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This is what Yahweh asks of you:
only this,
to act justly,
to love tenderly,
and to walk humbly
with your God.



5th Sunday of Ordinary Time:

Sundays & Solemnities: Year A - Weekdays: Year 2

Saturday 7th Feb	6:00pm Mass	<i>Peter Richards RIP</i>	1 st Mass of the 5 th Sunday of Ordinary Time. Sacrament of Reconciliation 5:15pm – 5:45pm
Sunday 8th Feb	10:00am Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i>	
Monday 9th Feb	10:00am Mass	<i>Michael Pierce RIP</i>	
Tuesday 10th Feb	10:00am Mass	<i>Celebrant intentions</i>	St Scholastica. Virgin.
Wednesday 11th Feb	10:00am Mass	<i>Heather Prescott RIP</i>	Sacrament of Reconciliation 9:30am – 9:50am All Day Adoration Sacrament of Reconciliation 5:15pm – 5:45pm
Thursday 12th Feb	10:00am Mass	<i>Mary Lynch RIP</i>	
Friday 13th Feb	9:40am Novena 10:00am Mass	<i>Special Intention</i>	
Saturday 14th Feb	6:00pm Mass	<i>For all those seeking employment</i>	1 st Mass of 6 th Sunday of Ordinary Time Sacrament of Reconciliation 5:15pm – 5:45pm

BISHOP RICHARD: I am sure you will want to show your appreciation and gratitude to Bishop Richard for all he has done for our Diocese. Please put your donation in an envelope marked 'Bishop Richard' and place in the collection basket over the next couple of weeks.

SECOND COLLECTION: This weekend 7th/8th February is for Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund. This year's funds will be used to subsidies young people and helpers to meet the cost of travel and accommodation which continues to rise. Gift aid envelopes are available. See posters for more details.

EVENTS FOR LENT 2026:

Tuesday 3rd March 6:00pm: Presentation on the Holy Shroud of Turin by Helen Floyd. This will include a short film with up-to-date research and scientific evidence pointing to the Shroud's authenticity. The subject should be of great interest, as well as a real aid to our Lenten devotion. Come early for tea or coffee (5.45pm).

Parish Day Retreat: Saturday 14th March 10:00am till 3:00pm.

LENTEN MASSES, STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND LENTEN LUNCH: On each Friday during Lent period, the Stations of the Cross will start at 11:00am, followed by Mass and then Lenten lunches. If anyone would like to 'host' one of the Lenten lunches or lead the Stations of the Cross readings, please contact me – Conrad 01243 583026 / 07734 993261 or conradpotts97@gmail.com

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE: Tuesday 19th – Thursday 21st May we now have 16 pilgrims. The final deadline for applications has been extended to Thursday 18th February in the hope that others can join us to make up our group to 25. For those who have already signed up to join this pilgrimage, you will find a Basic Information sheet on the Narthex Table. Please take your copy. Clergy Team

RCIA UPDATE: At the 10:00am Mass on Sunday, our three RCIA Candidates, Matt, Sophie and Tasmin will partake in the Rite of Acceptance. This is the first step on their journey to being received into the Catholic Faith at Easter. Please remember them in your prayers and if you have the opportunity, meet them in the hall after Mass for the usual tea and coffee. Thank you, Deacon Tony and Frances.

EAST PRESTON FESTIVAL 2026: Friday 5th June - Sunday 14th June. Theme - East Preston Goes Wild. The East Preston Festival Committee have invited the Parish to have a stall in the Community Market on Saturday 6th June and/or partake in the Festival Procession which takes place on Saturday 13th June. This would require a Parishioner to act as a co-ordinator and would need to have a team to assist them. If any parishioner is keen to undertake this role they MUST contact Deacon Tony by Sunday 22nd February.

ALTAR SERVERS: Over recent years there has been a slow uptake of volunteers to be altar servers. Therefore, I am making this appeal to all young members of the Church who have made their 1st Holy Communion to consider joining the team. It is natural to be nervous at first but full training will be given so that you understand your duties. You can talk to me personally if you have any questions or concerns. I can also be contacted via mobile or e-mail. Mike Taggart - Community MC 0771185257 Imilit45@outlook.com

CONTACTLESS CARD TERMINAL: Is located on the right-hand side of the Narthex as you leave the Church. Visitors and Parishioners can use the terminal at any time either before or after mass. It has a push button screen, is very easy to use and can record Gift Aid. If you have any questions, please contact Simon Davies on Simon.davies1953@btinternet.com

MURDER MYSTERY EVENING – 15th MAY: The Justice and Peace Group are organising a Murder Mystery evening on Friday 15th May, at the Woodlands Centre, Rustington at 7.30pm. It's an opportunity for us a community to have fun in each other's company and marvel at our "Who-dunnit" skills whilst also collecting money for The Chestnut Tree Hospice. Tickets will be on sale after Easter Sunday at £20 per person - food and a glass of wine included. More details in the coming weeks - J&P Group.

IN YOUR CHARITY PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS: Including the sick in our parish family and those who are suffering at this time including: Michael Davis; Malcolm Grey; Nathalie; Simone Godfrey; Graeme Solomon; Nora Ashworth; Lionel Labiche; Olivia Physick and her family; Michael - a close friend's husband of Veronica Kelly; Mike & Annette Jones; Jim Hextall; Victor Bagley; Tony Fowler; Neil Hardingham; Giovanni and Astrid - Celeste's brother and niece; Paul Levy; Gerald Hunt; Victor Bellamy; Maureen Ayres; Ann Fagan; Carole Costa; Juliet's daughter-in-law Lizzie Gibson-Bell; Wendy Milledge; Lorraine Arnold's sister Stephanie Price; Doreen Hutchins; Bernadette Doyle - Oliver Powell's niece; Margaret Heaney's brother-in-law John Erwin; Sylvia Whitenee; Evelyn Cumiskey and all who have lost a loved one during the year. If you know of anyone who needs our prayers, or no longer needs to be on the prayer list, please let Veronica know (772107).

WELCOME: To any visitors to our Church today. There will be tea and coffee after Mass on Sunday.

NOTICE: Gluten free hosts are available in the Sacristy, if you need one just pop in and ask.

LECTIO DIVINA: 1 Sam 3:9 "...Speak, Lord; your servant is listening..." Join the Lectio Divina group (Friday's 7:00pm – 7:40pm email wardveronica49@gmail.com for the zoom link). Not a bible study; the Living Word speaking into our hearts.

ARK BABY AND TODDLER GROUP: Meets at 10:00am on Monday's during term time in the Church Hall.

TEA, CHAT AND SCRABBLE: Meets this Monday 9th February in the Church hall at 2:00pm. Rita (850304).

NEW BEGINNINGS: A support group for widows meets this Tuesday 10th February in the Church Hall at 2:00pm. For more information, please ring Rita (850304).

KNITTING GROUP: Will meet this Wednesday 11th February 2:00pm – 4:00pm in the Church hall. Newcomers welcome. Bring your own project to work on or join in with the latest group project. If you can't knit/crochet but want to learn, we can help! Veronica (772107).

TABLE TENNIS GROUP: Are you stuck at home wondering what to do on a Friday afternoon? Well, here's your chance, have a go at table tennis! Not for you? You may be pleasantly surprised! You'll meet lovely people and play. No bat, no ball? We have them all! Give us a go. Church Hall, 2:00pm. Marion Powell (775282).

OUR DIOSEIAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: 24th - 30th July, applications are open. The pilgrimage is a truly amazing experience at any stage of your faith journey and is for everyone, young, old, sick or healthy. Please see the Arundel and Brighton Diocese website for further details: www.abdiocese.org.uk/lourdes

NOTICES FOR THE NEWSLETTER AND WEBSITE: Please email me all items for the newsletter or website on wardveronica49@gmail.com or phone Veronica (772107) by the end of Wednesdays. Thank you.

Readings for next Sunday 15th February – 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time:
Ecclesiasticus 15: 15-20. 1 Corinthians 2: 6-10. Matthew 5: 17-37.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

Offertory: £328.15. Gift Aid: £66.

Second Collection Racial Justice: £221.64.

This does not include online offertory.

In addition, we receive just over £1,850 per month from parishioners who donate by standing order.

Thank you for your continuing generosity.