Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Bordon

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Invited, not forced.

Jesus has been explaining that forgiveness is conditional, it is contractual, or to use Biblical language it is 'covenantal'.

We have heard how the people of the Old Covenant didn't keep to the agreement or contract and so the 'vine' was uprooted, and a new contract was established – a New and Eternal Covenant.

Today we hear in the Gospel how everyone is invited to participate in this Covenant, but no one will be forced.

We have two options: (i) to accept or (ii) to reject…. there is no middle ground!

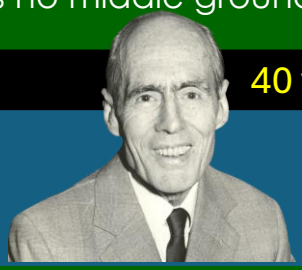
When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?"

The wedding garment is now essential, and we receive our wedding garment in baptism. That's the condition of the New and Eternal Covenant.

We have all been invited, so let's not make excuses like those in the Gospel this weekend. Let's be faithful to our baptismal vocation – to live a life of holiness.

FROM Community TO Communion

Parish Mission:
We are here to make Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament better known, loved honoured, worshiped & adored. All of our efforts in this parish will be geared towards helping every individual discover the Lord who is waiting for them to approach Him in the tabernacle.



40 years since the blessing of our foundation stone 1988 - 2028

This is Leonard Cheshire who was once a Parishioner here, who helped to raise funds to build our church. The cause for his Beatification has been opened, & we seek his help and ask for his prayers as we prepare for another 40 years!

Usual Holy Mass Times

Mon	10:00am
Tues	7:00pm
Wed	07:30am
Fri	12 Noon
Sat	6:00pm (Vigil)
Sun	10:00am

Confession Times

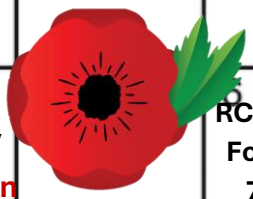
Tues	6:00pm
Fri	11.00am
Sat	5:00pm

Or 30mins before any Mass

Adoration Times:

Tues 6.00pm Fri 11am Sat 5pm

October 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
27	28	29	30	1	2 SOUPS	3 Chess 11am
4 Sunday Formation/ Confirmation		6 RCIA / Adult Formation 7:45pm	7 First Wednesday prayers	8	9 SOUPS	10 FHC 10am
11	12 Bible Study	13 RCIA / Adult Formation 7:45pm	14	15	16 SOUPS	17 Chess 11am
18 Sunday Formation/ Confirmation	19	20 RCIA / Adult Formation 7:45pm	21		23 SOUPS	24 FHC 10am
25	26 Bible Study	27 RCIA / Adult Formation 7:45pm	28	29	30 SOUPS	31 St Andrew's Quiz

Dates / Events coming up:

October

12th October	Poppy Display
18th October	Bordon Carnival
31st October	Quiz Night: St Andrews Theme

November

2nd November	Blessing of the Graves (after 10am Mass)
15th – 19th November	Parish Pilgrimage
20th November	Christmas Lights
29th November	First Sunday of Advent / Civic Mass 10am

December

6th December	Christmas Carols at the Shep 3pm

Scan for Gift Aid form

Supporting the Parish:

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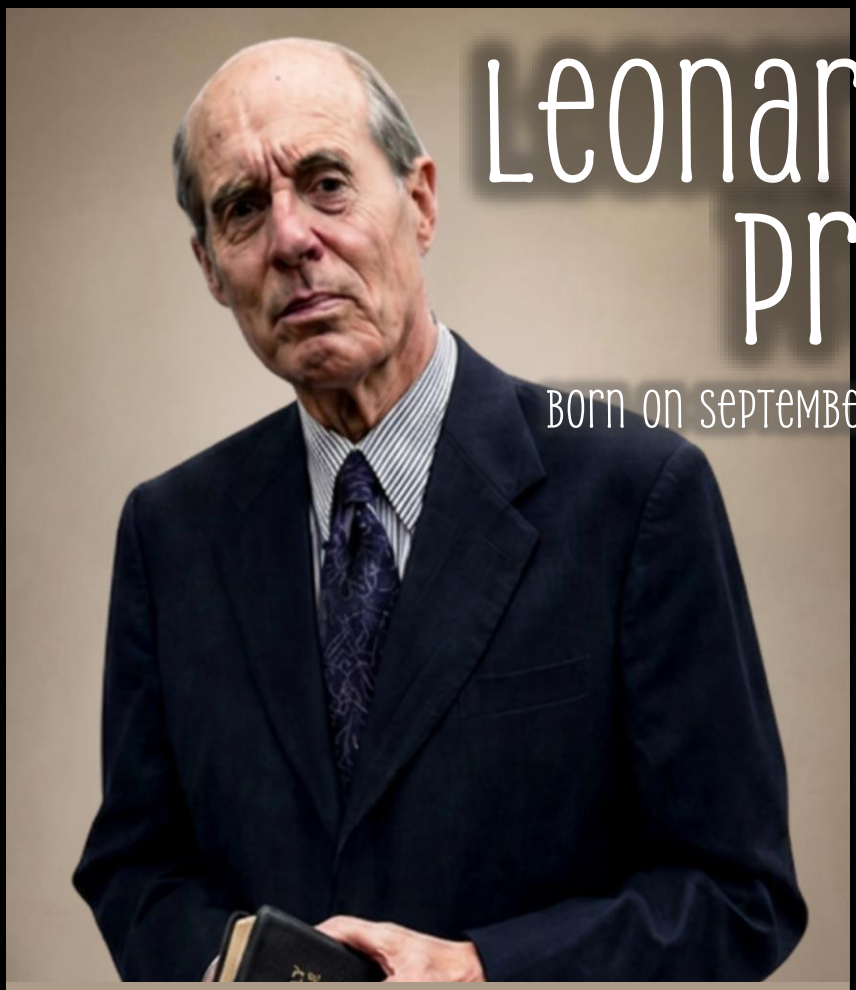

Leonard Cheshire Pray for us!

Born on September 7th 1917 and died on July 31st 1992

Seeking the Intercession of Leonard Cheshire

Heavenly Father, source of all holiness. You manifest Your divine grace through the lives of Your faithful servants on earth.
You filled Leonard Cheshire, with a spirit of profound concern for the dignity of all human life and moved him to provide for those who were suffering.
Lord, if it be Your will, that Your servant Leonard be raised to the altars of Your Church, I ask that You glorify him here on earth by granting the miraculous favour I now earnestly seek:

(State your specific miracle or intention here, such as healing from an illness or strength in a severe trial)

Leonard, gentle caretaker of the sick, you spent decades sitting by the bedsides of those carrying the heaviest of crosses. You understood their pain, protected their dignity, and comforted them in spirit. Take this request to the throne of God. Ask the Lord to pour out His restorative power, to ease this suffering, and to grant a miracle of health and strength.
Teach us also, Good Lord, to see value in our weakness, and grant us the fortitude to unite all bodily illness to Your Saving Cross for the redemption of the world.
AMEN
Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory Be...

Next Monday, 7th September, is Leonard Cheshire's birthday. He would have been 109 years old.

We will begin to increase our efforts of promoting his cause for Sainthood aiming for a full 12 month promotion by his **110th birthday** in 2027.

In the next 12 months we hope to:

- Familiarise ourselves (as a parish) with Leonard's life and work
- Produce materials encouraging prayer and devotion
- Form a prayer group to support our work
- Promote Leonard's cause across the Diocese (and beyond!)

It would be good if we could form a small team to dedicate themselves to this project.

If you would like to be part of this team, please do speak to Father. We hope to include people from within and outside of the parish to help, so if you know of anyone who may be interested, please also direct them to Father.

The prayer opposite will be the official prayer we will ask people to use to seek Leonard's intercession for them or for an intention dear to them.

We will mark the beginning of this 12-month project at the 10am Mass on Monday 7th September.

Have you been to Confession this month?

From Bishop Philip:

When a Catholic is admitted to hospital, the family ensure that the Catholic Chaplaincy is contacted so that appropriate support can be given. One suggestion is that the patient carries a note to give to hospital staff on admission notifying staff that they are Catholic and that they would really appreciate the Catholic chaplaincy service. This could be followed up by a telephone call from the family to the ward, making the request.

Walsingham Pilgrimage meeting

There will be a meeting for those joining the Parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham after Mass on Sunday 25th October.

RCIA / Tues Adult Formation Plan:

All are welcome to join the Tuesday faith formation sessions. If there is a particular topic or area of our faith you'd like to find out more about, here is our plan up until Christmas….. do come along!

13th October:	Baptism
20th October:	Confirmation
3rd November:	Holy Orders
10th November:	Marriage
17th November:	Anointing of the sick
24th November:	Holy Communion
1st December:	Advent (1)
8th December:	Mary's I.C.
15th December:	Advent (2)
22nd December:	Christmas

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11am

Quiz Night
First Saturday
7:30pm
(except in Advent and Lent)

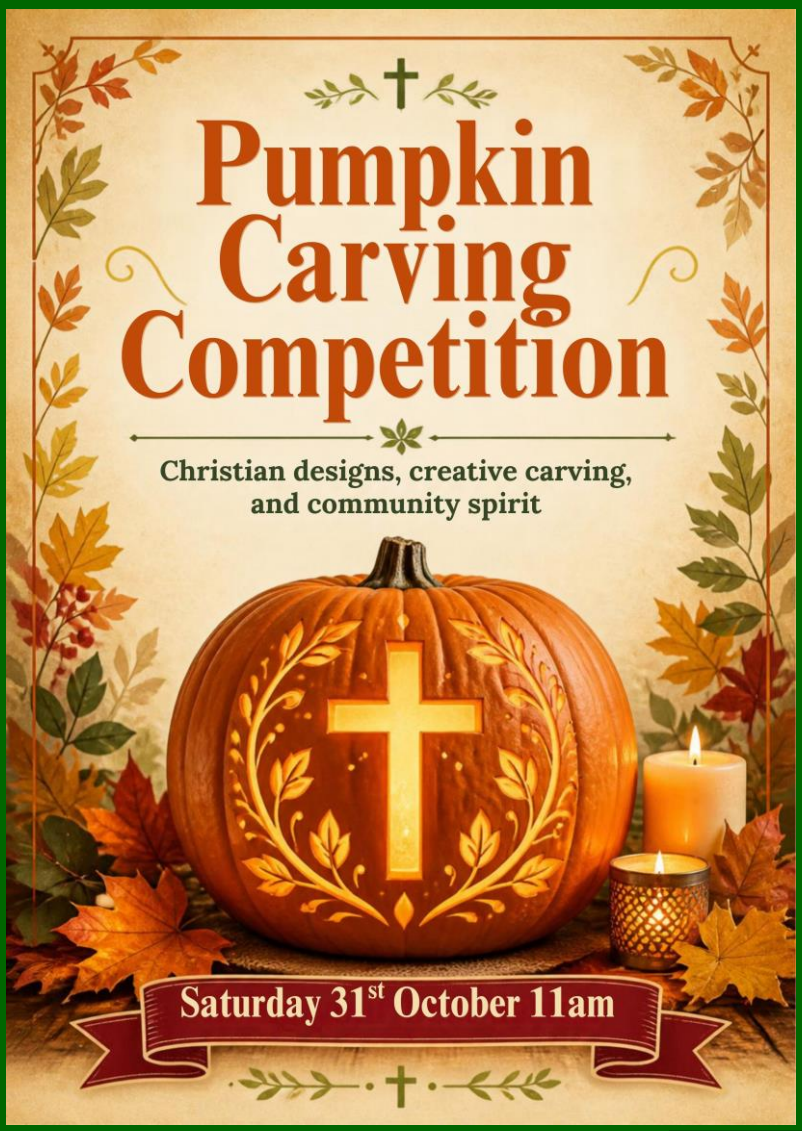
Parish Pipe Band
Thursdays
7pm

Coffee:
Mon, Wed & Fri 8am -10am

Soups
Every Friday
12:45pm

Gardening Team
Saturdays
10am

Community Pantry
Mon: 8am-10am and 12noon -2pm,
Fri: 8am – 10am and 12:45pm – 2pm



Reading Rota

The latest reading rota has been circulated. The master copy is on the parish noticeboard. THANK YOU!

Carnival helpers

Thank you to all those who have volunteered. **Hi vis jackets and information cards are available** to collect. You will find them in the church porch.

First Holy Communion Session

We meet again this Saturday (10th) at 10am.

Confirmation Session

We meet again after the 10am Mass on Sunday 18th. This session doubles up as an ongoing faith formation session for all.

Church Railings project

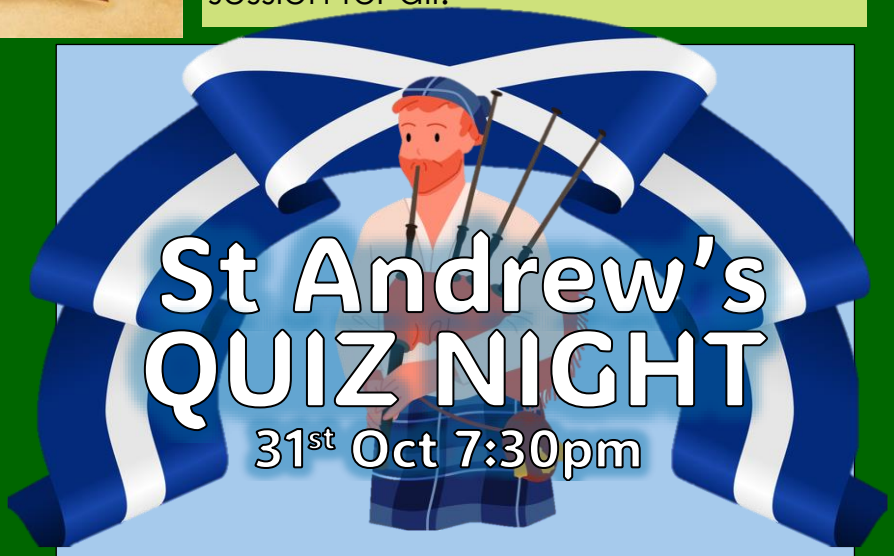
Thank you so much to the team of painters who worked hard renewing the railings. They look brand new! It makes a big difference – THANK YOU!

Poppy Display

Our display will be set up on 12th October this year. If you can knit or crochet some poppies, please bring them in at the latest by next weekend. THANK YOU!

Group emails

Please be sure to 'blind carbon copy' (BCC) people's email addresses if sending group emails or rotas so that personal details are not inadvertently shared. Thank you.



We're celebrating St Andrew on All Hallows Eve with Haggis, neeps and tatties, an address to the Haggis and Bagpipes!

Holy Baptism
Preparation courses run throughout the year (outside of Lent)

Confirmation
our next session will be on **Sunday 18th October** after Mass

Holy Communion
our First Holy Communion Programme will begin again on **Saturday 10th October**

Confession
Tues 6pm
Fri 11am
Sat 5pm
or 30mins before any Mass

Holy Matrimony
It takes at least one year to prepare for marriage

Holy Orders
we should all consider whether God is calling us for service in His Church

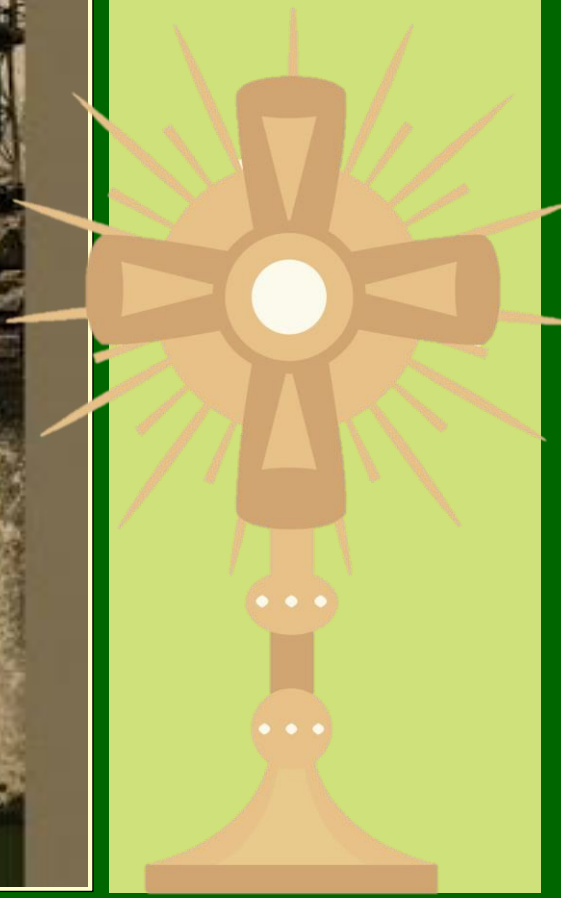
Last Rites
As soon as there is a danger to life, a priest must be called

Times when we can adore the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament:

TUESDAY 6pm

FRIDAY 11am

SATURDAY 5pm



The church is open every day from 9am – 7pm for private prayer

How long have you spent in prayer this week?

Saturday 10th October 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (VIGIL)	Joyful Mysteries	Dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary
Adoration	5:00pm	
Confessions	5:00pm – 5:40pm	
Sunday Vigil Mass:	6:00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 11th October 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Glorious Mysteries	Dedicated to the Resurrection
Holy Mass:	10:00am	Raymond Burke 1st Anniversary RIP
Monday 12th October 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Joyful Mysteries	Dedicated to the Holy Souls
Holy Mass	10:00am	Private Intention
Tuesday 13th October 28th Week in Ordinary Time	Glorious Mysteries	Dedicated to the Holy Angels
Adoration	6:00pm	
Confessions	6:00pm – 6:40pm	
Holy Mass:	7:00pm	Dec'd members of the Galvin Family
Wednesday 14th October 28th Week in Ordinary Time	Sorrowful Mysteries	Dedicated to St Joseph
Holy Mass:	07.30am	Holy Souls with no one to pray for them
Friday 16th October 28th Week in Ordinary Time	Sorrowful Mysteries	Dedicated to the Cross
Adoration	11:00am	
Confessions	11:00am – 11:45am	
Holy Mass:	12 noon	Vocations to the Sacred Priesthood
Saturday 17th October 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (VIGIL)	Joyful Mysteries	Dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary
Adoration	5:00pm	
Confessions	5:00pm – 5:40pm	
Sunday Vigil Mass:	6:00pm	People of the Parish