



Two new Shepherds for our Diocese!

We continue this weekend with the image of Sheep and Shepherd – God’s design for the way His people are to live.

During Mass last week we looked at the type of Shepherd Jesus is speaking of – not the type of Shepherd we find here in England, but the type found in Jerusalem.

Here, shepherds round up and push forward, they use sheepdogs to run around and direct from the sides... but that’s not the type of shepherd found in Jerusalem.

There, the shepherds walk ahead of the flock and the flock are free to roam.

Sometimes the shepherd walks way out in front – and the sheep follow, listening to his voice. They never recognise the voice of strangers.

This is the image God uses to help us to understand the Sheep (His People) and the Shepherds (those men God appoints to lead His People).

Last weekend we were blessed with two new shepherds for the diocese, Fathers Tom and Ambrose. We ask God to bless them and their Shepherding, and we pray that many more young men will be prepared to ‘lay down their life for the **sheep**’.



Parish Mission Statement:

“We are here to make Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament better known, loved, honoured, worshiped and adored. All of our efforts in this parish will be geared towards helping every individual to discover the Lord waiting for them to approach Him in the tabernacle”.

PARISH SUPPORT



Making your weekly offering via **Standing Order** is the best way to give, if possible. It means we know how much will come into the parish each week / month and it also means that if you happen to be away, the parish will still receive your support. The Bank details you need to set up a Standing Order are:

Account Name:

CDP BORDON AND GRAYSHOTT

Sort Code: 30-93-04

Account Number: 01755138

GIFT AID

Anyone who pays income tax on pensions, wages etc can complete a **Gift Aid form** and increase whatever they offer to the parish by 25% at no extra cost to them (**the taxman donates it to the parish from what you have already paid him!**)



Another way to support the parish (at no extra cost to you!) is to do your online shopping through 'Easyfundraising'. By doing this the companies you shop with will donate from your bill to the parish.



Friday Soups....

12:30pm – 2:30pm EVERY FRIDAY

Do drop in between 12:30pm and 2:30pm for some delicious soups! Bring a friend if you can – it's a great way to welcome visitors to the parish, especially if they are not Catholics.



FAITH FORMATION SESSIONS

Catholicism for beginners:

A chance to refresh your own understanding or invite a friend / family member to come along and find out more!

Every Tuesday in July at 7:45pm

St John's Gospel:

A fortnightly session after Mass on Monday's making our way through the Gospel of Saint John.

Monday 9th September at 10:45am

Adult Formation:

For adults wanting to explore the idea of becoming Catholic and receiving the Sacraments at Easter.

Tuesday 17th September at 7:45pm



July: Month of the Precious Blood

When we receive the Lord in Holy Communion, we receive the Risen and Ascended Lord.

That little white Host is the Body, **Blood**, Soul and Divinity of Jesus – all of Him, whole and entire.

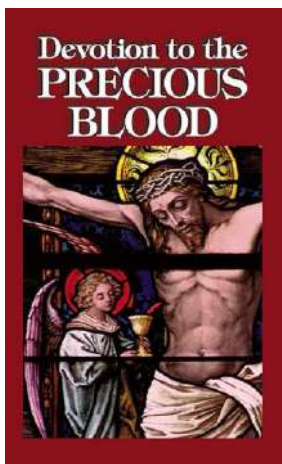
When we come to Adore the Lord, we come before Him really and truly – His Body, **Blood** Soul and Divinity.

Just like our Body, **Blood** and Soul are one, so is the Lord's.

In the Tabernacle, the Lord is fully present: His Body, **Blood**, Soul and Divinity – He is alive!

In the month of July, we are invited to deepen our devotion to the Precious Blood of the Lord.

This book is a really good book to help us develop a proper devotion to the Precious Blood and is available online for about £5.00 I really do recommend it to you!



If the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity is all contained in the Sacred Host, then why are they offered separately during the Mass?

During the Mass we celebrate the **Paschal Mysteries** which means = the Life, the Death and the Resurrection of Jesus:

HIS LIFE: told in His Word and explained in the Homily

HIS DEATH: as He is offered and broken for us

HIS RESURRECTION: the reuniting of His Body & Blood

When we are called to 'Behold the Lamb' He is broken, and to remind us of the Sacrificial Death of Our Lord, His Body and Blood are separate.... A Body separated from its Blood is not living. But then, the Body and the Blood is immediately reunited and a fragment of the Lord's Body is placed in the Chalice showing the reunification or the Resurrection.

Once this has taken place (and the priest receives Holy Communion), the altar server rings the bell to signify the end of the Sacrifice of the Mass and the beginning of the 'Communion Rite' which is when the lay faithful (who are Catholic in a state of grace) can come forward to receive the Lord in Holy Communion: the Resurrected and living Lord, His Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity.

We receive all of Jesus in the Sacred Host, there is nothing lacking and it is to this miracle that this month of July is devoted and we are invited to enter more deeply into this Mystery.

August WEEKDAY Schedule

Weekday activities are relaxed during the month of August. This will include: Mass, Formation Sessions, Confession and Adoration, etc. Please keep an eye on the schedule.

WEEKEND Masses are not affected.

Leaflet dropping

Do you have any spare time to drop parish leaflets / newsletters in surrounding streets? We want to keep up what the mission team achieved during their week with us. Please let Fr John know if you can help.

Thank you from the Mealey Family

I received a very nice word of thanks and appreciation from Carolyn Mealey, the wife of Michael Mealey RIP, on behalf of their family following Michael's Requiem Mass which was offered here on Wednesday. Thank you to all who helped to make things go so smoothly.



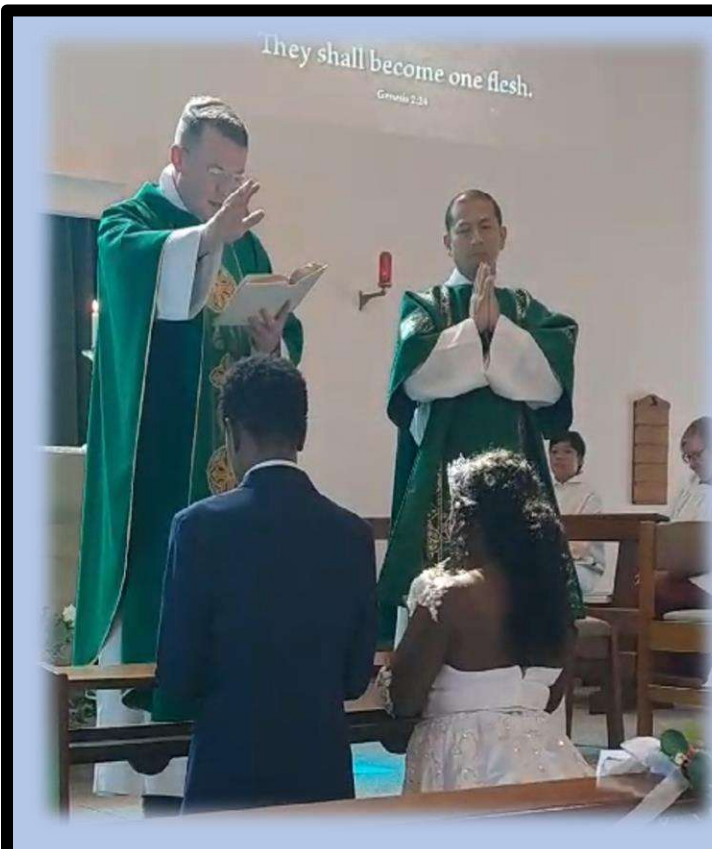
Sacramental Preparation

If you have a child who will be seven years old before 1st June 2025 it is now time to enrol them on the **First Confession and First Holy Communion** course, which will begin in September.

Or, if you have a child who is 12 years old already, it is time to enrol them on the **Confirmation Preparation** course which also begins in September.

Forms are available on the Parish Website.

Guided Prayer: This Tues 6pm



Last weekend we were privileged to witness the joining together of Brian and Tendai in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony.

Brian and Tendai were married civilly seven years ago, they were legally married all those years. But last weekend, those seven years were brought before God to seek His blessing and consecration.

There, before God's Holy Altar, Brian and Tendai received a Sacrament, the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony. They made their vows before God's minister and His Holy People, and the Holy Spirit was called down to sanctify them and their many years ahead.

If you know of any Catholic in a similar situation, do encourage them to speak to Father John or Deacon Kim.

Could you spare some time once a month to leaflet drop in the local area?



Readings at Mass

Now that we have returned to Ordinary Time, it's good for us to keep an overview of what our Scripture Readings will be teaching us in the weeks ahead:

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Following humanity's disobedience, God provides a way back to Him which is His Church. The First Reading speaks of 'shepherds' and the Apostles are called to be Shepherds to God's People in the Gospel.

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

'Doom for the shepherds who allow my flock to be scattered and destroyed' the First Reading warns. Jesus feels sorry for the crowd in the Gospel who were like 'sheep without a shepherd'.

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus said 'shake the dust off of your feet' if people refused to listen. Today we see that what Jesus is offering is more than we can imagine, and as a result we waste so much. We have to **want** everything God is offering.

Sheep and shepherds.

Original Sin caused a breakdown in relationship: firstly in the relationship between God and Humanity and then within humanity itself.








God's remedy to this breakdown and division is to 'gather us into one' in His Church.


God's design for His Church is summed up in the image of Sheep and Shepherd.

In the next few weeks God will define this relationship and what a shepherd is, what they are to do and how they are to behave.

On the flip side, we will also hear about the sheep and how they are supposed to behave and respond to the shepherds, who together form the People of God.

Sacramental Preparation in the Parish

						
<p>Baptism preparation:</p> <p>The next Preparation course begins on Saturday 10th August at 11:00am</p>	<p>Confession:</p> <p>Available 30mins before every Mass and:</p> <p>5pm Sat 6pm Tues 11am Fri</p>	<p>First Confession and Holy Communion:</p> <p>New Preparation sessions will begin in September</p>	<p>Confirmation class:</p> <p>Will Resume in September</p>	<p>Marriage Preparation:</p> <p>It takes approx. 1 year to prepare for Marriage. Catholics must be Confirmed before Marriage.</p>	<p>Holy Orders:</p> <p>If you have ever considered a Vocation to the Priesthood / Deaconate, please speak to Fr John.</p>	<p>Last Rites:</p> <p>If there is ever the danger of death, please contact Fr John immediately.</p>




Confession Times:
30mins before every Mass &
 5pm on Saturdays
 6pm on Tuesday
 11.00am on Fridays
 Or by appointment



Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament:
 Tuesday 6pm
 Friday 11.00am
 Saturday 5pm

Benediction: 5:45pm on Saturdays



Devotions:
 Holy Rosary: Wed after Mass
 Fri 11:30am
 First Friday: Every first Friday



Family Catechesis:
 Learn about our faith as a family.... Every two weeks at 10am on Saturday mornings



OUR CATHOLIC FAITH
 KNOW IT
 LIVE IT
 SHARE IT

Weekly Liturgical Schedule

Saturday 20th July

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Joyful Mysteries

Dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Adoration: 5:00pm – 5:45pm

Confessions: 5:00pm – 5:45pm

Holy Mass: 6:00pm People of the Parish

Sunday 21st July

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Glorious Mysteries

Dedicated to the Resurrection

Holy Mass: 10:00am People of the Parish

Monday 22nd July

16th week in Ordinary Time

Joyful Mysteries

Dedicated to the Holy Souls

Holy Mass: 10:00am Christine Dring RIP

Tuesday 23rd July

16th week in Ordinary Time

Sorrowful Mysteries

Dedicated to the Holy Angels

Holy Mass: 7:00pm Early Family Intentions

Adoration: 6:00pm – 6:45pm

Confession: 6:00pm – 6:45pm

Wednesday 24th July

16th week in Ordinary Time

Glorious Mysteries

Dedicated to Saint Joseph

Holy Mass: 07:30am **NO MASS TODAY**

Friday 26th July

16th week in Ordinary Time

Sorrowful Mysteries

Dedicated to the Holy Cross

Adoration: 11:00am – 11:45am

Confessions: 11:15am – 11:45am

Holy Mass: 12 noon Brian Lawrence RIP

Saturday 27th July

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (VIGIL)

Joyful Mysteries

Dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Adoration: 5:00pm – 5:45pm

Confessions: 5:00pm – 5:45pm

Holy Mass: 6:00pm People of the parish

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