

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 part of one of the Servant Songs in the prophecy of Isaiah which describe the one who is to come to save the Jewish people and, ultimately, all the people of God. As we read the prophecy we know that God sent his Son, the Servant *par excellence*, faithful and sinless though he was, to accept suffering and death in place of those who were guilty. The true epitome of humility and service.

The verses in the second reading, from the Letter to the Hebrews, follow on immediately from those we heard last week. Jesus is described as the 'supreme high priest'. Although he is God, because he was also human he had to experienced the same trials and sufferings that all human beings experience. He can therefore sympathize with our weaknesses. The writer then goes on to tell us that we can approach the throne of God without fear and with confidence, but we must also do so with humility.

In the Gospel today the brothers James and John ask Jesus to reserve for them the privileged seats on either side of him in heaven. Jesus challenges them with the question, "Can you drink the cup that I drink?" - in other words "Can you serve me faithfully until the end, whatever that may involve?" Jesus uses this opportunity to teach again about humility and service to others, and ends with giving himself as an example. "The Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many". True greatness, he says, the greatness for which his followers must strive, lies in willing service of others.

There is no **Bible Study** this week, but do prepare for next Sunday's Mass by looking at the readings:

Jeremiah 31: 7-9 Hebrews 5: 1-6 St Mark 10: 46-52

Advance notice:

Friday 1st November - All Saints Day - 11 am Sung Mass

Saturday 2nd November - All Souls Day - 11 am Solemn Requiem

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THE PARISH OF ST JOHN THE DIVINE, WEST WORTHING

20th October 2024

29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8.00 am Mass

10.00 am Parish Mass (Hymns CHE 21, 495, 113, 71, 738) Intention: The Parish

6.00 pm Evening Prayer and Benediction

Monday 21st October 10.00 am Mass Generosity
Feria

Tuesday 22nd October 6.30 pm Mass Peace
Feria

Wednesday 23rd October 11.00 am Mass The departed
Feria

Thursday 24th October 9.00 am Mass Courage
Feria

Friday 25th October 10.30 am Mass at *St Andrew's* Christian living
Feria

Saturday 26th October 9.30 am Mass Humility
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, Merryl Talbot

The recently departed:

Those whose anniversaries occur this week:

20 Olive Nepean, Stephen Hawes

21 Doris Lucas, Derek Harman, Amy Fry, Percy How *priest*

22 William Maybey, Ellen Wakeham, Bert Cheshire

23 Helen Vickers, Edith Bush, Hilda Sims

24 Olive Chenery, Norman Yorke, Catherine Stapleton, Ann Fisher

25 Percy Sutton, Kennedy Tuffel *priest*

26 Ernest Pearce, Kenneth Peake Sexton, John Flint, Frederick Fryar, Lilian Locke, Annie Locke