

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 In last Sunday's OT reading we found the Israelites in the Promised Land. Today we are taken back to the time when they were preparing to enter that Land and make it their own. God instructs Moses, who is now coming to the end of his life, once more to proclaim the Law which he received through the revelation on Mount Sinai. Moses is speaking to a new generation of Israelites, all of whom would have been teenagers or younger when the Exodus from Egypt began. By having the Law restated again, God is reminding them that His covenant with his people is made with all generations, past, present and future.

The 2nd reading today is the first of five from the letter of St James. Its style is very different from other letters in the New Testament, but its message is consistent with what we read there so often: what we believe, our faith, must reveal itself in the way we live, and specifically in the love we show towards other people.

In the Gospel today we are back with St Mark, having had a 5-week excursion into St John's Gospel and Jesus's teaching about the Eucharist. Some Pharisees (their name means "the ones set apart") have come to see and hear Jesus. They followed a way of life which they considered to be almost perfect, considering themselves to be superior to others as they observed many rituals of purification. Jesus teaches that observing rules and regulations can become an end in itself. It is what is in our heart that matters. And from our heart comes our true offering of worship to God.

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

Isaiah 35: 4-7 St James 2: 1-5 St Mark 7: 31-37

The **PCC Meeting** on Wednesday begins with Mass at 6.30 pm celebrated by the Archdeacon of Chichester.

Working party Another opportunity to do some necessary work in and around the church - Saturday 7th September after Mass at 9.30 am. Can *you* help, please?

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THE PARISH OF ST JOHN THE DIVINE, WEST WORTHING

1st September 2024

22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8.00 am Mass

10.00 am Parish Mass (Hymns NEH 475, 463, 333, 374, 393) Intention: The Parish

6.00 pm Evening Prayer and Benediction

Monday 2nd September 10.00 am Mass Evangelists
Feria

Tuesday 3rd September 6.30 pm Mass The Church in England
St Gregory the Great

Wednesday 4th September 11.00 am Mass The spread of the Gospel in England
St Cuthbert 6.30 pm Mass The PCC

Thursday 5th September 9.00 am Mass Vocations to the priesthood
Feria

Friday 6th September 10.30 am Mass *at St Andrew's* Renewal
Feria

Saturday 7th September 9.30 am Mass Devotion to Our Lady
Feria

Please pray for:

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

The recently departed:

Those whose anniversaries occur this week:

- 1 Cicely Cole, Howard Baker
- 3 Florence Hammond, Max Sumner
- 4 Beatrice Richards, Doreen French
- 5 Dick Ince, Maud Mitchell
- 6 Margaret Brandie
- 7 Bertha Glass, William Chaplin, Ivy Hull