

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 today is part of the second account of Creation in the book of Genesis. It begins with a brief statement which is fundamental to our understanding of God and of ourselves. 'It is not good that the man should be alone'. God created us to be in a loving relationship with him and with each other. That loving human relationship is expressed in its deepest form in marriage, which is blessed by God and is a binding commitment.

The second reading is the first of a series of readings from the letter to the Hebrews which will take us to the end of the Church's year. The (anonymous) writer of this great letter is telling us how Jesus Christ, the Son of God, came to earth to show us how to live, through humility and perseverance. In order that God's children might truly be saved, might really become sons of God destined for the life and glory of heaven, it was necessary that Christ should become truly man, and therefore experience death.

In the Gospel reading Jesus is being pulled into a trap by the strict observers of the Jewish Law. 'Is it against the law' they ask him 'for a man to divorce his wife?' Jesus reminds them that provision for divorce was not what God intended. God intended that marriage and family life should be the foundation of all human existence; and the more love that is put into a marriage, the more blessings will come from it.

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

Wisdom 7: 7-11 Hebrews 4: 12-13 St Mark 10: 17-30

Harvest Thank you for contributions of food etc for those supported in this area by Turning Tides. And thank you to everyone who made last night's harvest supper such an enjoyable evening - socially and gastronomically!

Another **Thank You** - to all who supported the Macmillan Coffee Morning - £600 raised. A tremendous effort!

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THE PARISH OF ST JOHN THE DIVINE, WEST WORTHING

6th October 2024

27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8.00 am Mass

10.00 am **Parish Mass** (Hymns CHE 136, 729, 217, 517, 782) Intention: The Parish

6.00 pm **Evening Prayer and Benediction**

Monday 7th October 10.00 am Mass Faithfulness in prayer
Our Lady of the Rosary

Tuesday 8th October 6.30 pm Mass Hospitality
Feria

Wednesday 9th October 11.00 am Mass Theologians
St John Henry Newman

Thursday 10th October 9.00 am Mass Generosity
Feria

Friday 11th October 10.30 am Mass *at St Andrew's* Faith
Feria

Saturday 12th October 9.30 am Mass The Diocese
St Wilfrid

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

The recently departed: Emma Perry

Those whose anniversaries occur this week:

- 6 Margaret Jackson
- 7 Winifred Riddles, Stephen Sidney
- 8 Frank Dawes, Lilian Peckham
- 9 Barbara Woollett, Kenneth Hewitt
- 10 Edwin Veck, Derek Jarrett
- 11 Louisa Berry
- 12 Adeline White, Elaine Cole, Marjorie Terry