

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 THE LORD'S NAME!

SUNDAY 27th SEPTEMBER 2020
TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMEDAY

10.00 a.m. PARISH MASS

Celebrant & preacher: Fr. Clay Knowles



We will be celebrating our Harvest Thanksgiving next Sunday, but this Sunday is designated a 'Day of Prayer for the Thanksgiving for the Harvest and Fruits of Human Work.'

As we hear today's readings let us reflect on the unending forgiveness of God; and the style of lives he wants us to live, as an example and teaching to others.

*Welcome to everyone gathered here at
St. Edward's this morning*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Gloria Baptist-Smith (Tuesday) and Pauline White (Saturday)

Our Procedures for the Safeguarding of all who attend.

It is good to see a good number of our Parish family at church, but it is still recommended that great care is taken, especially by the vulnerable and over 70s. 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. Please do not congregate at doorways on the way out.

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.

During worship 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.

The Government have announced that new regulations regarding the 'rule of six' that came in to force on September 14th.

So there will be no refreshments served after Mass, and please leave as quickly as you can and do not congregate outside, especially in the doorways.

OUR CONTINUED THANKS to Fr. Clay, Jonathan, and Val for all their work keeping us united in prayer and worship, please do join Fr. Clay at Mass on Tuesday and Sunday, at church if you feel able.

Even though a number of us are now gathering at church, many still feel too vulnerable to do so, please 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.

Any concerns or queries please talk to Jonathan or Val.

Thank you to those who have volunteered to read at the Mass.

As present circumstances are so fluid, it has been decided not to publish a rota, but Philip will approach people a couple of weeks beforehand to see if they can read on that particular Sunday.

PRAYER AND CARE

Please see the list of Ordinations occurring in the next couple of weeks which is on the end of the service sheet. Please keep these candidates in your prayers.

UPDATES:

Geoffrey Burton 's investigation last week happily gave him the 'all clear' again.

Jonathan Davis is home from rehabilitation and doing greatly better than ever expected. Please continue to pray for his improvement.

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 open up the church again.

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, Other therapy going well.

Gloria Baptist Smith: Continuing to recover slowly from her illness

Also for:

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

Jonathan Davies: severe injuries after a cycling accident, now home but still a long way to go.

Anniversaries:

Gordon Jenkins (Sunday); John Caswell (Tuesday)

Emily (Joy) Tucker-Hawkins; Harry Lewery; Diane Tuppen (Wednesday)

Grace Bryant; Lydia Mitchell; Barry Chappell (Thursday)

Charles Lake; Robert Pulling and Maurice Gardiner (Friday)

William Newnham and Doreen Symons (Saturday)



This week at St. Edward the Confessor

SUNDAY: TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

27th September 10.00 a. m. **PARISH MASS**

This is A Day of Special Prayer for the Harvest and Fruits of Human Work.

Pray for all who profess the faith, that they may act out in their lives the faith they profess and do the will of Christ.

MONDAY *Feria*

28th September

Pray for The Point Church: its congregation and leaders

TUESDAY **SAINTS MICHAEL, GABRIEL AND RAPHAEL**, *archangels*

29th September 10.30 a.m. **MASS**

Pray for the residents of The Hornbeams and Howard Avenue

WEDNESDAY **Saint Jerome**, *priest and doctor of the Church*

30th September *Pray for the Officers of St. Edward's Standing Committee: Jonathan, Val, and Clive.*

THURSDAY **Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus (of Lisieux)**,

1st October *virgin and doctor of the church*

Pray for the people of Cyprus on their Independence Day

FRIDAY **The Holy Guardian Angels**

2nd October: Pray for all Convents and those who serve there.

SATURDAY *Feria*

3rd October: *Pray for the work of the YMCA in Burgess Hill and those who use their centres.*

NEXT SUNDAY: HARVEST THANKSGIVING

(Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time)

4th October 10.00 a. m. **PARISH MASS**

Pray in Thanksgiving for all the great Gifts and Blessings that God has bestowed on you, your family, and this world.