewards, always aware of the regulations on social distancing in an orderly queue. When they approach the priest, they should do so with arms at "full stretch" so that there is a good distance between the priest and the communicant. Their hands, palms upwards, one of top of the other, should be extended as flatly as possible. Having received Holy Communion, communicants should move back to their pews in an orderly manner. Once Communion is complete, the priest returns to the altar and places the unused Hosts, without touching them, into the Tabernacle and he cleanses the sacred vessels himself in the usual way.

As you leave the Church you are urged not to linger in doorways or other 'choke points'. Once Mass is over the Church will be closed and cleaned. People are urged not to come to the sacristy before

and after Mass, unless they are servers or sacristans.

If social distancing of 3 metres is observed (which will be possible at weekday Masses, one imagines) there is no need to wear face coverings. The Bishops urge face coverings where social distancing is reduced to one metre. The Bishops also urge readers to wear disposable gloves.

Fr Alexander writes: Now that lockdown is finally over, we can start our parish life again. There is a lot of catching up to do. There are, by my count, four overdue baptisms, twenty plus overdue confirmations and forty plus overdue First Holy Communions. Please stand by for messages and news about when these will take place. In addition, during lockdown several people had abbreviated funerals, and we will want to celebrate Requiems for all of them. These will be advertised in due course.

Our next baptism course will be on Monday 17 August, at a location to be determined. If you have a baby to be baptised, please do get in touch with Fr Alexander to book yourself on the course.

Liturgical Notes:

July is the month dedicated to the Precious Blood of Our Lord, by which we are redeemed and saved.

Monday is the feast of Saint Maria Goretti, virgin and martyr. She is the youngest canonized saint in the Church. She died tragically on July 6, 1902, at the age of eleven. Born into poverty, her father moved the family when Maria was just six years old from the east side of Italy (near Ancona) to the west side (near Nettuno, about 40 miles south of Rome) in hopes of escaping the

grinding poverty that was gripping the area. Just three years later, when Maria was nine, her father died tragically. It fell to her at that time to raise her five siblings while her mother worked the fields to produce the crops with which they would both pay the rent and feed themselves. This was a terrible time of trial and suffering for the whole family. For Maria it was especially difficult. Aside from having the responsibility of caring for her family, she had to also cook and clean for her two next door neighbours—Giovanni Serenelli and his son, Alessandro—who assisted her mother with the farm tasks. It was also during this time that Alessandro began to develop an impure liking for Maria. The big 20-year-old would say rude and crude things to her, things that were inappropriate and embarrassing, and that would cause her to run away. However, at a certain point he began to make direct sexual advances towards her, demanding her virginity and threatening her with violence for non-compliance. Finally, after many months of this, Alessandro forced himself upon Maria in an attempt to rape her. Though she prevented him from violating her, Alessandro brutally stabbed her numerous times. Maria died the next day in the midst of horrendous infection brought on by her lacerations. Her last words were, "I forgive Alessandro Serenelli ... and I want him with me in heaven forever." During his prison sentence Maria appeared to Alessandro and forgave him. That act of mercy and forgiveness—that act of love—filled Alessandro with contrition for his crime. From that point on, he lived a beautiful and converted life of holiness, eventually becoming a Franciscan lay brother. Maria was canonised in 1950, before an immense crowd which included her aged mother and Alessandro Serenelli.

Saturday is the feast of Saint Benedict, one of the patron saints of Europe.

Parish Notice Board

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You will need to contact Esther Lyon
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