

The Parish Church of
Saint Edward the Confessor, Burgess Hill
*Building a Community of God's People
in the Power of the Holy Spirit*

SUNDAY 28th JANUARY 2018
The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10.00 a.m. PARISH MASS
With the Ministry of Prayer for Healing & Wholeness

WITH AUTHORITY



Jesus preaches His first sermon in Capernaum. It elicits a favourable response from the congregation. They admire the fact that he speaks "with authority" in contrast to the scribes. The latter could read and write, but were afraid to be pinned down on specifics. When asked a question, they would merely quote the opinions of others. They would not give a definitive response. They would answer one question with another. Jesus does give specifics; standing on

His own authority to teach. This impresses His audience even more when He works a miraculous healing. There is definite power to his words.

Jesus is probably reluctant to work a miracle because it will throw focus on His healing power rather than His teachings. In a sense He is entering His first battle with Satan. The devil wants to distract people away from Jesus' message. The powers of evil win the first battle, but will lose the war!

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 THE LORD'S NAME!

THE MUSTARD SEED COMMUNITY CAFÉ OPEN THIS WEEK



THURSDAY & FRIDAY
10.00 a.m. – 3.30 p.m.

SATURDAY
10.00 a.m. – 2.00 p.m.

*Do please support this community project – and enjoy good food –
good coffee – at very reasonable prices!*

As part of the celebrations for our 50th Anniversary, we are planning a photographic exhibition in the church over the celebration weekend (Saturday 14th/Sunday 15th July) A few of you have been parishioners for a long time and may hopefully have memories to share! We are interested in anything from the planning and building of the church in 1968, baptisms, weddings, First Communions, Conformations etc, as well as past priests, events and anything relating to St Edward's since 1968. Any questions - please speak to Sue Silverlock.

Ash Wednesday – the first day of Lent – **Wednesday 14th February**
Parish Mass at 7.30 p.m. (*This is a day when the Church asks all her members to be at worship*)

LENT COURSE: This year we will study the Diocese of Chichester's course for '**The Year of Prayer**' This will take place in church on **Wednesdays** 21st & 28th February, 7th, 14th and 21st March – at 7.30 p.m. Please sign up soon!

Friends of Gattons School are collecting Plastic Milk Bottle Tops for the school to help raise money for new equipment. If you would like to help with this, please save your plastic bottle tops and bring them to the café every now and then. Many thanks.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party – Tuesday 13th February
at **7.00 p.m.** *Followed by ‘Night Prayer’ (Compline) at 8.45 p.m.*

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held on **Sunday 18th March** during the Parish Mass at 10.00 a.m. In preparation for this we need to produce our Annual Report and Year Book with all the relevant reports from the different groups within the life of our church. Leaders, please email them to Father Denis at denis.bradshaw1@btinternet.com **as soon as possible please.**

The PCC meets this **Wednesday** at **7.30 p.m.** in the Café.

Next Sunday is **Candlemass. Parish Mass** at **10.00 a.m.** and a special **Candlemass Prayer & Praise** at **6.00 p.m.**

PRAYER & CARE

For those who are sick:

Within our congregation we would especially pray for ...

Kathy Sadler, Anne Chitty, Gloria Baptist-Smith, Jenny Smith, Stephen Gray, Doug Myers.

And for:

Gill Oldfield: numerous cancers – that God’s will be done.

Sally Slatter: in very poor health, now registered blind.

Mark: mental health problems.

June & John Schofield: for physical recovery.

Jack Fernee very ill in hospital

Charlotte- undergoing chemotherapy and family James and Celia at this difficult time.

Grace Williams – broken leg

Maggie & Peter Daly – ongoing medical health problems

Anniversaries of death:

Annie Newnham, Doris Dendy, Elizabeth Rodgers (Sunday)

Ann Charman (Monday) Amy Squires, John McLening (Tuesday)

John Edwards (Wednesday) Tom Pugh (Thursday)

John Waller, Hilda Lawrence, Sidney Stemp (Friday)

Alan Peacock, Alan Holt, Peter Robinson (Saturday)

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- MONDAY:** *Father Denis has Mondays as his 'rest day'*
- TUESDAY:** **10.30 a.m. MASS**
- WEDNESDAY:** *Saint John Bosco, priest*
The Parochial Church Council meets at 7.30 p.m.
- THURSDAY:** **9.30 a.m. MASS**

The Mustard Seed Café
Open 10.00 a.m. – 3.30 p.m.
- FRIDAY:** *THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD*
7.30 p.m. MASS

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- SATURDAY:** **The Mustard Seed Café**
Open 10.00 a.m. – 2.00 p.m.
- NEXT SUNDAY:** 4th FEBRUARY 2018
CANDLEMASS
10.00 a.m. PARISH MASS *With the Ministry of Prayer for Healing & Wholeness*
6.00 p.m. PRAYER & PRAISE

Kidz Zone: From February we are only able to offer Kidz Zone twice a month – on the 2nd and 4th **Sundays of each month.**