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PRAYERS & INTENTIONS

Pray daily for peace and all those who suffer from illness especially
Donna Morris, John Proctor, Martin Wood,
Val Masterman, Mary Browne, Donald Paine
and Anthony Gibbons.

This week we pray for residents of Potmans Lane, Ninfield, Top Road, Hooe and the Sidespeople, Readers and Intercessors.

In our CTiB cycle of prayer we pray for The Freedom Church, Bexhill and Guy Partridge and Darren Cooke

Any items for the Weekly Sheet

to Nicki Murphy
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Wednesday 6pm please.

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Prayer Nick Fawcett Father God, as you drew Jesus even as a child to your house, to seek you there and learn more of your will, so help us to sense your hand drawing us there. Today, to guide, challenge, nourish and nurture, opening up new experiences of your love and fresh insights in to your will. Grant that we might approach you now, not out of duty or habit but hungry to meet with you once more, to hear your voice and to answer your call, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



# THE PARISHES OF St OSWALD'S HOOE

and

# St. MARY'S NINFIELD

WEEKLY SHEET ~ 26th December 2021<sup>C</sup>

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#### A warm welcome to everyone, especially any visitors.

If you are new to our Churches please introduce yourselves to the sides people on duty. If you need help in any way during your time in church please talk to one of the sides people.

Please note that both churches are installed with hearing loops to help those who wear a hearing aid with the T setting.

# SERVICES NEXT WEEK St. Mary's

Sunday 9.30a.m. ~ Parish Eucharist St Oswald's

Sunday 11.00a.m. ~ Family Service

Monday 12 noon ~ St. Oswald's Prayer Tree



After three days they found him in the temple. (Luke 2:46a)

### Collect

Gracious Father, who gave the first martyr Stephen grace to pray for those who took up stones against him: grant that in all our sufferings for the truth we may learn to love even our enemies and to seek forgiveness for those who desire our hurt, looking up to heaven to him who was crucified for us, Jesus Christ, our mediator and advocate, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### First Reading ~ Acts 7.51-end

'You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you are for ever opposing the Holy Spirit, just as your ancestors used to do. Which of the prophets did your ancestors not persecute? They killed those who foretold the coming of the Righteous One, and now you have become his betrayers and murderers. You are the ones that received the law as ordained by angels, and yet you have not kept it.' When they heard these things, they became enraged and ground their teeth at Stephen. But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

### Second Reading ~ Galatians 2.16b-20

yet we know that a person is justified not by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ. And we have come to believe in Christ Jesus, so that we might be justified by faith in Christ, and not by doing the works of the law, because no one will be justified by the works of the law. But if, in our effort to be justified in Christ, we ourselves have been found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again the very things that I once tore down, then I demonstrate that I am a transgressor. For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

## Gospel Reading ~ Matthew 10.17-22

Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.