

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CATHOLIC CHURCH
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PARISH NOTICES

✠ **FR BERNARD'S HOLIDAY:** Fr Bernard will be away from 4th August – 10th September. During his absence there will be **no weekday Masses**, **no Saturday evening Mass** and **Sunday Mass will be at 11am.** Normal Mass times will resume from 12th September.

✠ **OFFICE:** Unfortunately, our computer is broken so Susan will be working from home until we get a new one installed. We regret the newsletter will not be printed until then but you can email and ring the office as normal. Would you like to be added to the Mailing List? If you currently take a printed copy of the newsletter but would like to have it sent to your email address in the absence of it being printed please email the office.

✠ **CELEBRATE FESTIVAL: a faith-filled event for all the family.** Runs from 15-19 August, at Worth School, West Sussex. Hear inspiring speakers such as Fr Roberto Pasolini (Preacher to the Pope), David Wells and Johannes Hartl, experience beautiful masses, pray in Worth Abbey, fun and formation for children and young people aged 3-24 each day of the festival, and relax in the beautiful Sussex countryside.
Camp in our festival field or stay in school accommodation. Weekend tickets also available.
For more information visit www.celebratefestival.org

✠ **OPPOSE ASSISTED SUICIDE:** The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill is back in the House of Commons and seeks to legalise assisted suicide. This would undermine the **sanctity** and **dignity** of human life.
We are against this Bill in principle and it remains deeply flawed and dangerous in practice.
There will be a vote on Friday, 11 September 2026 - please contact your MP asap.

✠ **MARRIAGE GUIDANCE:** here are podcasts from CBCEW marking the 80th anniversary of Marriage Care with some useful insights on ways of nurturing and feeding marriage.
https://www.cbcew.org.uk/chair-marriage-care-on-the-ingredients-for-a-strong-relationship/
Marriage: the grace of the present moment
https://rcdow.org.uk/news/marriage-the-grace-of-the-present-moment/

✠ **APPOINTMENTS WITH FR BERNARD:** Fr Bernard is only available to meet with parishioners on **Wednesdays** from 11am**.**

✠ **BAPTISM:** Before your child can be Baptised parents must make an appointment to meet with Fr Bernard, at least one of whom should be a Baptised, practicing Catholic. Under Canon Law there must be a reasonable expectation that Catholic parents requesting Baptism of their child should be practicing their faith. Fr Bernard requires the Baptism certificates of the parents and the Baptism **and** Confirmation certificates of each Godparent. Please contact the office to make an appointment with Fr Bernard.

✠ **PARISH GROUPS:** Everyone, parishioners and non-parishioners, are welcome to join these groups:

THE EVERGREEN CLUB: meet on Mondays 1-3pm in the church hall for a chat over tea/coffee, biscuits and cake. It's a chance to meet new friends and is open to all ages.
MEDITATION: Have you ever wondered what meditation is about? If so, why not join our meditation at Our Lady's in Stephendale Road. We meet every Wednesday at 6.30-7.30pm for this ancient way of silent prayer (entrance is at the first door to the left of the church building in Tynemouth Street). Introduction and guidance will be given. Any questions ask Fr Bernard or email Pia: pia.huber@gmail.com

✠ **PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Please can you remember the sick of our parish in your prayers:
Connie Arowojolu; Patricia Bland; Manuel Da Costa; Bill Fleming; Cynthia James; Jacqueline Kelleher; Maureen Palmer; Alma Smith.

✠ **PLEASE GIFT AID YOUR CONTACTLESS DONATIONS:** When making your donation by card you will see the option to gift aid your donation on the screen, simply click yes. It is **essential** that you enter your **full name** and **full first line of your address and postcode**, it then remembers for future donations. For more info visit: https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/stephendaleroad/donate/other-ways-to-give/

✠ **MASS TIMES:**

Our Lady's: Wednesday: **10am** Saturday: **10am** (followed by Adoration and Confession); **7pm** Vigil Mass; Sunday: **10.30am**

Holy Cross: Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: **9.30am**; Saturday: **5.30pm** Vigil Mass; Sunday: **9am** Family **12pm** Solemn

DATE	TIME	CELEBRATION MASS	PAGE	PRIEST
2nd August	11am	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time	111	Fr Bernard
9th August	11am	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time	114	Fr Roger Taylor
16th August	11am	The Assumption	178	Fr Roger Taylor
23rd August	11am	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time	120	Canon John O'Leary
30th August	11am	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	122	Fr Roger Taylor
6th Sept	11am	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	125	Fr Joe Ryan

THE SANCTUARY LAMP

If you would like the Sanctuary Lamp lit before the Blessed Sacrament for a particular intention please send an email to the office. Each lamp burns for a week.

This week's special intention is for: Maureen Palmer