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This is what Yahweh asks of you:
 only this,
 to act justly,
 to love tenderly,
 and to walk humbly
 with your God.

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord:
Sundays & Solemnities: Year C - Weekdays: Year 1

Saturday 1st Feb	6:00pm Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i>	1 st Mass of the Feast of The Presentation of the Lord. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from 5:15pm – 5:45pm before Mass.
Sunday 2nd Feb	10:00am Mass	<i>Fr Gerald Creasey RIP</i>	The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from 9:15am – 9:45am before Mass.
Monday 3rd Feb	10:00am Mass	<i>For the sick</i>	St Blaise (Blessing after Mass).
Tuesday 4th Feb	10:00am Mass	<i>Jim & Maragaret Hextall</i>	
Wednesday 5th Feb	10:00am Mass	<i>Eddie Carripett</i>	St Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
Thursday 6th Feb	10:00am Mass	For Vocccations	St Paul Miki and Companions, and Martyrs
Friday 7th Feb	9:40am Novena 10:00am Mass		Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart
Saturday 8th Feb	6:00pm Mass	<i>Peter Richards RIP</i>	1 st Mass of the 5 th Sunday of Ordinary Time. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from 5:15pm – 5:45pm before Mass.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY: For all the sick in our Parish family and those who are suffering at this time including; Carole Lenegham; Ann Fagan; Carole Costa; Dixie; Diana Long; Mary Fiddimore; Celeste's brother Giovanni Perez; Juliet's daughter-in-law Lizzie Gibson-Bell who has Leukemia; Wendy Milledge; Lorraine Arnold's sister Stephanie Price; Doreen Hutchins; The Powell family; Margaret Heaney's brother-in-law John Erwin; Sylvia Whitenee; Evelyn Cumiskey and for all who have lost a loved one during the year. If you know of anyone who needs our prayers, or no longer needs to be on the prayer list, please let Veronica know (772107).

NOTICE: Gluten free hosts are available in the Sacristy, if you need one just pop in and ask.

WELCOME: To any visitors to our Church today. There will be teas and coffees this Sunday after Mass.

SECOND COLLECTION: Next Weekend 8th/9th February is for A&B Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund.

MASS INTENTIONS REQUEST CALENDAR: In the Narthex, you will find a new list on which to enter the date of your particular Mass intention by marking it with an X. If your date has already been chosen, please select the next available day. Kindly ensure that you have completed a MASS INTENTION FORM (also in the Narthex) which needs to be given to a member of the Clergy in the Sacristy. Please indicate by adding R.I.P. if your intention is for a recently deceased person or Anniversary of Death. Thank you, Deacon Allan.

MORE VOLUNTEERS TO READ AT MASS PLEASE: As from the start of Lent we hope to have two readers at each of our weekend Masses. Please let the Clergy know if you can help. Training will be provided. Many thanks, the Clergy Team.

PLANNED GIVING AND GIFT AID: Donating by standing order is the most effective way of providing financial support for your Parish and over 50 parishioners already make their offertory donations in this way. Please contact Simon Davies on simon.davies1953@btinternet.com for more details and for advice on how to sign up.

ARK BABY AND TODDLER GROUP: Meets at 10:00am on Monday's during term time in the Church hall.

WHIST: Is getting together this Monday 3rd and Wednesday 5th February in the Church hall at 1:30pm. Dennis Leader (262184).

TABLE TENNIS: Will meet at 2:00pm this Friday 7th February in the Church Hall. Newcomers and beginners welcome. Marion Powell (775282).

LECTIO DIVINA: 1 Sam 3:9 "...Speak, Lord; your servant is listening..." Join the Lectio Divina group (Friday's 7:00pm – 7:40pm email wardveronica49@gmail.com for the zoom link). Not a bible study; the Living Word speaking into our hearts.

"TIME TO RETHINK ABORTION": Next Saturday 8th February 10:30am to 4:30pm (Optional Mass at 10:00am) at the St Philip Howard Centre, Southgate Drive, Crawley RH10 6RP. (Bring your own lunch) This event will empower people to discuss abortion openly and compassionately not only with those who may be considering abortion but also with those suffering with the after effects. It would be good for our Parish to be represented. To register to attend this event please go to: <https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/f2hs0gqv> or phone Isabel on 07773501721. For any more information see the poster in the Narthex.

ASSISTED SUICIDE: I am grateful to the Parishioner who corrected me over my statement last week regarding the defeat of the bill on assisted suicide. The bill has only been passed in its first stage (the second reading.) Now follows the very important 'Committee stage' when amendments can be made. If and when they are approved (in the third reading possibly in April?) the bill will then go before the House of Lords. In other words there is still time for us to contact our local MP's who often appreciate further guidance. Since in the early stages lack of time prevented them from making a more informed decision. So let us keep up the letters and prayers. Our local MP is Dr Beccy Cooper MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA.

NEW WEEKDAY MISSAL: CTS (Catholic Truth Society) have recently announced that their edition of the new weekday Missal is due to be published in April this year. It can now be pre-ordered and paid for on line at a cost of £55 which is of course far more expensive than the new Sunday Missal which a good number of parishioners purchased but it contains many more texts! If you are keen to be able to use the revised readings, you will need to contact CTS yourself and place an order. Deacon Allan.

PARISH RAMBLE: After the 10:00am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea on 12th March. Join us (weather permitting) for a lovely walk around Arundel. Duration 1.5 hours. We plan to car share. For a map and details, contact Phil Hopkins 07902 474779.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: Applications for this summer's Pilgrimage (25th-31st July by air or own transport, 24th July-1st August by coach/jumbulance) are now open on the diocesan website:

<https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/lourdes/home> Our pilgrimage to Lourdes is one of the most significant pastoral events in our annual Diocesan calendar. Pope Francis has declared 2025 is a Jubilee year, the Lourdes theme is 'With Mary, Pilgrims of Hope'. We are invited to set out on our pilgrimage journey with our Lady and St Bernadette, in the 'hope born of grace, which enables us to live in Christ.' (Pope Francis, *Spes non Confundit* 2025). Lourdes is a place of renewal, unlike tourists, visiting a popular attraction, we are pilgrims, making the journey together, we laugh together, break bread together, and we enter a space in which we can be open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit in ways that, perhaps, we would never have thought possible before.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM: With the support of Fr Tom and Deacon Tony, I have been endeavouring to come up with a Pilgrimage Plan for May in this special Jubilee Year. Unfortunately, many other Parishes have had the same idea which has meant that free dates and accommodation are proving difficult to organise at this stage. We still want to offer this wonderful experience to our Parish but feel we need to think in terms of a pilgrimage in 2026 with far earlier planning. Even at this stage, it would be helpful to know who in our Parish would be interested in joining a future organised pilgrimage which would be based on a 2 night mid-week stay in early Summer with transport, accommodation and meals provided. There will be a list in the Narthex where you can register your interest without any commitment to take part should a 2026 Pilgrimage become a reality. Deacon Allan.

WORTH ABBEY: We are delighted to invite you to an afternoon of music at Worth Abbey on Saturday 1st March. Please join us for a "Come and Sing" day where you can participate in the performance of Vivaldi's renowned *Gloria* with the Worth Abbey Choir and a professional orchestra. Guest who are keen to sing are invited to arrive for 1:30pm and those who wish to enjoy the concert should arrive at 3:15pm for refreshments followed by the performance. This is our first Worth Abbey Pilgrims event of the year, and it's a wonderful opportunity to experience the joy of singing in a beautiful setting, accompanied by the talented Worth Abbey Choir. Whether you're an experienced singer or just love music, this event promises to be a moving experience. If you would like to sing, please register your interest as soon as you are able by emailing Edward Dean (Abbey Director of Music) at edean@worth.org.uk If you would like to attend the concert, please contact Kelly O'Hara (Assistant to the Abbot) at kohara@worth.org.uk We look forward to seeing you there and sharing the magic of Vivaldi's *Gloria* together. Participation is free of charge for both singers and concert-goers. Parking is available and families are welcome.

NOTICES FOR THE NEWSLETTER AND WEBSITE: Please can all notices for the newsletter or articles for the website be emailed to me on wardveronica49@gmail.com or phone Veronica (772107) by the end of Wednesdays. Thank you.

**Readings for 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time:
Isaiah 6:1-8. 1 Corinthians 15:1-11. Luke 5:1-11.**

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

Offertory: £293.32. Gift Aid: £56.

Second collection SPUC: £415.45.

This does not include online offertory.

Thank you for your continuing generosity.