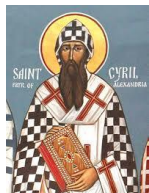


Southwark Brethren

The Southwark Brethren is a long standing charity which helps sick and retired Priests who are in need. We thank you for your continuous generosity in the past and ask for your help again this year. Please send donations to: Reverend Paul Hough, St Elpheges Presbytery, 120 Stafford Road, Wallington, Surrey SM6 9AY. Last year we were able to give £1,650 each to 46 Priests in the Diocese of Southwark and Arundel & Brighton, and also help 3 working Priests who had serious sickness, to help their situation. In addition, we have a Gift Aid scheme for those who pay tax and we thank the lay people who have joined by applying for a gift Aid form.

Saints of the Week

St Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop & Doctor of the Church - 27th June

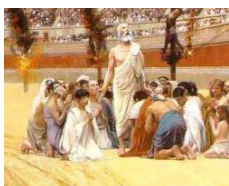


St Cyril (c.376-444) was born at Alexandria and succeeded his uncle as Patriarch in 412. He battled heresy and took a leading role at the Council of Ephesus in 431, which condemned the teaching of Nestorius. He was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1882.

Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles – 29th June

St Peter (+c.64) was the brother of St Andrew and a Galilean fisherman. He was called by the Lord and, despite his obvious human weakness, eventually chosen as the leader of the Twelve, 'the rock' on which the Church was built. After Pentecost, he became particularly associate with Antioch and then Rome. He was crucified under Nero and buried at the Vatican.

St Paul (+c.64/67) was a tent-maker from Tarsus (then capital of the Roman province of Cilicia, now in Turkey), a Pharisee and a Roman citizen. He was initially a persecutor of Christians but was converted by the Lord on his way to Damascus. He became the Apostle of the Gentiles, preaching the Gospel to the uncircumcised, reaching Greece, Italy, Malta and possibly even Spain. He was beheaded along the Via Ostiense and buried nearby, on the site where the basilica bearing his name now stands.



First Martyrs of Rome – 30th June

The Church celebrates this feast in memory of the martyrs who suffered during the persecution of Nero, following the fire that destroyed much of Rome in 64AD. Christians from every background were put to death with ingenious cruelty.

This was the same persecution in which Sts Peter and Paul were killed. The blood of the martyrs was indeed the seed of the Church.

God Bless

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK: SAT 23rd JUNE- SUN 1st JULY 2018

SAT: 23rd 6.00pm HUBERT LOBO, R.I.P.
SUN: 24th 9.00am SIDNEY ELGIE, R.I.P. – ST TERESA'S
10.45am INTENTION OF JACK MORGAN - BATTLE
MON: 25th 10.00am RICHARD POWELL, R.I.P.
TUES: 26th 10.00am CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION
WED: 27th NO MASS
THURS: 28th 10.30am STANLEY & LILY PARSONS, R.I.P.
FRI: 29th **SOLEMNITY OF ST PETER & ST PAUL**
10.00am CLAIRE ASHING, R.I.P.
7.00pm ELIZABETH O'NEILL, R.I.P. – ST TERESA'S
SAT: 30th 10.00am CELEBRANT'S INTENTION
6.00pm INTENTION OF TIM COOK
SUN: 1st 9.00am PEOPLE OF THE PARISH – ST TERESA'S
10.45am INTENTION OF VINNY HOURIHANE – BATTLE
3.00pm CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL AT
ST MARY MAGDALENE, BEXHILL

Sacrament Reconciliation: Saturday 9.30am – 9.50am

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Introduction to the Scripture Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 49:1-6

The servant of the Lord speaks of his role to be a light to the nations.

Second Reading: Acts 13:22-26

Paul explains how in Jesus God has raised up one of David's descendants.

Gospel: Luke 1:57-66. 80

The family and friends of John the Baptist celebrate his birth and wonder what he will become.

Events and Feast Days This Week

Wednesday is the memorial of St Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop & Doctor of the Church.

Thursday is the memorial of St Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr.

Friday is the Solemnity of St Peter and St Paul, Apostles.

This is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Introduction to the Scripture Readings for Ss Peter & Paul

First Reading: Acts 12:1-11

Peter is freed from prison and the clutches of Herod.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8. 17-18

Paul rejoices in being freed from all evil attempts on him and brought safely to God's heavenly kingdom.

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-19

Jesus proclaims Peter to be the rock on which he will build his Church.

Saturday is the memorial of the First Martyrs of Rome.

We pray for the Sick and Housebound Members of our Community:

From Our Lady Immaculate & St Michael: Elsa Oliver, Margaret Thunder, Ingrid Reeves, Jo Cooper, Stephen Bould, Daphne Kilner, Pauline Fraser, Martin Guiver, Jean Jameson, Dreda Mahoney, Michael Conroy, Tom Healy, Jeanne Cogdell, Philip Francis, Maureen Dixon, Andrew Broderick-Ward, Sheila Lilley, Lucienne Corner, Maureen Beetham.

From St Teresa's: Derek Robinson, Keith Bourne, Roland Frank, Barney O'Neill, Terry & Audrey Evans, Gerard & Joy Scothern & their family, Martin Mooney, Kathleen Courtney, June Nottage, Felicity Youlten.

Offertory

The collection for the weekend of 16th & 17th June was £313.02 in Battle and £91.95 in Northiam. Thank you all for your generosity.

First Communion

If you wish to enrol in the First Communion programme for next year, please ask Fr Tony for an application form, or contact the Parish Office.

Confirmation Dates

Next Sunday 1st July at 3pm in St Mary Magdalene Church, Bexhill – Confirmation Rehearsal.

Sunday 8th July at 3pm in St Mary Magdalene Church, Bexhill – Confirmation Ceremony celebrated by Bishop Richard Moth.

Saturday 14th July at 6pm at Our Lady Immaculate & St Michael – Certificate Presentation (followed by celebration meal for the recently Confirmed).

Healing Mass

Our annual Healing Mass will be on Sunday 29th July at 3pm, at St Teresa's in Northiam, to coincide with the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. The Mass will be followed by a Strawberry Tea. If you need a lift, please write your name on the list at the back of the Church.

Deanery Confirmation - Invitation to Join the Music Group

Our Deanery Confirmation service is to be held at 3pm on Sunday 8 July 2018 at St Mary Magdalen Church, Sea Road, Bexhill. Singers and instrumentalists are invited to join the music group from the parish of Our Lady Immaculate & St Michael, Battle to form a Deanery Group for this important event in the life of our young people. Practices will be held on Tuesday 26 June and Tuesday 3 July, both 7pm to 8pm at St Mary Magdalen. We hope as many as possible will feel able to come and support our young Confirmands in this way.

The Battle Music Group

Parish 100 Club

Congratulations to the winners of the June draw:

£15 - Julia Hourihane, £25 - Chris McCarthy

Parish Book Club

Unfortunately, Book Group is postponed until Thursday 5th July, when we will discuss 'Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine' by Gail Honeyman, at 2pm in the Parish Room. The next Book Group meeting will be in September.

PACT – Need for Volunteers

PACT are looking for volunteers for the Surrey, Sussex and Hampshire area. The role in mentoring in the prison and community. PACT need more volunteers to support ex-prisoners, prisoners' children and families and also prisoners themselves. For more information contact Kelly.Rodgers@prisonadvice.org.uk or call 07876 836232 (Kelly is the Volunteering Co-ordinator for Surrey, Sussex and Hampshire).

Summer Party

Thanks to Dom and Jill for a wonderful Summer Party last weekend!