

6th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

PSALTER WEEK 2 YEAR B

Responsorial Psalm: "You are my refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the joy of salvation."

Gospel Acclamation: "May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us."

NOTICE BOARD

Retrouvaille - A Lifeline For Married Couples: From a French word meaning to rediscover, *Retrouvaille* is a programme to help to heal marriages, run by couples who have themselves overcome difficulties. For information see www.retrouvaille.uk, call Clive and Kathy on 07873 380443 or text 07954 966804.

Helping Homeless Young People: *Nightstop* is a service run by the charity, *De Paul UK*. Hosts agree to provide temporary respite accommodation for a homeless young people (an evening meal, a bed for the night, access to washing facilities, breakfast and a listening ear if appropriate) after they have been through a selection process and been given necessary support. Other volunteers act as drivers to transport the young people to their hosts or as phone assistants to manage referrals. For more details contact ailsa.mcwilliam@depauluk.org / 020 89046661.

Nursery Deputy Manager: Our Lady of Lourdes Nursery seeks to employ a suitably qualified person for the position of Deputy Manager to enhance the already excellent team in what Ofsted judges to be an 'Outstanding Setting'. CACHE Level 3 or equivalent as a minimum. The successful candidate will be energetic and willing to work generously to support our children and staff. Application forms, together with the Job Description are available from the Nursery and the Parish Office. Closing date March 1, 2012, with interviews on March 26, 2012. See www.olnursery.org.uk

Street Child Africa seeks office-administrator for maternity cover until at least April 30, 2012 (possibly extendable to July 31). Ideally 5hrs per day 5 days per week. For details contact info@streetchildafrica.org.uk

Forming A Parish Pastoral Team: Fr. Rob had an exploratory meeting with a dozen parishioners on Thursday with a view to forming a new pastoral team to promote planning and share leadership in our parish life. Further news to follow as the team gets into its stride. Meanwhile, your ideas for developing the parish are always welcome.

REGULAR GROUPS

Mother & Baby/Toddler group: Please contact Rowan on 07958 250259 if you are interested in attending.

Musical Tots: the music group for 0-5s will meet again on Fri 24th February at 10am in the Gillespie Hall. All parents and carers of the under 5s very welcome. Please contact Celine Crosswell on 07884464686 if you need further information.

Please pray for our sick: Marie Dubey, Sheila Hegarty, Fr. Eric Flood and Madeline Killeen.

Last week's collections: Offertory £436; Cafod £4.40; Catholic Education £222.77

Deadline for submitting Newsletter items – Wednesday am please
Arundel and Brighton Diocesan Trust – Registered charity – 252878.



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OUR PARISH

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Mon-Fri morning prayer
9.15am, mass 9.30am.
Sat morning prayer
9.15am. Holydays of
obligation: mass at
9.30am & 8pm.
Confessions 9.30am
Sat in church, or by
appointment
www.olchurch.org.uk

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CATHOLIC CHURCH

A FAIR TRADE PARISH

ESCAPE FROM DEATH ROW

I've never visited death-row, but one of the most extraordinary parts of the heavily ritualised process of the modern state killing one of its citizens (at least if the movies are accurate) is the denial of physical contact. Visitors are spoken to by phone through glass screens. Guards wear gloves (leather ones on escort duties, latex ones when making the final sordid preparations for execution). Food arrives in the cell through a hatch. And year-after-year, as they wait, capital prisoners live 'in solitary', without human warmth or companionship. The lesson seems to be: make someone untouchable and then you can kill them without regret. In fact, without human contact, they are as good as dead already.

That is leprosy, and this Sunday's Gospel shows Jesus' response: *Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched the leper.* By breaking the taboo, Jesus declares the leprosy to be ended. The healing comes through the physical act of ending another's isolation. Three questions follow: **Who** are our lepers, the untouchables of today? **Where** can I reach out and bring healing? And **what** in myself needs Christ's same healing touch?

Fr. Rob

MASS TIMES INTENTIONS

Sat	6pm	HCPT Group's Intention
Sun	9am	People of the Parish
	10.45am	Helen Thompson RIP
Mon	9.30am	Caryl Hodgson Intention
Tue	9.30am	Lisa Diaper and Family
Wed	9.30am	Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion
Thur	9.30am	Private Intention
Fri	9.30am	Private Intention
Sat	6pm	John Cardwell RIP
Sun	9am	Una O'Brien RIP
	10.45am	People of the Parish

PARISH EVENTS – PASTORAL

This Sunday is the 6th Sunday of Year B. As it is half-term there is no Children's Liturgy at 10.45am mass either this Sunday or next. We wish a restful and happy half-term to school staff, pupils and their families alike.

Monday - Journey in Faith Group meets in the presbytery at **8pm**.

Tuesday is now the rather unromantic **Feast of Sts. Cyril and Methodius** (the 'Apostles of the Slavs' and Patron Saints of Europe) in the Church calendar – but devotion to St. Valentine is also permitted! We wish God's blessing on all who have pledged their love to another.

Friday – Justice & Peace Group meets at **10am** in the presbytery after morning mass. They will be discussing the **Cafod** Lent Campaign. Everyone is most welcome.

Next Sunday is a Day of Special Prayer for the Unemployed. There will also be (unrelated) a **retiring collection** for the **Cabrini Children's Society**.

Lent Small Groups - all are invited to join one of the weekly discussion groups taking place during Lent. Lists showing details are in the church porch. Some of the groups are ecumenical, being shared with members of other local churches; please use the contact details given if you wish to join one of these. To join a group of OLOL parishioners, please sign-up for the group of your choice.

Welcomers for 18-19 Feb: Sat 6pm - The Kearney Family, Sun 9am - The Lyons Family, 10.45 - The Boczkowski Family.

PARISH NEWS AND SOCIAL EVENTS

Our Lady of Lourdes Nursery provides an outstanding setting for children aged from 2.5 to 5 years on weekday mornings during 34 weeks a year. Applications are now invited from parishioners for the academic year 2012-13. (Closing date for applications is February 19, 2012.) A prospectus and full details can be found at <http://www.olnursery.org.uk>

Thinking Bioethics: Medical Law - this Weds., at 8pm (refreshments from 7.30pm) at Christ the Prince of Peace parish hall, Weybridge, James Bogle will explore recent developments in medical law which has arguably become 'morally and intellectually misshapen' as a result.

Women's World Day of Prayer - Friday 2 March at 10.30am at St Nicholas' Church, Summer Road, Thames Ditton. This year's service has been prepared by the women of Malaysia and the theme is "Let Justice Prevail". The speaker will be Rev Phillip Johnson (Vicar of All Saints). Everyone is warmly invited to attend this annual day of prayer service and join with over 3 million people worldwide. Tea/coffee will be served afterwards and Fairtrade goods will be on sale. If anyone would like to sing in the choir, there will be a rehearsal at 9.45am. If lifts required, contact Marie Wratten (0208 224 0632) or Jean Condon (0208 398 2438).

Elmbridge Fairtrade Network is holding a Quiz Night for Fairtrade Fortnight. Sat 10 March 7.30pm - 10pm at Claygate Tennis Club, Torrington Close, Claygate KT10 0SB. Tickets £10 to include a buffet supper, glass of wine and soft drinks - available from Judy Porter (020 8398 6401). Individuals and teams welcome. See poster on noticeboard. Booking essential.

Our Lady of Lourdes Women's Group is hosting a **Ceilidh** in Aid of Street Child Africa on Sat 17 March, from 8pm in the Gillespie Hall. Tickets: £17.50 (inc. Fish & Chips) must be purchased in advance. Contact: celine_ryan@hotmail.com / 07884464686.

St. Paul's Catholic Primary School is approaching a very exciting birthday – the 50th anniversary of its opening on 9th September 1963. The school would like to set up a working party including past pupils to help to prepare for the Golden Jubilee. If you are a past pupil or know any past pupils and have their current contact details, Jane Burden would love to hear from you (pa@stpauls-thamesditton.surrey.sch.uk). The school's February newsletter (at www.stpauls-thamesditton.surrey.sch.uk) includes a photograph of Mr Wyatt, the very first serving Headmaster and his log book entry from the opening morning of the school. It may bring back a few memories!

Installation of the new heating system is slowly nearing completion. Please be aware of any trip hazards during works and be patient with any disruptions this may cause.

New Translation of the Roman Missal – Assuming you're not 'word-perfect' on the new responses yet, please collect a laminated card as you arrive – and please remember to return it to the porch as you leave!

NOTICE BOARD

Young People Serving the Community: the *Catenian Association* has a Bursary Fund to support young Catholics aged 16-24 prepared to work unpaid helping under-privileged people anywhere in the world. If anyone wishes to apply (e.g. for a 'Gap' year) please contact bursary@thecatenians.com / 02476 224533.

Arundel & Brighton Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (July 26 – Aug. 3, 2012). Application forms are available from the parish office or can be downloaded from www.ablourdes.org. Early application is advised, especially for those wishing to work in the *hospitalité* team of carers. **Nurses** are particularly needed (and those with non-EU passports need to allow time for obtaining visas for France). Pilgrims requiring any level of medical, nursing or carer assistance should contact the Pilgrimage Office direct on 01903 745180. Contact Fr. Rob if you know of a sick person (or a family in need) who might benefit from going. If cost is a problem, payment by monthly standing order is possible.

Hope for a New Beginning – a *Beginning Experience* weekend at The Friars, Aylesford, Kent – March 23-25. *Beginning Experience* is a ministry to the widowed, separated and divorced led by a trained team of volunteers. Their work is carried out at special weekend gatherings, which encourage participants to share their need and deal with the natural process of grief and loneliness. For details contact Fred (01322 401243), Helen (01293 881877), Sandra (01293 783965). Closing date for applications is Feb 20.

Catholic Parliamentary and Public Policy Internships: For the last nine years the Catholics Bishops Conference has organised Parliamentary and Public Policy Internships for recently graduated Catholics. This year we are looking to offer 8 internships: Five interns will be placed with Christian MPs at Westminster; two in Public Policy with CAFOD and CARITAS Social Action Network; and one in a media internship at Archbishop's House Westminster. All internships will run from Sep 2012 - July 2013 and include accommodation and subsistence allowances. Full details and an application form can be found at: www.catholicnews.org.uk/interns. Completed applications must be submitted **by Feb 29, 2012**. If you know anyone who may be interested in this opportunity, please encourage them to apply.