

The Parish Church of
SAINT EDWARD THE CONFESSOR

Burgess Hill

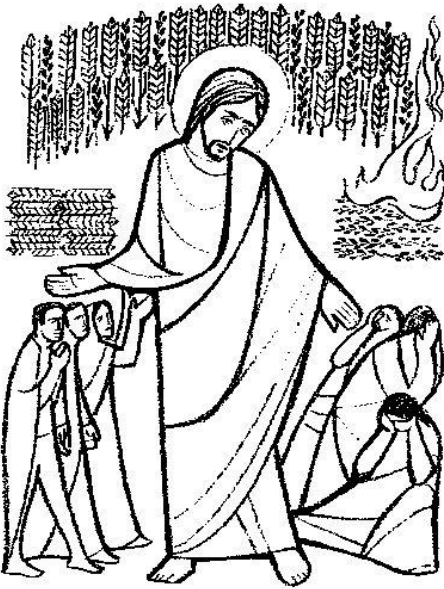
*Building a Community of God's People
in the Power of the Holy Spirit*

Sunday 20th July 2014

The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6.00 p.m. (Saturday evening) Vigil Mass

10.00 a.m. PARISH MASS with Kidz Zone



The parable in our Gospel reading today is telling us to write no one off as hopeless, lost, irredeemable, worthless because he/she looks like a weed. That person may look like a weed and our gut reaction is to treat that person as a weed but in truth he/she is precious wheat of God's kingdom.

That's the way God views each one of us. We readily admit that we are "weeds" - the evil in our hearts and minds takes control. But God refuses to write us off. He refuses

to write off even that person who at this moment defies God, denies His existence, and allows evil to run his/her life. There is always grace. While we are here on this planet, God is always reaching out to every person regardless of how good or how evil they might be. Every time we judge hastily and unfairly, He forgives us. Every time evil takes control in our lives, He graciously invites us to come to Him, to receive the forgiveness that He is offering through His Son Jesus, to welcome the Holy Spirit who will gladly guide and lead us down the path of right living.

WELCOME

Welcome to everyone gathered here at St. Edward's
for our Parish Mass.

We bid a special welcome today to **Sarah-Jane** and **David Evens** as they give thanks for the birth of their daughter **Georgina** and seek God's blessing on her.

Coffee and tea is served in the Church Hall after Mass. Do please stay and share in this short time of getting to know one another better.

Thank you to **everyone** who contributed to our Dedication Festival Barbeque last Sunday. Special thank you to the **Social Team** and to all those who brought food to share, and I know that everyone would want to thank **Kevin** for his expertise at cooking all those burgers, sausages and chicken just right!

It looked as if it was going to 'rain on our parade' but the sun came out and it was a glorious afternoon and each and every one of us enjoyed ourselves. So a big THANK YOU to everyone involved!

'Messy Mass': During the school holidays the Thursday morning Mass (at 10.30 a.m.) will be simplified and shortened and we invite all **parents with toddlers** and **children** to join us for this worship which will be followed by coffee in the Church Hall.

Obviously we hope that others will be here to support this venture – so 'oldies' are very welcome!!!

This will begin on **Thursday 31st July** and will continue throughout the school holiday period

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – *the summer festival of Our Lady* is on **Friday 15th August**. There will be a special **Sung Mass** at **7.30 p.m.** which will be followed by **'Drinks & Nibbles'** to celebrate **Audrey's Birthday!**

Please note the date and please be here to share in this lovely festival and to wish Audrey a very Happy Birthday!

Welcome home to those recently returned from their holiday and our prayers are with all those who are on or who are soon to go on holiday in the next few weeks.

The **Wednesday afternoon Home Group** meets for its final session this week at 39 West Park Crescent at **2.00 p.m.** for a **House Mass**. They invite members of the other Home Groups to join them for this Mass (*Please let Christine know if you would like to come*) This group will resume in September.

Next Sunday, we will be blessing and dedicating **On** and **Andrew's marriage** during the Parish Mass – which of course will be followed by 'Drinks & Nibbles'!

Coffee Stop and **Produce Sale** – this **Saturday** 9.30 a.m. – 1.30 pm

Happy Birthday to **Jack Chitty** (Tuesday) and **Roy Stannard** (Friday)

PRAYER & CARE

For our church that we may truly be Building a community of God's people in the power of the Holy Spirit.

For Georgina Jane Evens as we give thanks for her birth and dedicate her to God today.

Please pray for the **SICK**

Grace Atkins (aged 8) with Leukaemia

Ian Dennison: Slowly recovering from the effects of his radiotherapy

Brenda Hinton: Recovering after a hip operation

Peter Robinson soon to have more surgery on his foot

Marty Coakley in hospital with blood poisoning

June Monk with heart problems (now recovering at home)

Terry Monk having treatment for cancer (about to start chemotherapy)

Ted – preparing for a knee operation

Yvonne Stewart recovering from reconstructive surgery following breast cancer and mastectomy

Jack Fernee now home from hospital but still poorly.

Valerie Winter - post knee operation

Mrs Dixon – with liver and eye cancer

Recently departed: The victims of the conflict in the Middle East and the Malaysian plane crash.

And in great love we commemorate the souls of...

Dorothy Chapman, Harold Gaston (Sunday)

Ellen Lee, Alan McRae (Priest) (Monday)

Thomas Baker, Alice Stovell, Alfred Whymark, Mabel Blaber (Tuesday)

Sheila Wood (Wednesday)

Florence Worsfold, Jacqui Keyworth (Saturday)

The week ahead at St. Edward the Confessor

- MONDAY:** *Father Denis has Mondays as his 'day-off'*
- TUESDAY:** *Saint Mary Magdalene*
MASS at 10.30 a.m.
with the Ministry of Prayer for Healing
and Wholeness.
- WEDNESDAY:** *Saint Bridget*
Home Group meets at 39 West Park Crescent at
2.00 p.m. for a **HOUSE MASS**
Home Group meets at 83 West Street
at 7.30 p.m.
- THURSDAY:** **MASS at 10.30 a.m.**
- FRIDAY:** *SAINT JAMES, Apostle*
Teddy Tots – Parent & Toddler Group – meet
in the Church Hall 10.00 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.
MASS at 7.30 p.m.
- SATURDAY:** *Ss Joachim & Ann, parents of Our Lady*
COFFEE STOP and **PRODUCE SALE** in the
Church Hall from 9.30 a.m. till 1.30 p.m.
- VIGIL MASS of SUNDAY at 6.00 p.m.**
- NEXT SUNDAY:** *The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
Vigil Mass of Sunday at 6.00 p.m. (Saturday)
PARISH MASS with **KIDZ ZONE** at **10.00 a.m.**
With the Blessing & Dedication of Marriage.

This Pew sheet is sponsored in celebration of Samantha obtaining her degree with a distinction, a scholarship for a Masters and in thanksgiving for the Lord's care of her over the last year.