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Newsletter for Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time 25th August 2024

"Will you also leave me?"

Parish Mass Book Page 123 **Prayer of the Church** Week 1



Christ and the Apostles, by Georges Rouault, 1937-38, Metropolitan Museum of Art, NY

The Scriptures at Mass

Joshua 24:1-2.15-18 *Joshua confronts the people with a vital decision – to serve the one true God or to serve false gods.*

Ephesians 5:21-32 *St Paul uses the image of a marriage relationship to express the bond that exists between Christ and the Church.*

John 6:60-69 *Jesus' disciples are faced with a vital decision – to stay with Jesus or to leave him.*

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Helen Townsend RIP, mother of Liz Barnden. Helen's Requiem Mass is at 10 am this Thursday, 29th August. We also pray for all who are ill at this time.

Confirmation Photos of the celebration of this great sacrament are now at:

<https://dobeson.co.uk/gallery/20240622-confirmation.php>

Welcome to Aurora Poppy-Coleen, baptised last Sunday.

Our Liturgies this week

Reconciliation: in the half hour prior to Mass.

Saturday 24th August St Bartholomew

6 pm Vigil Mass James & Mary RIP

25th August

Twenty-first Sunday Of Ordinary Time

10 am Mass & baptisms: Genevieve & Albert

Monday 26th August Bl Dominic Barberi

Tuesday 27th August St Monica

10 am Mass Deacon Kevin McKevitt RIP

Wednesday 28th August St Augustine

10 am Mass Maureen Todd's intentions

10.30 am until 11.30 am Adoration

Thursday 29th August

The Passion of St John the Baptist

10 am Requiem Mass Helen Townsend RIP

Friday 30th August St Margaret Clitherow

10 am Mass for the people of the Parish

Saturday 31st August St Aidan

5 pm Reconciliation

6 pm Vigil Mass Clive Judge RIP

1st September

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

10 am Mass Alan King RIP

The Tea and Chat Group meet on Thursday 29th August at 2 pm. All are very welcome.

Invitation to Mass and Buffet supper on

Saturday 14th September Denis Dalaba,

President of the Chichester Catenian

Association, invites parishioners to the

President's Day Mass at St Michael's at 6 pm

followed by a buffet supper in the Church

Hall. Please let Brother Simon

Nardecchia know by Friday 30th August if you

will be attending.

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Universal Meal

We celebrate our Patronal Feast on Sunday 29th September after Mass. We will rejoice in the diversity of our Parish with a shared lunch, people being invited to bring along dishes from their nation of origin. Pop the date in your diary now!

The Season of Creation is the annual

Christian celebration that calls us together each year to pray and respond jointly to the cry of Creation. The Celebration begins on Sunday 1st September Feast of Creation, and concludes on 4th October, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology.

Visit our [web page](#) for links to resources, prayers and ideas to celebrate the season and be inspired for change.



Becoming a Catholic Are you interested in becoming part of the Church? Or do you have a child in Year 3, or above, who could make their **First Holy Communion** next year? We invite you to join a ten-week **Alpha** programme this autumn. To help everyone there are two weekly opportunities:

- Mondays from 23rd September, 1 – 3 pm, freeing you for school's end &
- Tuesday evenings from 24th September from 7 – 9 pm, beginning with a simple soup, bread, cheese and fruit supper.

After this we will enrol children for First Holy Communion and prepare those who wish to join the Church with their own programme.



Daniel Hill, as part of our ongoing parish jammy-dodger controversy, makes the case for the heart-shaped hole. A new strand of research arises with the question: should a jammy-dodger ever be dunked?!

