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Fifteenth Sunday of the Year

Saturday	13 th	6.00 pm	Special Intention
Sunday	14 th	8.15 am	Michael Aherne RIP
		10.30 am	James Hamilton RIP
Monday	15 th	9.30 am	Angela Lia RIP & Intentions of the Family
Tuesday	16 th	9.30 am	The Parish
		7.30 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday	17 th	9.30 am	Intention of Anne Steere
Thursday	18 th	7.30 pm	Intention of Phillip Warner
Friday	19 th	9.30 am	Michael Aherne RIP
Saturday	20 th	6 .00 pm	Helen Roe RIP
Sunday	21 st	8.15 am	John Lane RIP
-		10.30 am	Caroline Casey RIP
		6.00 pm	Polish Mass



<u>TODAY'S READINGS:</u> Deuteronomy 30:10-14; Colossians 1:15-20; Luke 10:25-37 **NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** Genesis 18:1-10; St Paul to Colossians 1:24-28; Luke 10:38-42

COLLECTIONS: Church: £534 Stations of the Cross: £5,000 Thank you for your generosity. This weekend there will be a Second Collection for The Apostleship of the Sea which can be Gift Aided ONLY BY USING THE SPECIAL ENVELOPES AVAILABLE IN BOTH PORCHES

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Anne Steere, Patrick Ryan, Sheila Tune, Michael Butler, Brenda Peazold, Rosie Grove, Mary Wessel, Gina Palermo, Elizabeth Hoskins, Joan Cutmore, Christine Watson, Gordon Milne, Bernard Bandy, Deacon Pat Moloney, Alfred Deacon, Ester Park, Marie Garselis, Roni Horstead, Ronnie Tyler, Jenny Begley, Bill Hogg, Breda Schlimgen, Michaela Finn, Winifred Lyons, Yvette Allen, Leslie Lee, Kerry McStravick, Lydia Van Melsen

- 2. THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY and those whose anniversaries occur about now: Marjorie Clarke, Sean Kearney, Geoffrey Evans, Caroline Casey, Penny Van Melsen, John Brett, Josephine Murphy, George Mahoney
- 3. WELCOME TO ANY VISITORS to our Parish this weekend. We do hope that you have enjoyed your stay
- **4. MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:** For those Ministers of Holy Communion who have not renewed their commitment, Father Liam will be saying the Rite next weekend for the last time this year. If you have not Renewed your Commitment please make sure you are present.
- <u>5. THE APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA:</u> This Sunday is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them we would not have most of the items we buy in the shops. Today's Second Collection is for Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea), the Church's official maritime welfare agency. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. This collection is vital to enable it to continue its work, so please give generously and remember seafarers in your prayers.

To donate online please visit www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk

- **6. WORTHING DEANERY INITIAL SAFEGUARDING AWARENESS TRAINING** will take place on Saturday, 27th July 2019 at St Michael's, Hayling Rise from 10.00 am 12 noon. This training is for *everyone* but we are particularly targeting those who work with or minister to Vulnerable Groups (Children and Adults at Risk.) It is the expectation of the Bishop, Trustees and Safeguarding Commission that this initial training is undertaken and refreshed every three years. New Volunteers should undertake the Initial Training within the first year of being appointed. A Refresher Training Programme is now being rolled out. If you are able to attend please inform Anne in the Office by 22nd July so that I can book our places
- <u>7. CREAM TEA IN THE BARN</u> on Sunday, 28th July between 3.30 pm and 5.30 pm. Tickets £5.00 will be on sale after all Masses this weekend. Proceeds to Our Lady of Good Counsel Network a Catholic Pro-Life Charity. Raffle prizes gratefully received
- **8. ART EXHIBITION** Deacon Gary will be having an Art Exhibition in the Barn on Saturday 27th July 10am 4pm. Oil paintings, Wildlife, Sussex Scenes, Icons, Sistine ceiling sketches/prints and cards. Many items will be for sale.



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9. ENGLISH MARTYRS GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS got off to a memorable start last Saturday when we had a most enjoyable Garden Party in the grounds we were blessed with glorious weather and a large number of parishioners and friends seemed to really enjoy the occasion. We are very grateful to all who helped to make it a special day. The tea refreshments were most tastefully prepared and presented and the musicians – Two in Accord – surpassed themselves with the variety and skill with which they entertained us. We are also very grateful to those who organised games for the children who seemed to have a very happy afternoon. A word of thanks too for those who decor5ated the Barn and saw to it that there were gazebos to shield us from the sun. Most of all we thank all who were able to come. Well done everybody!

On Saturday 7th September, between 2.00 pm and 5.00 pm, we – the Parish - will be meeting and greeting our neighbours; inviting them to come and hear a talk about the church followed by tea and an opportunity to enjoy our gardens and the meadow. For this to be a success we need two different kinds of help. We need people to deliver the invitations to the surrounding roads and we need people on the afternoon to come and 'meet and greet' our neighbours. The Mayor and her Consort will be here from 2.00 pm until 3.30 pm, If you are able to help in either way please contact Anne in the Office – 01903 242624

- 10. MARTIN BARONTINI wishes to thank all those who kindly supported and sponsored him for Cancer Research UK. Nearly £300 has been raised. The event was a huge success in the wind and rain! Great appreciation and remember this will help to save lives today and in the future.
- 11. ANNIVERSARIES MASS 2019 will be held on Saturday 12th October in Arundel Cathedral, with Bishop Richard. for couples celebrating a landmark or significant anniversary. Booking is essential For an invitation please contact Rosie Read at rosie.read@abdiocese.org.uk or phone 01293 651161.
- <u>12. MARY'S MEALS:</u> We are now in particular need of Soap, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste and Pencil Cases. Many thanks to all who so generously contribute to these backpacks
- 13. TURNING TIDES (Worthing Churches Homeless Projects): Items they currently need: Coffee, Sugar, Baked Beans, Tinned Tomatoes, Tinned Meals, Jams and Spreads, Tinned Tuna, Rice Pudding, Cooking Oil, Juice, Biscuits. Also Baking Trays, Saucepans, Tea Towels, Cleaning products and Washing Tablets/Powders. In clothing they need small waist Jeans, Men's Hoodies. Boxers and Men's T-Shirts. Many thanks to those who are so generous in their donations throughout the year.

Father Liam says: Many of you will know that tomorrow is St Swithin's Day. People used to look forward to it with foreboding, because it was believed that 15tth July had a big influence on the weather for the following 40 days. If it was wet on that day many feared that the rest of the summer would be a washout.

St Swithin was Bishop of Winchester in the mid 9th century. Winchester is second only to Canterbury among the holy cities of Southern England. It was the country's capital until the late 12th century and its cathedral was built when Winchester ruled the land. Nothing remains of its Saxon building today. St Swithin died in 862 and was originally buried, at his own request, outside the Cathedral. It was a mark of his humility as he thought that footsteps and rain should fall on his grave as on the graves of others. Bishops would normally have been buried inside the Minster. The people of Winchester had such regard for their bishop that he was moved to an indoor shrine on 15th July 971. There was a huge downpour that lasted forty days – a sign that the saint did not approve of the move. The original shrine was destroyed at the Reformation but it is thought that his bones might have been quietly buried under the floor. The shrine stands behind the high altar. The several chests nearby are said to contain the bones of many early monarchs and bishops connected to Winchester. Jane Austin is also buried at the Cathedral.

A late 9th century reliquary was discovered during an excavation in 1976 in Winchester. Relics of the saints were considered to be hugely precious and this Winchester reliquary is an example of the city's spiritual heritage. This richly decorated container had two cavities for its holy relics and is now in Chichester Museum

The monks moved to a new home in Winchester – Hyde Abbey – in 1110 taking many precious relics with them. They reburied the bones of King Alfred the Great in front of their new high altar. Very little now remains of this abbey, but there is a small park – Hyde Abbey Gardens – on the site.

Not far away is the Saxon church in Corhampton. Images of St Swithin adorn the chancel walls. The original church was built of wood in the late 7th century which was replaced in the early 11th century by this stone building which survives pretty much intact. The frescoes probably date from that time which would make them the oldest intact wall paintings in England. St Swithin served as bishop a mere ten miles away. The most vivid of the scenes depict the saint helping an old woman who has dropped her eggs from her basket. In the story the saint scoops them off the ground and gives them back to her whole! Even without the wall paintings this church would be worth visiting. An ancient sundial is set in the wall by the porch – one of the best preserved Saxon sundials in the country, possibly dating back to the time of St Wilfrid who built the original church in 685.

St Wilfrid had many arguments with the Pope and King. His dispute with Rome was about his appointment to York which the Pope wished to divide into two dioceses. St Bede tells us that he arrived in Sussex while his case in Rome was being held. It was a time of drought and the people were suffering. He taught them how to fish properly – according to St Bede. Perhaps the locals had their own opinion!