

will also be with us. This is the second annual BIG ENCOUNTER, and we're expecting a few hundred people, so spread the word. Entry is free, and you don't need to book. For more info: Jack.Regan@dabnet.org

FAITH IN FOCUS: REDEFINING SUCCESS

At the back of an old cupboard in the rectory a vicar found a bowl with five eggs and £1,000 in it. He asked his wife what it was and she replied that every time he preached a bad sermon she put an egg in the bowl. Feeling flushed with success the vicar said, "Only five eggs over 25 years; that's not bad!" But his wife replied, "Well, dear, every time I collected a dozen I sold them for 50 pence!"

Sometimes we have to redefine what success really is. And it becomes clear that what the world considers to be success is usually not what Christians are striving for.

Even James and John were guilty in today's gospel of seeking preferment. The "favour" they asked of Jesus was to exercise authority and power in the kingdom that they believed Jesus was still going to establish here on earth. They wanted to be able to control, to have the power to command people, to restrict or grant access. Does this ring any bells? Listen carefully if you are a politician, a priest's housekeeper or a doctor's receptionist!

Another sign of so-called success that many seek is wealth. Money is the ultimate goal of lots of people and they measure their place on the social ladder by how much they have in the bank and how much they can splash out on what passes for success in our society. A luxury home, a yacht, the best car, designer clothes, gold jewellery etc. Yet such people remain inconsolable at funerals...

The success of power and money is joined by another false idol: fame. Some people would do anything to be famous, to have their fifteen minutes in the spotlight, to be known and recognised on the street. The thousands of "wannabees" who turn up for TV talent show auditions bear witness to this concept of success, as does the cult of personality which raises the status of people who contribution to making the world a better place is usually quite small indeed.

So what is success? You'll know you're successful, says Jesus, when you find yourself slaving for the good of others, when you've learned to put yourself in second place and when you feel you are at other people's service so much that your life is being drained on their behalf. Perhaps you'd like to reconsider whether you really want to be a Christian!

St Anne's Catholic Church, Newsletter

21st / 28th October 2018

Twenty- Ninth / Thirtieth Sunday
Year B

(Missal Page 681 / 684)
(Prayer of the Church Week 1 & 2)



Sunday Masses

6:30pm(Vigil) 8:30am & 10:30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 10:30-11:30am & on request

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Last Week

Sunday Collection: £186 +
Standing Orders. Thank You.

Sunday

World Mission Sunday. Collection for Missio.

We welcome **Kiera Roughneen**, through baptism, into our faith community.

Coffee and Tea available in the Savio Centre after the 10.30am Mass

Monday

9.30am Mass

7.00pm Alpha Course in Savio Centre

Tuesday

9.30am Mass

Wednesday

9.10am Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary

9.30 Mass

Thursday

9.30am Mass

10 -4pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

10-11am Mothers' Prayers

7.30pm Salesian Cooperators in Salesian House

Friday

9.30am Mass

Saturday

10.00am Mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation

7.30 Film Night in Salesian House

Next Sunday

Thirtieth Sunday Year B.

Sunday 28th Oct

We welcome **Ellis Lowden**, through baptism, into our faith community.

Coffee and Tea available in the Savio Centre after the 10.30am Mass

Monday

9.30am Mass

7.00pm Alpha Course in Savio Centre

Tuesday

9.30am Mass

7.30pm First Holy Communion Volunteers Meeting in Savio Centre

Wednesday

9.10am Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary

9.30 Mass

Thursday

All Saints A Holy Day of Obligation

9.30am Mass

10 -4pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

10-11am Mothers' Prayers

7.30pm Mass

Friday

All Souls

9.30am Mass

7.30pm Mass

Saturday

10.00am Mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation

Next Sunday 4th Nov

Thirty First Sunday Year B. Collection for Retired Priests Fund.

The Vianney Group:

A group for men, aged 18 - 45 who wish to explore whether they have a calling to the priesthood.

The next meeting takes place from 4:00 -7:30 pm on **Sunday 21st of October** at The Priest House, Station Road, Burgess Hill, West Sussex, RH15 9EN

For more details contact the **Fr. Con Foley** - 01932 842 643 or email foleycon@gmail.com

Lourdes Annual Memorial Mass

Our Mass this year is on Saturday November 3rd at 10.00 in St Anne's Church. All are welcome to join with the Parish Group, including all past pilgrims and the new pilgrims who have signed up for the May 2019 pilgrimage, as we remember and celebrate the lives of the 58 pilgrims who have died over the past 23 years. After Mass light refreshments will be served in the Savio Centre.

First Holy Communion Program

Thank you to the parishioners who have volunteered to find out how they could help with this year's First Holy Communion Program. There is still room for a few more. Please consider helping.

This year the program is changing with parents attending the sessions assisting their child through the program. There are 12 sessions of one hour and we are hoping to offer a choice of times and days and are looking for 12 facilitators.

There will be a meeting on **Tuesday 30th October in the Savio Centre at 7.30 p.m.** and you are invited to attend if you wish to help by facilitating with the Program as the young people prepare for their First Holy Communion with their family.

Please call **Theresa Rudley** 07742 649580 for more information.

The Big Encounter 2018 - Festival For 16-35s, Nov 10th

Our annual festival for 16-35 year olds is happening at Worth Abbey (Performing Arts Centre) on Saturday November 10th at 6.30pm. It's open to anybody in that age group, and we've got an amazing line-up. The Youth 2000 Worship Band will be leading the music, and Bryony Wells will be our keynote speaker. Bishop Richard