

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 5th OCTOBER 2014

The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

THANKSGIVING FOR THE HARVEST

- 6.00 p.m.** (Saturday evening)
Vigil Mass of Sunday
- 10.00 a.m.** **PARISH MASS**
with All Age Worship
- 6.00 p.m.** **CONFIRMATION at 'The Point'**
Meeting at St Paul's Catholic College



Today, the theme of our worship centres upon thanksgiving as we give thanks for the harvest. Sometimes people forget to say "Thank You" when someone does something nice for them. God does so much for us! Every day He provides everything we need: food, clothing, and a place to live. Do we ever forget to say, "Thank You?" In our Mass today we say

"Thank You" for the Harvest and we ask Him to help us remember to thank Him each and every day.

WELCOME

to everyone gathered here today.

*We bid a special welcome to any newcomers and visitors to
St. Edward's this morning.*

Coffee and tea is served in the Church Hall after the Parish Mass.
Do please stay and share in this time of fellowship together.

Congratulations to Pat and Doug Myers who celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary last Wednesday. During Mass today we will give thanks with them and after Mass share with them with some ***'Drinks & Nibbles!'***

The Confirmation of Jo, Nadine and On takes place at 'The Point' church at **6.00 p.m.** Please come and support them on this very special day at St. Paul's Catholic College – and afterwards (St. Edward's group) at 'The Woolpack'!

Joy Tucker-Hawkins R.I.P. Many will already know that our dear Joy died in the early hours of last Tuesday morning. Please hold in your prayers Jack and Di as they come to terms with their loss at this sad time for them. The funeral arrangements are as follows:

On **Thursday afternoon** at **4.00 p.m.** Joy's body will be brought into church with a brief ceremony of reception, and her coffin will lay before the altar overnight.

On **Friday afternoon** at **1.30 p.m.** we celebrate Joy's **Funeral Mass** – when we give thanks for her life and commend her to the loving mercy and keeping of almighty God. This Mass will be followed by ***'Drinks & Nibbles'*** in the Church Hall.

Obviously I am asking ALL members of St. Edward's who possibly can, to come and support Jack and Di at the Funeral Mass as we give our dear sister, Joy the best Christian 'send-off' we at St. Edward's can possibly give, and share afterwards in the usual St. Edward's way with ***'Drinks & Nibbles!'*** May she rest in peace and rise in glory!

THIS SATURDAY- 11th October:

There will be an all-day **VIGIL OF PRAYER** praying especially for the success of our Gift Day and for a change in our financial situation. The Vigil of Prayer begins at **10.00 a.m.**

and will end with **Benediction** at **4.00 p.m.**

There is a list on the table at the back of the church for you to sign to say when you will be here to ensure that not only is the Vigil of Prayer kept unbroken – but also by as many of us as possible. Please 'sign up'

NEXT SUNDAY - 12th October

The feast of **SAINT EDWARD THE CONFESSOR** - our **PATRONAL FESTIVAL** and also our annual **GIFT DAY**. (Continued on inside back page)

There will be a **Celebration Parish Mass** at **10.00 a.m.** followed by **Lunch** in the Church Hall –to which we invite EVERYONE. Please sign the list in the Narthex if you would like to join us for lunch. Please bring your own drink!

PLEASE PRAY for our **Patronal Festival and Gift Day**. These past few years have been very challenging, but in spite of those challenges, and indeed often, because of them, this past year has truly been a year of great blessings and joy and we have so much to give thanks for. However, our main 'challenge' now is our finances. While it is our hope and prayer that all of us would be generous with our one off gift for Gift Day, we are relying on all of us to re-evaluate our regular weekly/monthly giving, and wherever possible to increase our giving. **PLEASE** do your very best to come into church this coming Saturday to **PRAY** for guidance from the Holy Spirit in our response not only to Gift Day but also our regular stewardship.

A new **House Group** begins this **Monday** at **7.30 p.m.** at 39 West Park Crescent. (For seven sessions) – All welcome!

Happy Birthday to **Ann Savidge** (Wednesday)

PRAYER & CARE

For **On, Nadine** and **Jo** being Confirmed this evening.
For **Jack** and **Di** in their loss

Please pray for the **SICK**

Grace Atkins (aged 8) with Leukaemia

Ian Dennison - undergoing intense treatment for his secondary tumours

Peter Robinson –making good progress and now home

John Moore – very unwell in hospital

Terry Monk having treatment for cancer now undergoing chemotherapy)

Kathy Sadler- Going through a phase of many tests again.

Trish Williams battling cancer of the pituitary

Fletcher Mepham age 6 battling cancer and his family Sarah, Antony and Louis

Libby Trotter (age 11) battling cancer and for her family Clare, Scott and Abby

Recently departed: Joy Tucker-Hawkins

Anniversary of death: Charles Ford, Julia Jones (Monday) Edward Speck, Michael Lambert, Percy Haines(Tuesday) Barry Pearce (Wed) Eileen Peacock, Chris Guest, Thomas Peirce (Thursday) Bernard Wigan (priest) (Friday) Len Dear, Tony Hull, Yvonne Adams, Dinah Cheney (Saturday)

The week ahead at St. Edward the Confessor

- MONDAY:** *Father Denis has Monday as his 'day-off'*
'Saints Alive' Home Group at 39 West Park Crescent
at 7.30 p.m.
- TUESDAY:** *Our Lady of the Rosary*
MASS at 10.30 a.m. - with the Ministry of Prayer for
Healing and Wholeness
- Home Group for Men** at 7 Bramble Gardens
at 7.30 p.m.
- WEDNESDAY:** **Home Group** at 39 West Park Crescent
at 1.00 p.m.
- Home Group** at 83 West Street
at 7.30 p.m.
- THURSDAY:** *Saint Denis, bishop*
MASS at 10.30 a.m.
- The Reception of the Body** (Joy Tucker-Hawkins)
at 4.00 p.m.
- FRIDAY:** Teddy-tots meet in the Hall at 10.00 a.m.
- FUNERAL MASS** at 1.30 p.m.
- MASS** at 7.30 p.m.
- SATURDAY:** **VIGIL OF PRAYER** beginning at 10.00 a.m. -
ending with **BENEDICTION** at 4.00 p.m.
- NEXT SUNDAY:** ***SAINT EDWARD THE CONFESSOR***
PATRONAL FESTIVAL & GIFT DAY
Vigil Mass (*Saturday evening*) at 6.00 p.m.
- PARISH CELEBRATION MASS** at 10.00 a.m.
With our annual Gift Day collection
Parish Lunch in the Church Hall