



Sacred Heart Parish, Bordon

Today is the Fourth Sunday in Lent, which is always **'Mothering Sunday'**.

This Sunday is a day when we pray for the Mother Church of our Diocese, the Cathedral.

The Cathedral is the principal church of the diocese and the reason it is called a 'cathedral' is because the Latin word for 'chair' is *cathedra* and the Bishop's Chair is there.

The photo above is of our Cathedral in Portsmouth (Dedicated to St John the Evangelist) and you can see Bishop Philip's Chair behind the altar.

In recent years 'Mothering Sunday' has been commercialised and is more commonly known as 'Mother's Day' which changes the focus from the 'Mother Church' to our own Mothers (who do, of course, deserve our love and gratitude regardless!)

So today, we remember to pray for the Cathedral Parish, for the clergy and staff, the faithful parishioners and of course bishop Philip as we prepare to gather there on Tuesday 26th March for the Chrism Mass: a reminder that all of the sacraments we receive flow from the Mother Church.



Parish Mission Statement:

"We are here to make Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament better known, loved, honoured, worshiped and adored. All of our efforts in this parish will be geared towards helping every individual to discover the Lord waiting for them to approach Him in the tabernacle".

PARISH SUPPORT



Making your weekly offering via **Standing Order** is the best way to give, if possible. It means we know how much will come into the parish each week / month and it also means that if you happen to be away, the parish will still receive your support. The Bank details you need to set up a Standing Order are:

Account Name:

CDP BORDON AND GRAYSHOTT

Sort Code: 30-93-04

Account Number: 01755138

GIFT AID

Anyone who pays income tax on pensions, wages etc can complete a **Gift Aid form** and increase whatever they offer to the parish by 25% at no extra cost to them (**the taxman donates it to the parish from what you have already paid him!**)



Another way to support the parish (at no extra cost to you!) is to do your online shopping through 'Easyfundraising'. By doing this the companies you shop with will donate from your bill to the parish.



Parish Easter Raffle

Win this delicious chocolate hamper!

Tickets 50p each or a book of 5 tickets for £2.50

The draw will take place after the 10am Mass on Easter Sunday.... Good luck!



Friday Soups....

12:30pm – 2:30pm EVERY FRIDAY

Do drop in between 12:30pm and 2:30pm for some delicious soups! Bring a friend if you can – it's a great way to welcome visitors to the parish, especially if they are not Catholics.

Adults becoming Catholic this Easter

Please keep in your prayers all those adults preparing to receive the Sacraments this Easter. We pray especially for Luker, Brian, Temdai, Sandy, Ian, Robert, Camila, Beatrix, Nikodem and Elliott who will receive the sacraments here, in this parish this Easter.

International food Easter Sunday

After Mass on Easter Sunday, we will celebrate the end of our fast together sharing foods from around the world! If you can help, please add your name to the sign-up sheet which will be in the porch of the church in the next few weeks.

SPEAK LORD



The human person is uniquely made up of body, soul **and spirit**. We are the only creature to be constituted this way.

To pray with 'all our being' means engaging with God in three modes:

Vocal Prayer – BODY

Meditative Prayer: SOUL

Contemplative Prayer: SPIRIT

To simply remain at the first step of prayer (using words) means we're not reaching the point in prayer where we can actually LISTEN to God – which is the whole point of prayer! Prayer is listening to God not bossing Him around! Here are ways we move through each phase, as discussed last weekend in the Homily:

Vocal Prayer:

BODY:

Words, set prayers, Spiritual writings of the Saints, Catechism, Encyclicals, spontaneous intercession /praise, Scripture, devotions.....

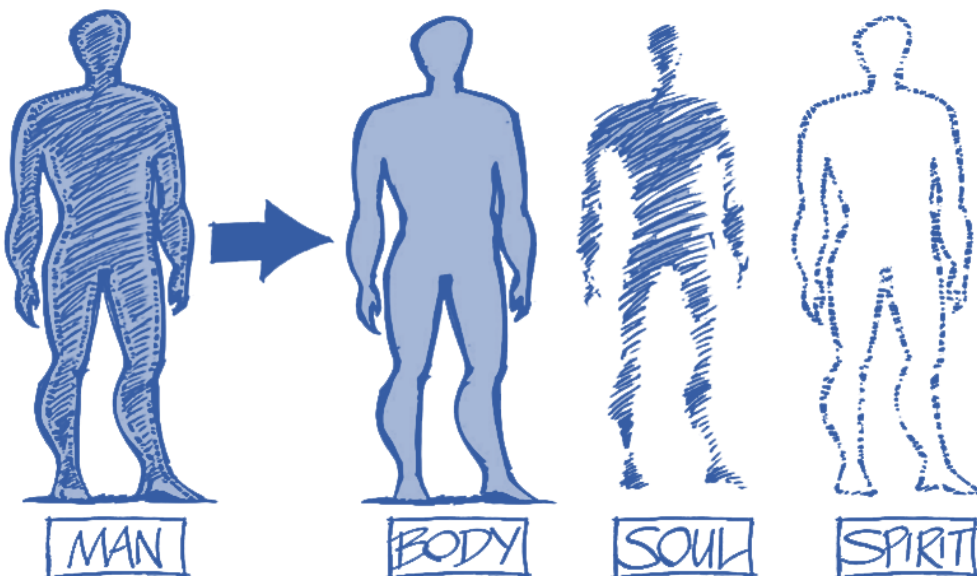
Meditative Prayer:

SOUL:

Imagination, Lectio Divina, emotions, thoughts, questions, feelings.

Contemplative prayer: SPIRIT:

No thoughts, no words, no emotion, no feeling. An inner stillness and calm – free from distraction. Ready to listen to God and for God the Holy Spirit to pray in us.



Devotions, such as the Stations of the Cross or the Rosary are the best exercises in prayer because:

- They commit us to a set length of time.
- We have words to use.
- The words provide us with an image to meditate with.
- Leading us to contemplation.



WELCOME HUB

The parish centre is slowly (but surely!) transforming into a 'welcome hub' a place where local people can come and feel supported and that they belong.

This week the 'morning rush coffee shop' will open from 8am until 10am providing barista style coffees to those on the go!

In time we hope to designate mornings for particular groups to meet, for example, Wednesday Mornings could be a time when a men's group meet to share a bacon roll or Thursdays might be for mothers and toddlers.

We already have a Friday soup café from 12:30pm – 2:30pm which is being incredibly well supported by parishioners, and now we'd like to begin to invite local people (who are not parishioners, but maybe lonely) to come along too.








The afternoons will be developed in April to not only a soup Friday but a curry Wednesday (open from 12:30 until 2:30pm).

We already have a 'Mind' dementia café which takes place fortnightly in the centre, and we're looking forward to Butterflies bereavement counselling services starting here after Easter too.

Swan medical group are looking to begin a drop-in clinic for those who cannot travel for medical appointments and one afternoon a week Citizens advice hope to run support sessions for local people too.

So, we have a lot to do, but it will be an incredible service to those in the local community if the Parish Centre could become a place of welcome, support and peace. Please keep this in your prayers!

Sacramental Preparation in the Parish

						
Baptism preparation: The next Preparation course begins in the New Year.	Confession: Available 30mins before every Mass and: 5pm Sat 6pm Tues 11am Fri	First Confession and Holy Communion: Saturday 9th March at 10am	Confirmation class: Sunday 17th March after Mass	Marriage Preparation: It takes approx. 1 year to prepare for Marriage. Catholics must be Confirmed before Marriage.	Holy Orders: If you have ever considered a Vocation to the Priesthood / Deaconate, please speak to Fr John.	Last Rites: If there is ever the danger of death, please contact Fr John immediately.



Confession Times:
30mins before every Mass &
 5pm on Saturdays
 6pm on Tuesday
 11.00am on Fridays
 Or by appointment



Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament:
 Tuesday 6pm
 Friday 11.00am
 Saturday 5pm

 Benediction: 5:45pm on Saturdays



Devotions:
 Holy Rosary: Wed after Mass
 Fri 11:30am
 First Friday: Every first Friday



Family Catechesis:
 Learn about our faith as a family.... Every two weeks at 10am on Saturday mornings



EVERY TUESDAY

Adult Formation

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Tuesday evenings are given over to Adult formation.

The homily during Mass is in an extended form (looking more closely at the previous Sunday's Gospel) and then after Mass there is a formation session aimed at exploring the fundamental elements of our Catholic faith.

Opposite is an overview of the topics that we will be covering.

EVERYONE is welcome to attend as much or as little as they like.

The session after Mass begins at 7:45pm and ends at 8:30pm.

Even if you cannot make a weekly commitment, come along when you can!

Lenten formation

During these weeks of Lent, our adult formation sessions will focus on Holy Week.

Feb 20th: **Passion Sunday**

Feb 27th: **Maundy Thursday**

5th March: **Good Friday**

12th March: **The Easter Vigil**

19th March: **Confession**

We will look at the structure of the Liturgy and the rituals used and also the Scripture Readings.

The more we familiarise ourselves with these sacred and solemn ceremonies and rituals the better prepared we will be to enter more deeply into them and receive much more form them this Holy Week.

Everyone is welcome!







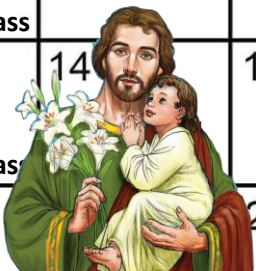



Do come along if you can so that we can prepare ourselves for the coming feasts.

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MARCH 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
25 31	26	27	28	29 	1 	2
3 Confirmation Session	4  Bible Study	5 Formation	6 0730am Mass	7	8 	9 First Holy Communion session
10 	11  Bible Study	12 Formation	13 0730am Mass	14 	15 	16
17 Confirmation Session	18  St Patrick's Day Bible Study	19 St Josphe Formation	20 0730am Mass	21	22 	23 First Holy Communion session
24 PALM SUNDAY 10am	25	26 CHRISM MASS CATHEDRAL 11am	27	28 Maundy Thursday 7:30pm	29 Good Friday 3pm	30 Easter Vigil 8:30pm



Lenten Resolutions to help us grow in our faith:

Mondays: Scripture Studies
Tuesdays: Adult Formation
Wednesdays: Early Morning Mass 0730am
Fridays: Parish 'Lenten Fast' Soup

Adoration:

Tues 6pm, Fri 11am, Sat 5pm

Confession:

Tues 6pm, Fri 11am Sat 5pm or 30mins before each Mass.

Stations of the Cross:

Tues 6:15pm and Fri 11:15am

Passiontide: (HOLY WEEK)

23 rd March	Passion / Palm Sunday (VIGIL)	6:00pm
24 th March	Passion / Palm Sunday	10:00am
26 th March	Chrism Mass (CATHEDRAL)	11:00am

TRIDUUM: One liturgy across three days. What we begin on Thursday doesn't end until Saturday Night.....

28 th March	Maundy Thursday	7:30pm
29 th March	GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS	11:00am
	SOLEMN LITURGY	3:00pm
30 th March	EASTER VIGIL	8:30pm
31 st March	EASTER SUNDAY	10:00am

Saturday 9th March

4th Sunday of Lent

Joyful Mysteries

Dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Adoration: 5:00pm – 5:45pm

Confessions: 5:00pm – 5:45pm

Holy Mass: 6:00pm People of the Parish

Sunday 10th March

4th Sunday in Lent

Glorious Mysteries

Dedicated to the Resurrection

Holy Mass: 10:00am Cornel Ivanciuc RIP

Monday 11th March

4th Week of Lent

Joyful Mysteries

Dedicated to the Holy Souls

Holy Mass: 10:00am Wanda Prain RIP

Lenten Bible study: 10:45am

Tuesday 12th March

4th Week of Lent

Sorrowful Mysteries

Dedicated to the Holy Angels

Adoration: 6:00pm – 6:45pm

Stations of the Cross : 6:15pm – 6:45pm

Confessions: 6:00pm – 6:45pm

Holy Mass: 7:00pm Our Catechumens

Adult Formation Session 7:45-8:30pm

Wednesday 13th March

4th Week of Lent

Glorious Mysteries

Dedicated to Saint Joseph

Holy Mass: 07:30am Holy Souls

Friday 15th March

4th week of Lent

Sorrowful Mysteries

Dedicated to the Holy Cross

Adoration: 11:00am – 11:45am

Stations of the Cross: 11:15am – 11:45am

Confessions: 11:15am – 11:45am

Holy Mass: 12 noon In thanksgiving

Saturday 16th March

4th Sunday in Lent

Joyful Mysteries

Dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Adoration: 5:00pm – 5:45pm

Confessions: 5:00pm – 5:45pm

Holy Mass: 6:00pm