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Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	3 rd	6.00 pm	The Parish
Sunday	4 th	8.15 am	Shirley Shiel RIP
		10.30 am	Paschal O'Brien RIP
		12.00 noon	RCIA Course (Good Shepherd Chapel)
		3.00 pm	Holy Hour & Benediction
Monday	5 th	9.30 am	Jill Mathison RIP
Tuesday	6 th	9.30 am	Pat Duggan RIP
		7.00 pm	Choir Practice
		9.15 am	Rosary
Wednesday	7 th	9.30 am	Mary O'Connor RIP
Thursday	8 th	9.30 am	Maria Petter RIP
Friday	9 th	9.30 am	Canon Peter Phillips RIP
Saturday	10 th	6.00 pm	Intention of Cecilia Suarez
Sunday	11 th	8.15 am	Clare Howse RIP
		10.30 am	The Parish
		3.00 pm	Harvest of Creation



SATURDAY: Reconciliation: 10.15 – 10.45 am and 5.15 - 5:45 pm

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 5:1-7, St Paul to Philipians 4:6-9, Matthew 21:33-43

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Isaiah 25:6-10, St Paul to Philipians 4:12-14, 19-20, Matthew 22:1-14

COLLECTIONS: Church: £504 Dona: £ 82 Home Missions: £ 402 Thank you for your generosity

This weekend there will be a Second Collection for CAFOD Harvest Day. Please see Note 7

PLEASE USE CAFOD ENVELOPES FOR GIFT AID – available in both porches.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Friedel Herrmann, Sarah Johnstone, Angela Day, Derek LeMahieu, Ruth Waywell, John, Marie Davidson, Alice Headon, Shona, Jonathan Waywell, Richard Wells, Natasha, Henry Allen, Baby Ava Lily Jaswal, David Steadman, Paul & Veronica Williams, Shirley Bradbury, Brian Johnstone, Terence Wheeler, David Lancaster, Camilla Jane, Michelle Diett, Harold Forrest, Maria Brooks, Kathleen Kearney, Lola Samengo-Meehan, Maureen House, Samuel Bezants, Glenn, Helena & Vittorio Villa, Lena, Sienna Coates, John Smith, Ian Threlfall, Mary Murphy, Noel & Brenda Peazold, Gordon Milne, Alfred Deacon, Roni Horstead, Ronnie Tyler, Michaela Finn, Winifred Lyons, Yvette Allen, Kerry McStravick, Ernest Hare, Cyril Woodgar, George Welch, Mark Zenkteler.

2. THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY : **JOAN WAND, TONY KEARNEY** and those whose anniversaries occur about now: Neville Shopland, Tom McErlean, Alice Perry, Edna Whitehouse, Margaret Hollander, Allan Bradbury, Sophia Kapture, Sheila De France, Walter Storey, Josephine Shorten-Rule, Arthur Oakley, Cecily Grundon, Rosa Champ, David Tuttlebee, Annie Churchill, Mary Tremayne, Billy Gallagher, Joan Williams, Mary Simmons, Charlotte Kelleher, Christopher Vanston, Honora Acrell, Benjamin O'Gorman, Margaret McGuinness, Peggy Gallagher, Pauline Cave-Berry. *May they rest in peace and rise in glory.*

3. WELCOME TO ANY VISITORS to our Parish this weekend. We do hope that you have enjoyed your stay

4. A MASS OF WELCOME AT WORTH ABBEY: Following his episcopal ordination, Bishop Stephen will celebrate a Mass of Welcome at Worth Abbey on Saturday 24 October at 11.00 am attended by representatives from the diocesan deaneries, parishes and schools. The Diocese is sending one coach to each deanery to enable people to travel easily to this event. The coach will have three pick-up points, St Catherine's Littlehampton, English Martyrs, Goring-by-Sea and Holy Family Lancing (all with car parks in which to leave your car). This is an invitation to you. If you are able to come please contact Anne Niven either with an email to emgoring@english-martyrs.co.uk or leave a message on the phone 01903 242624, with your name, telephone number. & Pick-up Point. The first 52 replies will be those who go. A list will be kept of those who apply after this so that if anyone drops out the next person on the list will be invited to take a place.

5. ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT OUR CATHOLIC FAITH? If so “the Journey in Faith course” is for you . Starting this 4th October at 12.00 noon following the 10.30 Mass in the “Good Shepherd Chapel”. Contact Dermot on 07999488326 for any further details

6. ‘HARVEST OF CREATION’: There will be a Harvest Festival service on Sunday 11th October at 3pm in the church, with hymns and readings followed by a voluntary collection in aid of charities for the homeless. All are most welcome to join us in taking part in this event and afterwards in The Barn ,where refreshments will be served.

7. CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY APPEAL: Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection today. Put your faith into action and share the Lord’s love by supporting our global neighbours experiencing shortages of food and safe water. Your gift can support children like Tayla in Zimbabwe to stay in school by helping communities and schools provide nourishing meals, improve access to water and grow food in school gardens. **Please use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate on line at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030**

8. CAFOD HARVEST SUPPER: Many thanks to all those who helped create and those who supported the Harvest Supper. It was delicious and £529.01 was raised for CAFOD.

9. CONFIRMATION 2026/27 If you are in Year 9 or above and considering being Confirmed next year you are invited to join our preparation programme that will be starting on Thursday 12th November. Please collect application forms from the Sacristy and return to the Parish Office as soon as possible. (Closing Date for applications: Sunday 8th November)

10. CONGRATULATIONS to our 100 Club winners for September: £15 Paul Payne, £10 Mary O’Grady, £5 Peter Bandy, Rubia Family and Carol Butler. ***Please collect your prize from the envelope in the Sacristy***

Father Liam says: Catholics refer to Mary in many different ways. Sometimes she is called Our Lady of Lourdes or Fatima or Knock. We may call her Our Lady of Sorrows or Our Lady of Peace. She is known as the Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady or just simply as Mary. The many ways she is spoken of or spoken to is evidence of the important part she plays in our lives. We honour her because God has honoured her above all human beings by choosing her to be the Mother of his Son.

The only one we worship is, of course, God. He is the creator of everything that exists. But we honour no end of people – our family and relations and friends and we honour those who have departed this life. We belong to a great chain of friends, called the Communion of Saints – God’s family. We invoke the help of others, living and dead. Because of Easter death has no dominion. We ask especially those close to Christ to intercede for us – and no one is closer to Christ than his Mother, Mary. Mary herself said when she had conceived the Son of God: ‘all generations shall call me blessed for He who is mighty has done great things to me and holy is His name’. (Luke 1:48) One of the ways in which we acknowledge the blessedness of Mary is to show our gratitude to her for her part in bringing the Son of God into the world.

From the earliest days of the Church, Christians have asked for Mary’s intercessions using the words of the angel – the Angelic Salutation. Most of the Hail Mary is taken from Luke’s Gospel where Gabriel addressed Mary: ‘Hail you who are full of grace. The Lord is with you’ and where her cousin Elizabeth greeted her with the words: ‘Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb.’ We just add the word Mary to the words of the angel and the word Jesus to the words of Elizabeth, for clarity. The rest of the Hail Mary is asking her for his intercession. We call her ‘Holy Mary’ and ‘Mother of God’, an ancient title that Christians have used for Mary since the early centuries, asking her to ‘pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.’

In the thirteenth century, St Dominic promoted the praying of the Rosary. Using beads when praying is an ancient tradition and has been part of many religions, even before Christianity. Back in the early Middle Ages monks were expected to pray all 150 Psalms from the Bible daily and sometimes used a rope with knots on to count off the Psalms as they prayed. Monks who could not read and others who wished to imitate the practice of the monks were given permission to say the Our Father 150 times instead of the Psalms. They used the knotted rope to count off the repetitions of the Our Father. The most common string of knots/beads was 50 and the person praying would go around the string 3 times to reach the total of 150 prayers. Later in the Middle Ages prayers asking for Mary’s intercession were added. The collection of Our Fathers, Hail Mary’s and Glory be to the Father came to be called a ‘little rose garden’ or ‘Rosarium’ – hence the English word Rosary.

During the recitation of the prayers the events of Christ’s life were meditated upon and so the Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious mysteries came to be commemorated. The Joyful mysteries concerned the events of Christ’s conception and birth and infancy. The Sorrowful mysteries centered on Christ’s suffering and death and the glorious mysteries related to the Resurrection and post Resurrection events. The public ministry of Jesus was not covered. In 2002 Pope John Paul II added the Mysteries of Light to the Rosary when we reflect on the Baptism of the Lord, the Wedding Feast at Cana, the proclamation of the Kingdom, the Transfiguration and the Institution of the Holy Eucharist. The purpose of the Rosary is to help us to keep in mind certain principal events in the life of Christ. The Rosary is a Christ centered prayer. It is also a Marian prayer that puts before us the life of Christ through the eyes of Mary. It consists of 20 mysteries, divided into four distinct parts. Each mystery is represented by a decade made up of the Our Father, ten Hail Mary’s and a Glory be to the Father. In the Rosary Mary is always pointing to her Son. Wednesday 7th October is the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.