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WORSHIP

Sundays	Mass	8.00am
	PARISH SUNG MASS	10.00am
	Evening Prayer and Benediction	6.00pm
Weekday Mass	Monday	10.00am
	Tuesday	6.30pm
	Wednesday	11.00am
	Thursday	9.00am
	Saturday	9.30am

Morning Prayers are performed around 30 minutes before the Main Mass each day.

A priest is available to hear confessions after 9-30 Mass on Saturday or by appointment.

Front Cover:- Flowers <i>in memoriam</i> Colin.
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SUNDAY MASS READINGS

4th February

Job 7:1-4,6-7

11th February

Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46

18th February

Genesis 9:8-15

25th February

Genesis 22:1-2,9-13,15-18

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23 Mark 1:29-39

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

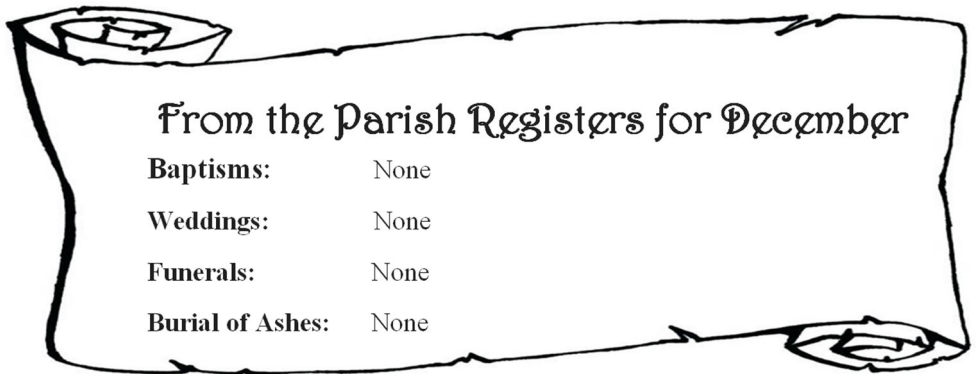
1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1 Mark 1:40-45

1st Sunday of Lent

1 Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1:12-15

2nd Sunday of Lent

Romans 8:31-44 Mark 9:2-10



Monthly Statistics for December

Date	Communicants	Attendance	Home Communicants
3rd	36	86	3
10th	38	48	4
17th	49	143	4
24th	81	201	3
Christmas Day	18	21	-
31st	34	40	4



Father Tim writes.....

My dear Parishioners,

As we enter the month of February, a season filled with reflections on love and commitment, let us turn our hearts towards the enduring love of God. In this month of love, may we deepen our connection with the divine and with one another.

Let the spirit of St. Valentine's Day remind us not only of romantic love but also of the profound love that God showers upon us each day. In our spiritual journey, may we strive to emulate this love in our relationships, showing kindness, understanding and forgiveness.

We continue our journey through Ordinary Time, let us remain open to the ordinary moments that hold extraordinary grace. In prayer and reflection, let us discern God's presence in the simplicity of our daily lives.

This month let us also focus on the theme of renewal.

Just as nature prepares for the arrival of Spring, let us use this time to renew our commitment to faith, prayer and service.

Lent is approaching, providing us with valuable opportunity for spiritual growth and self-reflection.

I encourage you to participate in the upcoming Lenten activities and reflections that will be announced in the coming weeks.

Together, let us prepare our hearts for the season of repentance and renewal.

May this month of February be a month of deepened love, strengthened commitment and spiritual growth for each one of you.

Love, Joy and Peace to you All.

Fr. Tim





January 2024

We have started the new year by welcoming some new little humans to the preschool and they have all settled in with complete ease, exploring everything on offer in all areas of the preschool, in the garden and experienced their first Bee-Fit session full of imagination and lots and lots of bubbles!

It has been a very chilly start to the year and so to warm up, the children have been exploring vegetables to make different fresh home-made soups! The children have been using different kitchen utensils to peel, chop and dice the vegetables all while exploring and discussing the smell, texture and feel. There's been a lot of discussion about how different foods impact our bodies and the children have all been very brave in trying new foods on offer.

The children have started venturing out on weekly adventures, sometimes in our new 6 seater buggy and sometimes on foot. The children have been to Pentlands nursing home to visit the residents and to our local supermarket armed with their own shopping list to purchase their own snack items!

We are open 8.30am to 2.30pm daily term time for children ages 2 to 5 years. We currently have spaces available. Please express any interest by emailing preschooladmin@stjohnwestworthing.org.uk or by phoning on 07708830733
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CHURCH FLOWERS

Don't forget that you need to fill in the list at the North Door to arrange and pay for your special flower bouquets for those dear departed relatives and friends whom you miss. I need your help to prepare something astonishing!

Lyn

WADARS!

The Staff of Wadars wish to thank all the members of St John's who have donated stamps to the charity.

The animals are really happy that so much has been raised to keep them cared for and fed.

Thank You! **Caroline**

ROOF APPEAL

Your help is still needed



The total raised to date is

£45,233

Donations welcomed

Gift Aid envelopes are available in Church

OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM



**A lamp burns daily at Our Lady of Walsingham,
the lamp is lit for special prayer intentions.**

If you would like the lamp lit for a special occasion, anniversary, a departed loved one or any other request, please add the request to the list by the North door and place a donation of £3 in the candle box.

NOTICES FROM St. JOHN'S

Do come to join us for Sunday Mass at 8am or 10am. If you are new to St. John's please introduce yourself to a sides person or a member of the clergy. The Peace will be carried out remotely, but there will now be an opportunity to receive sacrament of both kinds, at each Mass, for those who wish to.

Please stay for refreshments after the 10am Sunday Mass. Coffee and biscuits will be served at the back of the church and on the first Sunday of the month the 100 Club winners will be drawn.

Thank You to all who support our 100 Club at St. John's, which raises vital funds for our church. If you would like to join please see Lyn. To be included in the 2024 draw, you need to Join NOW! (See also Page 16)

Please remember that contributions for church flowers are always desperately needed by Lyn Gough! Even when there is no specific occasion to celebrate, we must have some flowers!

If anyone wants to book the Hall for an event later in the year, please see Caroline soon as dates are being blocked out now.

Parish Bible Study happens on Mondays, but please watch the pew sheet for times and locations.

The feast of the Presentation of the Lord this year falls on Friday February 2nd, so we are going to join with our sister church of St. Andrew's for a Sung Mass. This will include the traditional Candle-mas ceremonies. Please join us for this lovely feast day on Feb 2nd at 10-30am at St Andrew's church on Clifton Road.

Ed.

Fair fa' your honest, sonsie face,
Great chieftain o' the puddin-race!
Aboon them a' ye tak your place,
Painch, tripe or thairm:
Weel are ye wordy o' a grace
As lang's my arm

The groaning trencher there ye fill,
Your hurdies like a distant hill,
Your pin wad help to mend a mill
In time o' need,
While thro' your pores the dews distil
Like amber bead.

His Knife see rustic Labour dight,
An cut ye up wi' ready sleight,
Trenching your gushing entrails bright,
Like onie ditch;
And then, Ach! what a glorious sight,
Warm-reekin', rich!

Then, horn for horn, they stretch an'
strive;
Deil tak the hindmost! on they drive
Till a' their weel-swallow'd kytes belyve
Are bent like drums.
Then auld Guidman, maist like to rive,
"Bethankit!" hums.

Is there that owre his French ragout,
Or olio that wad staw a sow,
Or fricassee wad made her spew
Wi' perfect sconner,
Looks down wi' sneering, scornfu' view
On sic a dinner?

Poor devil! See him owre his trash,
As feckless as a wither'd rash,
His spindle-shank a guid whip-lash,
His nieve a nit;
thro' bluidy flood or field to dash,
Ach! how unfit!

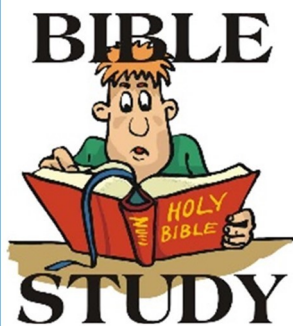
But mark the Rustic, haggis-fed,
The trembling earth resounds his
tread,
Clap in his walie nieve a blade,
He'll mak it whistle;
An' legs an' arms an' heads'll sned
Like taps o' thrissle.

Ye Pow'rs, wha mak mankind your
care,
And dish them out their bill o' fare,
Auld Scotland wants nae skinking
ware,
That jaups in luggies;
But if ye wish her gratefu' prayer,
Gie her a Haggis!

ADDRESS TO A HAGGIS

For Burns Night!

St. John's & St. Andrew's Bible Study



We have a growing number of people from both churches joining our weekly Bible Study sessions when we study the readings which will be read at Mass on the Sunday following the Bible Study.

We meet during term time on Monday afternoons at 3.00pm in St. John's Lady chapel.

We finish at 4pm with a cuppa. Everyone is welcome!

Fr. Tim

Chichester Workshop for Liturgical Art

Training Opportunities in 2024

The Workshop is a recently established international centre for the production, teaching and theology of liturgical art just outside of Chichester, supported by Chichester Cathedral and the Bishop Otter Fund.

If you are interested in these courses at the Workshop, visit the website [chichesterworkshop.org](https://www.chichesterworkshop.org)

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For further information see [chichesterworkshop.org](https://www.chichesterworkshop.org)

Walsingham Pilgrim 2024

The Pilgrimage is booked for the weekend 26th to 28th July 2024 and the initial booking form will be in church early January. At this point we only need to know if you intend to make the Pilgrimage and your contact details, so please complete the form by the required date.

Once we have an approximate number, we can then start to get prices for the various costs such as transport etc so that we can give you a total cost for the pilgrimage. Already we have had notification from the Shrine of an increase in their costs, but we hope to keep the cost to you about the same as last year – with a bit of luck.

In early April we shall send out a Booking Form to each Pilgrim, which we will require completion and then returned with a £30 non-refundable deposit. We then have to send our official booking to the Shrine in early May with our deposit.

We know for certain that for the past three years of joint pilgrimages between our two churches, these have been really happy, fulfilling and memorable times, and we are sure that 2024 will be just as enjoyable. If you have never been to Walsingham or perhaps it has been a few years since you last visited, why not give it a try this year, we can assure you, you won't be disappointed.

If you would like any further information or have any concerns, please see Fr Tim or Deacon Rachel

Ian

PLASTIC MILK BOTTLE TOPS

Please collect all colours of milk bottle tops for basic tools and wheelchairs in poorer areas of the world.....

There is a green glass jar on the table by the South door of the Church for the tops you have collected.

Thank you.

Carole



ARTICLES AND IDEAS!



St. John's Magazine needs articles to publish about any aspect of life!

Have you seen a situation we can all have a giggle about or even be inspired by? Please put pen to paper and the old Editor will help.

‘The Lord loves a cheerful giver’ *Said St. Paul.*

Why not give some time once a month. There are lots of little jobs to do, come and join us!

THE HOLY DUSTERS!



5th February
Church Cleaning
10-30am onward,. But check with
Kim



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Even just a Few minutes.

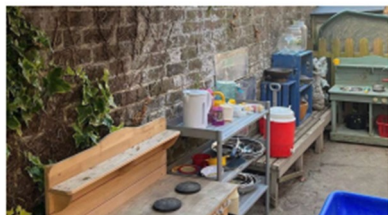
First Monday of the month is usually our morning.

Please come and join us and help keep our church clean
Every little bit helps!

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE



If anyone wishes to have the name of a departed loved one entered in the Parish's Book of Remembrance, situated in the Requiem Chapel, application Forms are available from the Parish Office.
The cost is £15 per entry.



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FEBRUARY DIARY EVENTS

Sun	4th	10am Mass - 5th Sunday of the Year
Mon	5th	10-30am onwards, Church Cleaning
Sun	11th	10am Mass - 6th Sunday of the Year
Wed	14th	11am - Ash Wednesday Mass With administration of ashes Also it's Valentines day!
Thu	15th	Last Day for Magazine Articles
Sun	18th	10am Mass - 1st Sunday of Lent
Sun	25th	10am Mass - 2nd Sunday of Lent

EARLY WARNING :- FRIDAY MARCH 1ST

ST. DAVIDS DAY

MASS 10-30AM AT ST. ANDREWS

PRAYING FOR THE SICK

The names of the sick to be remembered at each mass need constant updating. If anyone has asked for a person to be on the current list, can you please let the Vicar know how they are, so we can either :-

1. Continue to pray for them,
2. Transfer them to the Parish Prayer Group, who pray daily for those needing long term prayer support, or
3. Take them off, if they have recovered, on the understanding that they can be returned to either list as their condition requires.

Thank you.

Fr. Tim

‘Meet more often to give thanks and glory to God.’

I had to go shopping a couple of days after Christmas. As I walked into the shop I saw a display stacked with hot cross buns, and in the place where the Christmas cards had been were Valentines cards - February 14th, hurry, only 7 weeks to go!

Most of the people who buy them won't have a clue who St Valentine was. Nor should they - he may never have existed! He is one of the saints who was 'dropped' from the Church's calendar some years ago, and replaced by two saints who certainly did exist, St Cyril and St Methodius, brothers who translated the bible into Slavonic in the 9th century and spent their lives preaching the Gospel in what is now the Czech Republic, where they faced a lot of hostility.

Another 'casualty' of the revision of the Calendar was St Ignatius of Antioch. He has not been 'dropped', simply transferred from his old feast day of 1st February to a date in October. Some advice of his is worth noting as we begin this new month: *Do your best to meet more often to give thanks and glory to God. When you meet frequently, the powers of Satan are confounded and in the face of your corporate faith his maleficence crumbles.*

St Ignatius wrote this in the first century AD - at the very beginning of the life of the Christian Church. We learn from the Acts of the Apostles that the earliest Christians *went as a body to the Temple every day and met in their houses for the breaking of bread* (Acts 2:46) - their daily life was structured around meeting for worship in the formal setting of the Temple and more informally at home for the Eucharist. From that time onwards, the importance of Christians meeting together, *to give thanks and glory to God*, has been a fundamental and essential part of Christian life.

It's easy for most of us to meet any day for the Eucharist. Remember that the word Eucharist means 'thanksgiving'. If we wish, we can do what St Ignatius urges and meet day by day at the altar to *give thanks and glory to God*.

When so much of the world around us is careless of our faith, even hostile to it, we should remember what the saint says. Meeting together we give support and encouragement to one another. We recognise that doing so is much more than a duty: it is a great privilege and an enormous joy. And one of the most powerful weapons against what the saint calls the maleficence, the evil charms, of the devil - one of the most powerful weapons we have if we are to be faithful to our baptismal commitment to *fight against sin, the world and the devil*.

This year, I'm sure you know, February 14th is neither the feast day of St Valentine, nor of St Cyril and Methodius. It's Ash Wednesday - the ideal day to make a resolution to heed and act on St Ignatius's advice.

WHAT GOES ON AT ST JOHN'S

SUNDAY EAGLES (age 3 – 10)	Sundays @ 10 am. See page 22 Dave Guiel W 340221
SJ IGNITE (age 10+)	2nd Sunday of month 5pm SOON! Ros Ashton W 247130
ST JOHN'S PRESCHOOL (2-5)	Mon - Fri 8-30am - 2-30pm (Hall) Ros Ashton 07708 830733 stjohnspreschool@hotmail.co.uk
Term time only	The Churchwardens
SOCIAL GROUP	Wed 3 to 4-30pm Every week during
KIDS CAFÉ	term time (in the Church). Having a break just now and will re-launch later in the year.
BADMINTON CLUB	Mondays 7.30pm Angela Browne W 246924

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WEEKEND PILGRIMAGES	<i>(To be Confirmed)</i>

CBS (Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament) Ward Secretary, Mr. Ian Grevatt, Churchwarden, St Andrew the Apostle, Clifton Road. E-mail at ijgrevatt@gmail.com.

MASS GUIDE & PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY

			<u>INTENTIONS</u>
1	Th Feria	9am	The Unemployed
2	F PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (Mass at St. Andrews)	10-30am	The Elderly
3	Sa S. Blaise	9-30am	People with Throat Conditions
4	Su 5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8am 10am	The Parish
5	M S. Agatha	10am	The Homeless
6	Tu S. Paul Miki & Companions (Requiem)	6-30pm	The Faithful Departed
7	W Feria	11am	The Government and Opposition
8	Th Feria	9am	The Lonely
9	F Feria (Mass at St. Andrew)	10-30am	Students
10	Sa S. Scholastica	9-30am	The Shrines at Walsingham
11	Su 6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8am 10am	The Parish
12	M Feria	10am	For Lasting Peace Between Nations
13	Tu Feria	6-30pm	St. John's Preschool
14	W ASH WEDNESDAY	11am	All Religious
15	Th Thursday After Ash Wednesday	10am	Church Unity
16	F Friday After Ash Wednesday (Mass at St. Andrews)	10-30am	Church Architects
17	Sa Saturday After Ash Wednesday	9-30am	Persecuted Christians
18	Su 1st SUNDAY OF LENT	8am 10am	The Parish
19	M Lent Feria	10am	All Deacons
20	Tu Lent Feria	6-30pm	Openness to the Word of God
21	W Lent Feria (Stations and Mass)	11am	Spiritual Directors
22	Th The Chair of S. Peter	9am	Pope Francis
23	F S. Polycarp (Mass at St. Andrews)	10-30am	Our Persecuted Brothers and Sisters
24	Sa Lent Feria	9-30am	Candidates for the Sacraments
25	Su 2nd SUNDAY OF LENT	8am 10am	The Parish
26	M Lent Feria	10am	St John's Preschool
27	Tu Lent Feria	6-30pm	Victims of Trafficking
28	W Lent Feria (Stations and Mass)	11am	Youth Workers
29	Th Lent Feria	9am	Unity of All Christians

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Ed.

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