

The Parish Church of
SAINT EDWARD THE CONFESSOR
Burgess Hill

Building a Community of God's People in the Power of the Holy Spirit

WELCOME

If you are curious and have come to see,
If you are weary and have come to rest,
If you are grateful and have come to give thanks,
If you are hurting and have come for comfort,
If you are listening and have come to pray,
If you are seeking and have come for answers,
WE WELCOME YOU IN CHRIST'S NAME!

Sunday 26th July 2020

The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10.00 a.m. PARISH MASS

said in Private at St. Edward's church by Fr. Clay Knowles and live streamed



In our Gospel reading today we hear the parable of the hidden treasure.

The kingdom of heaven is the greatest treasure we could ever desire. It is more precious than silver, gold, or jewels.

That is why Jesus calls us to give up all that we have and follow Him.

Is that too great a price?

I don't think so. In fact, I would say, "The Price Is Right!"

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

We look forward to reopening St Edward's for public worship on Tuesday 28 July for the 10.30 Mass and for each Sunday at 10am and Tuesday at 10.30 until further notice.

We hope as many of our parish family as possible will feel able to attend. We must ask you to wear a face covering or mask while in church and to follow the directions of the wardens on arrival with regard to seating arrangements. You will be asked to use the hand sanitiser on entry and exit and we will sign you in and out for track and trace purposes.

Worship will seem rather different while the pandemic continues. There can be no congregational singing and Mass will be somewhat shorter than usual. Communion will be received in one kind only, as use of the common cup is currently suspended. Social distancing rules will apply while in the church building. Toilet facilities will not be available. We are hoping to provide tea and coffee after Mass outside on the grass area where we can catch up with each other while observing social distancing. Please do not loiter in the narthex as this will make social distancing impossible.

We look forward to welcoming you all back to St Edward's and ask for your patience and understanding as we find a way to keep us all safe while worshipping together. Jonathan and Val.

The Feast of the Transfiguration is on Thursday 6th August.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – *the summer festival of Our Lady* is on **Sunday 16th August**.

Happy Birthday to **Philip Parkhurst** (Thursday) and **On Furber** (Saturday)

THANK YOU to Fr. Clay for all his work keeping us united in prayer and worship, please do join him at Mass via Facebook if you can. Sunday services may also be found on the St. Edward's Facebook page.

Don't forget to stay in touch via WHATSAPP; phone and email and share your news and concerns.

May we all, as the Family of St. Edward's, give thanks for our church, and pray for a safe return to communal worship

Our prayers are also asked for the new bishops of Horsham (Ruth), Lewes (Will) and St Germans in the Diocese of Truro (Hugh Nelson) who were consecrated last week.

Please pray for them and their families, asking God's blessing on their future ministry and its fruitfulness.

An appeal from Roy: Roy has made a submission to the Cabinet Office for Susan Fleet to be nominated for an honour in recognition of her charitable works over the years. If you feel you would like to support this submission please contact Roy via ***roy.stannard@icloud.com***

PRAYER AND CARE

During our interregnum, pray for the church wardens and officers and all the congregation that we may be empowered to build the kingdom in this community, and for Father Clay as he provides our pastoral care at this time, and for our safety as we start to open up the church again..

Pray for all our brothers and sisters in Christ, that they may be keep safe and well through this time, especially as churches move back to communal services.

For those who are sick

Within our congregation, we would especially pray for

Amelia Hill: Coping with severe hyper flexibility problems; counselling for pain management and joint issues, (joints spontaneously dislocating) and for **Caroline and Simon** under stress also at this time.

Stephen Gray and Kathy Sadler: Multiple health issues

Hannah: liver problems, awaiting biopsy results.

Sue Silverlock: recovering from knee procedure.

Gloria Baptist Smith: Recovering slowly from her illness

Also for:

Shelley Burges: stage 4 lymphoma: now home
giving thanks for her continuing recovery and rehab.

Jonathan Davies: severe injuries after a cycling accident,
now moved from ICU to HDU

Yvonne: treatment for stage 4 cancer, liver, lung & spine

Recently Departed: Hazel Preece and Gayle Elizabeth Davis

Anniversaries:

Minnie Woodford (Sunday)

Betty Robinson, Arthur Thompson, and Frederick Christenson
(Thursday)

Eleanor Gaston (Friday)

This week at St. Edward the Confessor

SUNDAY: SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

26th July

10.00 *Private Mass –*

please join in at home or on Facetime

11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Church open for Private Prayer

Pray and Give Thanks for the Treasures of Creation

MONDAY FERIA

27th July

Pray for the Priory (Dene) and all who work and reside there

TUESDAY FERIA

28th July

10.30 am *Mass*

Pray for the Point Church, its congregation, and leaders.

WEDNESDAY Saint Martha,

29th July

(St John's Church is open for Private Prayer 2. to 4 p.m.)

Pray for all Keyworkers, and all who keep our lives ticking over comfortably through these difficult times.

THURSDAY Saint Peter Chrysologus, bishop & doctor of the Church

30th July

Pray for Students and Teachers as they take the summer break and make plans for their return in September

FRIDAY Saint Ignatius of Loyola, priest

31st July

Pray for the residents of Downs Road

SATURDAY Saint Alphonsus Liguori, bishop & doctor of the Church

1st August:

Pray for all being released from their strict shielding as many will find it frightening and confusing.

NEXT SUNDAY: EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2nd August

10.00 *Mass –*

please join in at home or on Facetime

Pray and Give Thanks for the return of Communal Worship at St. Edward's, for our safety and protection.