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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 :- St John's; ready for Palm Sunday!

SUNDAY MASS READINGS

7th March	**3rd SUNDAY OF LENT**	
Exodus 20:1-17	*1 Corinthians 1:22-25*	*John 2:13-25*
14th March	**4th SUNDAY OF LENT**	
2 Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23	*Ephesians 2:4-10*	*John 3:14-21*
21st March	**5th SUNDAY OF LENT**	
Jeremiah 31:31-34	*Hebrews 5:7-9*	*John 12:20-33*
28th March	**PALM SUNDAY**	
Isaiah 50:4-7	*Philippians 2:6-11*	*Mark 11:1-10*

From the Parish Registers for January

Baptisms: None

Weddings: None

Funerals: **Colin Walter Spong. 25th January 2021.**

Burial of Ashes: None

Monthly Statistics for January

Date	Communicants	Attendance	Home Communicants
3rd	39	41	0
10th	25	28	0
17th	32	37	0
24th	23	23	0
31st	33	37	2

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

You might like to know a few things about Lent which you may not know, in order to help us enter more deeply into the treasures the season of Lent holds for us as Christian disciples.

The season of Lent spans 40 weekdays beginning on Ash Wednesday and climaxing during Holy Week with Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and concluding on Holy Saturday, before Easter. Lent is a preparation time to celebrate God's marvellous redemption at Easter, and the resurrected life that we live, and hope for, as Christians.

Sundays are always a feast of the Resurrection, and are not counted as part of the 40 day period. They are known as Sundays in Lent.

Originally, Lent was a time of preparation for those who were to be baptized, a time of study and prayer before their baptism at the Easter Vigil. But since these new members were to be received into a living community of Faith, the entire community was called to preparation. Also, this was the time when those who had been separated from the Church through sin would prepare to rejoin the community.

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent. Palm Crosses from the previous year are burned and the ashes used at the Eucharist on Ash Wednesday.

Since Old Testament times, ash has been used as a powerful symbol of sorrow for sin. Try to think of Lent as a spiritual pilgrimage, a sign post on our journey to God. It may begin in Ashes but it ends in resurrection glory. We all love Easter, but if we really desire to get close to our Lord and really experience the joy of His Resurrection in our lives, if we want to know God's forgiveness and great love for us, we must walk with our Lord through the darkness of Holy Week and its dramatic liturgies too. As the saying goes – No Cross, No Crown.

Lent is a time to reconnect with God. Lent offers us an opportunity to come before God with open hands and open hearts. We are invited to come once more before God in a spirit of complete humility, and in a spirit of honest penitence and sincere sorrow. When we can get to that position in our Christian lives, THEN will we know fully what it is to be healed by our Lord, forgiven, reconciled and entirely loved by Jesus Christ!

Brothers and sisters I invite you all to use Lent as well as we possibly can, so that when Easter Day comes we will greet the risen Lord with unparalleled joy, and this year more than ever, I think!

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Fr Tim

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A.P.C.M. Annual Reports

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held on a suitable date in mid-April 2021 when, hopefully, lockdowns will have passed into the History books.

This sounds a long way in the future but we need to have the St. John's information in-house and collated before the event.

If you run a club or organise a group connected with St John's parish start thinking about, or send, your annual report to me at:-

dawnmunn@stjohnwestworthing.org.uk

as soon as possible please.
If you don't have access to a computer please leave it in the Parish Office or hand it to me on a Sunday soon.

Dawn

P.S. Make sure you are on the Electoral Roll so you have a vote!

NOTICES FROM St. JOHN'S

Father Tim's induction, which should have taken place on Sunday January 24th 2020, has been postponed (again) until after Easter. The new date is Sunday May 2nd 2021 at 10am and it will be a joint service for Father Tim's two churches.

Note that St. John's will stay open unless the Government instructs us to close. If people are feeling unwell or vulnerable, however, we would advise them to stay home until they are vaccinated. It would be lovely to see people but safety is especially important at this time.

Please use face masks, 2 metre distances, hand sanitiser and stick to your own bubbles in church. In addition, please leave immediately after the Angelus to protect one-another and the NHS.

Brian

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Your help is still needed

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£45,095

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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.

Lent 2021 Special Services

Sunday Evenings in Lent - 5-30pm Evening Prayer, then 6pm Stations of the Cross with Benediction

Wednesdays in Lent - 11am Mass with Stations of the Cross

Confessions by Appointment or at 10am Saturday Morning

Fridays - Lent Course, see separate notice.

March 28th is Palm Sunday, the start of HOLY WEEK!

Many Apologies for late changes to our plans to maintain Safety!

Other Services as Normal *Brian*

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 me 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. *Gena*

HOLY WEEK & EASTER at ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

PALM SUNDAY 28th March
10.00am Palm Procession & Parish Mass

Monday 29th March 10.00am Mass & Homily

Tuesday 30th March 6.30pm Mass & Homily

Wednesday 31st March 11.00am Mass & Homily

MAUNDY THURSDAY 1st April
7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper, followed by The Watch

GOOD FRIDAY 2nd April
2.00pm Good Friday Liturgy

HOLY SATURDAY 3rd April
8.00pm Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter

EASTER DAY 4th April
10.00am Festive Parish Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord

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

Lent Course 2021 – 'Back to Basics'

Fridays in Lent, 3pm on Zoom

You are warmly invited to join us for our online Lent Course this year as we go 'back to basics' and get to grips with what it means to be a follower of Jesus.

Friday 19th February – Fasting (Matthew 4:1-4)

Friday 26th February – Bible (John 1:1-5)

Friday 5th March – Prayer (Luke 22:39-46)

Friday 12th March – Sacraments (John 19:31-37)

Friday 19th March – Church (Luke 24:36-40, 45-49)

If you would like to join us, please email Fr Josh at wjjdelia@outlook.com and he will be able to give more details and provide Zoom links for the sessions.

Thank You!

CURATES CORNER !

Wrapped up in my cloak and looking a bit like a Hobbit, this morning I had the pleasure of walking to church in the snow. It was beautiful yet treacherous, snowflakes overhead, ice underfoot. But amidst this winter wonderland, I was struck by the places where the snow was already melting away. The snow had melted wherever life was to be found: people walking, heated houses, busy roads.

We are now in the season of Lent. This is a time when the Church goes through a liturgical winter. The Gloria is skipped, saints' days are suppressed, fasts are begun, ash is sprinkled. It is a stark, stripped back time which is beautiful in its simplicity, yet arguably harsh in the way that it calls us to remember our sins, our need for repentance, our mortality.

Yet like the falling snow that greeted me on the way to church, we find the signs of life amidst the ashes of Lent. As we remember our sins, we are reminded that Jesus came to seek and save the lost (Luke 19:10). As we remember our need for repentance, we are reminded that Jesus will finish the good work that he has started in us, making us more like him (Philippians 1:6). As we remember our mortality, we are reminded that Jesus defeated death (1 Corinthians 15:55), and that he is preparing a place for us in Heaven (John 14:3).

Fr Josh

'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!

1st March

Silver Cleaning
10-30am onwards. But Check with Kim!

13th March

Church Cleaning
10am onwards, But check with Kim!

First Monday and Second Saturday of the month are usually our mornings.

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
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MARCH DIARY EVENTS

Mon	1st	10am onwards Silver Cleaning
Fri	5th	3pm Lent Course 3 on Zoom
Wed	3rd	11am Mass with Stations of The Cross
Sun	7th	10am Mass - 3rd Sunday of Lent 5-30pm Evening Prayers 6pm Stations of The Cross with Benediction
Wed	10th	11am Mass with Stations of the Cross
Fri	12th	3pm Lent Course 4 on Zoom
Sat	13th	10am onwards Church Cleaning
Sun	14th	10am Mass - 4th Sunday of Lent Mothering Sunday 5-30pm Evening Prayers 6pm Stations of The Cross with Benediction
Wed	17th	11am Mass with Stations of the Cross
Fri	19th	3pm Lent Course 5 on Zoom
Sun	21st	10am Mass - 5th Sunday of Lent 5-30pm Evening Prayers 6pm Stations of The Cross with Benediction
Wed	24th	11am Mass with Station of the Cross
Fri	26th	10am Prayer Group
		HOLY WEEK
Sun	28th	10am Mass - Palm Sunday 5-30pm Evening Prayers 6pm Stations of The Cross with Benediction
Mon	29th	10am Mass with Homily
Tue	30th	6-30pm Mass with Homily
Wed	31st	11am Mass with Homily

PLEASE NOTE!

The Hall has been Deep Cleaned and the Pre-School Staff are making special efforts to limit access. We must keep our Children and Staff safe. If anyone needs anything from the Hall or to do anything in that space then please ask Ros Ashton or Caroline Burke and they will try to meet your needs. Thank you for your co-operation. **Ros A**

EAGLES SUNDAY CLUB

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Fr Tim

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Mr. Dave Guiel W 340221
SJ IGNITE (age 10+) 2nd Sunday of month 5pm
Mrs. Ros Ashton W 247130
ST JOHN'S PRESCHOOL Mon - Fri 8-30am - 2-30pm (aged 2-5,Hall)
Term time only Mrs. Ros Ashton 07708 830733
stjohnspreschool@hotmail.co.uk
SOCIAL GROUP Ms. Zoe Haworth 07954 183057
KIDS CAFÉ Wed 3-4-30pm Every week during term time (in the Church). Having a break just now and will re-launch later in the year.
BADMINTON CLUB Mondays 7.30pm
Mrs Angela Browne W 246924

OTHER CONTACTS

PARISH OFFICE	Wed & Thurs 9.30am - 12noon office@stjohnwestworthing.org.uk W 537813	
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Weekend Pilgrimages	Mr. Chris Smith	W 533257

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MASS GUIDE & PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MARCH

					INTENTIONS
1	M	S. David		10am	Credo Cymru
2	T	Lent Feria		6-30pm	Perfect Contrition
3	W	Lent Feria		11am	All in Authority
4	Th	Lent Feria		9am	St John's Preschool
5	F	Lent Feria			World Peace
6	Sa	Lent Feria		9-30am	Turning Tides
7	**Su**	**3rd SUNDAY OF LENT**		**8am**	**The Parish**
				10am	
8	M	Lent Feria	*(Requiem)*	10am	The Faithful Departed
9	T	Lent Feria		6-30pm	Prisoners
10	W	Lent Feria		11am	Growth in Holiness
11	Th	Lent Feria		9am	St Andrew's School
12	F	Lent Feria			The Lonely
13	Sa	Lent Feria		9-30am	Those Who Doubt
14	**Su**	**4th SUNDAY OF LENT**		**8am**	**The Parish**
				10am	
15	M	Lent Feria		10am	Gravely Ill Children
16	T	Lent Feria		6-30pm	Peace in the Holy Land
17	W	S. Patrick		11am	The Church in Ireland
18	Th	Lent Feria		9am	Evangelists
19	**F**	**S. Joseph**		**10am**	**Families**
20	Sa	Lent Feria		9-30am	The Persecuted Church
21	**Su**	**5th SUNDAY OF LENT**		**8am**	**The Parish**
				10am	
22	M	Lent Feria		10am	Vulnerable Women
23	T	Lent Feria		6-30pm	An End to the Pandemic
24	W	Lent Feria		11am	Those Preparing for Baptism and Confirmation
25	**Th**	**THE ANNUNCIATION**		**9am**	**Greater Devotion to Our Lady**
26	F	Lent Feria			Victims of Prejudice
27	Sa	Lent Feria		9-30am	Elm Grove School
28	**Su**	**PALM SUNDAY**		**8am**	**The Parish**
				10am	
29	M	Holy Week		10am	The Poor
30	T	Holy Week		6-30pm	The Unborn
31	W	Holy Week		11am	All Who Feel Abandoned

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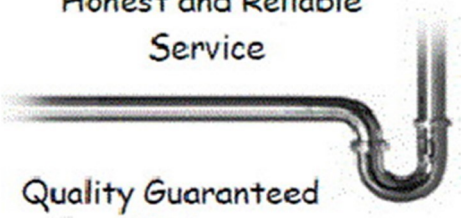

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