

PARISH NOTICES

Welcome to St John's If you are new to the church, please make yourself known to one of the clergy or the welcomers. After the Parish Mass refreshments will be served at the back of church. Please stay if you can.

Mike Chatfield's funeral rites will begin at 4 o'clock this afternoon when his coffin will be received into church, prior to Vespers. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated tomorrow, Monday 28th, at 11 am. May he rest in peace.

Today's readings The 1st reading this Sunday takes us to Jerusalem soon after the great experience of Pentecost. The apostles had received the Holy Spirit and were so fired up in their faith that they were desperate to tell people about Jesus. Their preaching and working of miracles attracted 'multitudes' to believe. What a change from just a short time before when maybe some of these same people had shouted "Crucify Him!"

The 2nd reading on the Sundays in Eastertide this year is from the Book of Revelation. These first verses of the book describe how John was caught up in the spirit, and in his vision of heaven saw the Glorified Jesus. Little wonder that he fell on his face 'as though dead'. But Jesus comforts him and explains his eternal existence and power.

The Gospel continues St John's account of Easter Day (we heard the beginning of it last Sunday). Now it is the evening of that great day, 'the first day of the week'. The apostles have locked themselves away, fearing for their lives should they be identified as followers of Jesus. All of a sudden Jesus is there with them. And when they have begun to get over the shock, imagine the sheer joy that overwhelms them. The absentee Thomas refuses to believe what his friends tell him. But when he himself is confronted with the Risen Lord eight days later he makes his great act of faith 'My Lord and my God'. What encouragement there is for us - in Thomas's doubting, and then his believing.

Our weekly **Bible Study** resumes next week - Monday, 5th May, at 3 pm in the café area in church. All welcome.

Thank you to everyone who supported our **Lent Appeal** for Worthing Foodbank. In addition to the donation of a good quantity of food, the Lent lunches raised £500.

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THE PARISH OF ST JOHN THE DIVINE, WEST WORTHING

27th April 2025

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

8.00 am	Mass	Intention: The Parish
10.00 am	Parish Mass (Hymns NEH 352, 112, 173, 312, 117)	
Monday 28 th April <i>St George</i>	11.00 am Funeral Mass	Mike Chatfield
Tuesday 29 th April <i>St Catherine of Siena</i>	6.30 pm Mass	Christian writers
Wednesday 30 th April <i>in Eastertide</i>	11.00 am Mass	Persecuted Christians
Thursday 1 st May <i>St Joseph the Worker</i>	9.00 am Mass	God's blessing on human work
Friday 2 nd May <i>St Athanasius</i>	10.30 am Mass at St Andrew's	Theologians
Saturday 3 rd May <i>St Philip and St James</i>	9.30 am Mass	Bishops

Next Sunday: Mass at 8 am; Parish Mass at 10 am, Evening Prayer & Benediction at 6 pm

Please pray for:

The sick: Wendy Oakeshott, Jack, Reg Parker, Ros Cole

The recently departed: Mike Chatfield

Those whose anniversaries occur this week:

- 27 Michael Haines
- 28 Ann Clapton
- 29 Mary Fowler, May Smith, Clifford Wall
- 30 Ethel Wakelin, Eileen Watkins, Lorna Chatfield, Rebecca Spicer
- 1 Dorothy Sexton
- 3 Hubert Robertson, Nellie Glass