

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 first reading is from the Book of Wisdom. The writer had prayed for wisdom, having come to realise that this was the gift he needed if he was to be able to make decisions about issues that confronted him. When he does receive it he tells how precious a gift it is, more valuable than any material riches or power.

In the second reading the writer of the letter to the Hebrews tells us that the Word of God (Jesus Christ) knows the mind and heart of each of us; nothing can be hidden from him to whom we will one day have to render an account of our lives. Then there is reassurance: although at times we may stray, we will receive the strength we need to become the kind of people God has created us to be.

In the Gospel Jesus meets a rich young man who is seeking perfection. Sadly, he realises that his possessions are too great to give up. In the picture Jesus then gives - of a camel trying to get through the eye of a needle - Jesus shows his sense of humour, and at the same time teaches that it is the way we use what we have been given that will reveal us as people who understand where true riches lie. We need to understand his teaching as relating not only to material possessions but also to the way those who have power and influence over others must use it. When we reach the end of life's journey, God is not going to ask us how much money we brought with us to heaven. Rather, he will ask us how many people we helped along the way.

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

Isaiah 53: 10-11 Hebrews 4: 14-16 St Mark 10: 35-45

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THE PARISH OF ST JOHN THE DIVINE, WEST WORTHING

13th October 2024

28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8.00 am Mass

10.00 am Parish Mass (Hymns NEH 345, 407, 52, 298, 450) Intention: The Parish

6.00 pm Evening Prayer and Benediction

Monday 14th October 10.00 am Mass Thanksgiving
Feria

Tuesday 15th October 6.30 pm Mass Christian teachers
St Teresa of Avila

Wednesday 16th October 11.00 am Mass Love
Feria

Thursday 17th October 9.00 am Mass Persecuted Christians
St Ignatius of Antioch

Friday 18th October 10.30 am Mass at *St Andrew's* Evangelists
St Luke

Saturday 19th October 9.30 am Mass Walsingham
Feria

Next Sunday: Mass at 8 am; Parish Mass at 10 am; Evening Prayer & Benediction at 6 pm

Please pray for:

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

The recently departed:

Those whose anniversaries occur this week:

13 Olive White

15 Lucy Baker

16 Henry Ball *priest*, Mary Hockey

17 Hugh Aliton

18 Violet Sanders, Ellen Burke

19 Mary Crafer