

PARISH NOTICES

Welcome to St John's If you are new to the church, please make yourself known to one of the clergy or the welcomers. After the Parish Mass refreshments will be served at the back of church. Please stay if you can.

Today's readings The 1st reading tells of a miracle worked by the prophet Elisha: a large number of people are fed from limited resources. We are asked to learn 3 things: that God has entrusted to us the care and use of his creation; that the hungry must be fed; and that our efforts are transformed by God who will give us more than we can imagine possible, in this life and in the world to come.

St Paul teaches Christians at Ephesus how they must behave towards each other: with mutual understanding, gentleness and patience, and seeking always the other's good that they may live in unity and peace. How we, and every Christian community, need to be reminded of that - frequently!

We leave St Mark and go to St John's Gospel for the next 5 Sundays. Today the account of such a familiar miracle, the feeding of the 5,000. A small boy offers a small amount of food: that is all that is needed for this stupendous miracle to happen. God asks us to share, as the small boy did, what little we have. He will do the rest; and great miracles still occur.

Parish Bible Study All are welcome tomorrow (Monday), 3 pm in the café area in church, to study the scriptures for next Sunday:

Exodus 16: 2-4,12-15 Ephesians 4: 17,20-24 St John 6: 24-35

Walsingham Pilgrimage A group from St John's and St Andrew's will be at Walsingham next week-end. If there are people or causes you would like prayed for at the Shrine, please use the intercession slips on the table by the door, and hand to Deacon Rachel. The pilgrimage begins with Mass and blessing of pilgrims at 9 am on Friday.

Working party Thank you to everyone who gave time to help yesterday. If you didn't make it this time, there will be other opportunities!

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THE PARISH OF ST JOHN THE DIVINE, WEST WORTHING

28th July 2024

17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8.00 am Mass

10.00 am **Parish Mass** (Hymns NEH 475, 481, 271, 273, 468) Intention: The Parish

6.00 pm **Evening Prayer and Benediction**

Monday 29 th July <i>St Martha, Mary and Lazarus</i>	10.00 am Mass	Relief organisations
Tuesday 30 th July <i>Feria</i>	6.30 pm Mass	Peace
Wednesday 31 st July <i>St Ignatius Lyola</i>	11.00 am Mass	Vocations to the religious life
Thursday 1 st August <i>St Alphonsus Liguori</i>	9.00 am Mass	Christian teachers
Friday 2 nd August <i>Feria</i>	9.00 am Mass	Pilgrims to Walsingham
Saturday 3 rd August <i>Feria</i>	9.30 am Mass	Devotion to Our Lady

Please pray for:

The sick: Wendy Oakeshott, Jack, Reg Parker, Ros Cole, Emma Perry

The recently departed:

Those whose anniversaries occur this week:

- 28 William Burns, Jessie Walklett, Fred Gladwish
- 29 Mary Brazier
- 30 Florence Shipton, Violet Lamb, Rosina Davies, George Baker, Ian Gown, Kenneth Willis
- 31 Peter Sharkey
- 1 Mabel Cuthbertson,
- 2 Walter Rye, Arthur Craxford, Marjorie How
- 3 Gerald Child *priest.*, Jack Mitcham, Sydney Flinn