



The Parishes of Southwick with Portslade (St Theresa of Lisieux) & West Blatchington with Hangleton (St George's)

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 23rd	6 pm	St Theresa's	Private Intention (SRM)
Sunday 24th	9.30 am	St Theresa's	People of the Parish
	11 am	St George's	Deceased parents RIP of Ralph & Indika Fernando
Monday 25th	10 am	St Theresa's	NO MASS
Tuesday 26th	10am	St Theresa's	Intentions of the Hooper family
Wednesday 27th	10 am	St George's	Intentions of Mary Hale
Thursday 28th	7.30 pm	St Theresa's	Deceased members of the Pereira and Pires families RIP
Friday 29th	10 am	St Theresa's	NO MASS
Saturday 30th	6 pm	St Theresa's	Intentions of Tim Martin
Sunday 1st ADVENT SUNDAY	9.30 am	St George's	People of the Parish
	11 am	St Theresa's	Maresa Brazil RIP

~ EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION ~

as announced

~ CONFESSIONS ~

Saturdays 5.30 - 5.55 pm (St Theresa's),
Sundays following 11 am Mass (St George's) *on request*,
& at call

THE GOD WHO SPEAKS

Scripture is at the centre of everything the Church does. The word of God shapes our prayer and worship. The Bible shows us how to understand the world, how we are called to live and relate to each other. 2020 is the 10th anniversary of Verbum Domini – Pope Benedict XVI's Apostolic Exhortation on 'The Word of the Lord' and the 1,600 anniversary of St Jerome's death. These dates have inspired the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales to dedicate 2020 as a year of focus on the Bible and 'The God Who Speaks'. During the year, we will be celebrating, living and sharing God's word with an exciting new Scripture initiative. It's an opportunity to enrich current practice and to develop and explore new ways of responding to 'The God who Speaks'.

Throughout 2020 there will be a range of events, activities and resources to participate in all around the country. To help achieve transformation in our hearts and in our communities there will be three themes of **celebrating**, **living** and **sharing** God's word.

Alterations of Mass Venues & Times During Advent

In a continuing effort to build up our consciousness of being, to all intents and purposes, "one parish" we will try during Advent to reinforce this understanding by heightening our personal awareness of the times and venues of Sunday Mass so that we are not taking things for granted or operating on automatic pilot.

From Sunday 1st December (Advent Sunday) to Sunday 22nd December (Fourth Sunday of Advent), the 9.30 am Mass will take place at St George's and the 11 am Mass will take place at St Theresa's.

Some of you will, no doubt, attend Sunday Mass because of the time of Mass or by the convenience of the venue, and you may choose to continue that pattern.

As the worshipping community at St Theresa's misses out on the presence of the priest after Mass to stay on and chat with the people, this change provides a temporary, 4 week opportunity to address that inequality.

Rotas for Advent and December Sunday Masses

So that people are free to attend any Mass during Advent and not be committed to a rota, there will be no rotas for either the 11 am Sunday Mass at St George or for the 9.30 am Sunday Mass St Theresa's for the period 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd December, inclusive.

- Rotas for the Saturday 6 pm Mass (St Theresa's) have been prepared for December as usual (available at the back of the church).
- Normal rotas will resume on 29th December.
- Volunteer sign-up sheets for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day will be out in due course.



Candles burn in prayerful remembrance at St Theresa's altar for the repose of the souls of:

**Anna Zambito RIP &
Vincenzo Zambito RIP**

May they rest in peace.

ADVENT SMALL PRAYER GROUPS

If you have signed up already, the weekly sessions begin this week:

Wednesday 7.30 pm (Meeting Room) at St Theresa's
(and continue on 4th, 11th and 18th of December)

Friday 2 pm (Lady Chapel) at St George's
(and continue on 6th, 13th and 20th of December)

Emergency Sick Calls: The Parish Office
if no reply, try St Peter's Church, Hove: 01273 733840

Information for the next newsletter to Wai-Fan
at the Parish Office no later than Wednesday 10 am please

DIARY DATES

TODAY (24 November) - is the Feast of Christ the King, the last Sunday of the church's liturgical year. Today is also designated as National Youth Sunday when we are invited to celebrate the young people in our parishes and communities and all the gifts and talents they share with us. The theme for this year is "**SIGNIFICANCE**", taken from Pope Francis Apostolic Exhortation to young people (*Christus Vivit* § 115): "*for Him, you have worth; you are not insignificant. You are important to him, you are the work of his hands. That is why he is concerned about you and looks to you with affection.*"

NEXT SUNDAY (1 December) - To mark the formal start of the year of "*The God who Speaks*" scriptural initiative, there will be a celebration of Evening Prayer (Vespers) held in St George's at 3 pm.

Sunday 8 December - the Second Sunday of Advent is *BIBLE SUNDAY*. All readers wishing to continue on the rota are expected to renew their commitment to the ministry of lector at one of the weekend Masses.

Sunday 15 December - the Third Sunday of Advent is known as *GAUDETE SUNDAY*, it is also known in Rome as *Bambinelli Sunday* and you are invited to bring your cribs (*presepi*) and/or your figures of the Christ-child (*bambini*) to Mass for them to be blessed.

Tuesday 26 November - *TEA & CHAT*, 10 am to 12 noon in the Parish Hall at St George's. All welcome.

Wednesday 27 November - #RedWednesday. Last year, Aid to the Church in Need ran their third #RedWednesday campaign to stand up for faith and freedom. It was a huge success with 16 cathedrals and more than 30 parishes taking part. This is an important opportunity for Christians to stand together and shine a light on the challenging message of the right to religious freedom and the injustice of Christian persecution today. For more information, please visit www.acnuk.org/our-campaigns/red-wednesday. Could our parishes take part?

Thursday 28 (from 5 pm) to Saturday 30 (until 12 noon) November - *DOWRY TOUR OF OUR LADY OF WALSHINGHAM*

AT ARUNDEL CATHEDRAL. A full timetable is to be published soon. All enquiries to the Cathedral Office (01903 882297). All welcome.

Thursday 28 to Saturday 30 November - *CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL*: St Peter's C of E church (close to St George's) is holding its popular Christmas Tree Festival on . This year's theme is 'book titles'. If you are interested in organising an entry or working as part of a team, please contact Iris (via the Parish Office) for more information.

Saturday 7 December - *PARISH ADVENT DAY OF RECOLLECTION*, 10 am to 4 pm in the Jubilee Room at the King Edward Hall, Lindfield, West Sussex, RH16 2HH. Bring-and-share lunch as usual. Please put the date in your diaries now. Sign-up and lifts required sheets are out this weekend, please sign up as soon as possible.

Saturday 21 December - *COME AND SING CHRISTMAS CAROLS* at St George's followed by festive refreshments in the Parish Hall, between 3 and 4.30 pm. Strictly speaking we don't sing what we think of as traditional Christmas carols in church during Advent as the season of Advent and the season of Christmas are separate liturgical periods. However, we may often expect to sing carols in the run-up to Christmas. If that's you, why not come along for a selection of favourites sung in a non-liturgical setting? If anyone would like to come and is in need of transport, please contact the Parish Office.

NOTICES

Cottesmore St Mary RC Primary School - Tours for the parents of prospective reception class children, joining September 2020, will take place on Tuesday 3rd December and Thursday 9th January 2020, at 9.15 am. Contact the school office (01273 555811) to reserve a place.

CAP - Helping people to budget: Local CAP Money courses are run throughout the year and are a means for people to learn budgeting skills and a simple, cash-based system that works. Helping people to budget, save and prevent debt. Find out about a course in your area and other CAP services, go to: <https://capuk.org/>

SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Anyone wishing Fr Alistair to consider supporting a school application should contact the Parish Office (01273 708227) to make an appointment and not ask for a signature before or after a Sunday Mass. Thank you.

For sale

At the parish hall at St George's we have some pool tables and table tennis tables, surplus to requirements. These will be available to view on the morning of Saturday 30 November and this will be advertised beyond the parish. Parishioners will be given preference so, if you are interested, please contact Ralph and Helen, the hall managers, at hall.enquiries@stgeorges-hove.org.uk before Saturday.

Please pray ...

... for all the sick and / or housebound:

St Theresa's:

Stephen, Mary, Giuseppe & Ester, Ena, Cheryl, Marilyn, Mary, Sheila, Audrey, Mary, Robert, Joan, Rosemary, Tim, Heather, Christine and Ana.

St George's:

Michael, Flo, Kathleen, Paddy, Balavendra, Valerie, Maria, Mary, Compton, Nora, Chris & Vince, Gwenda, Maria, Guilu, Bran, and Sandra.

... for all whose anniversaries occur about this time:

St Theresa's:

Flora Barry, Nigel Oxlade, Danny Moran, Alice Pattenden, Ronald Jupp, Lillian Hayes, Geraldine May, Stella Bell, Dermot McMahon, Patrick Gardiner, Steve Manser, Septima Knock, Patrick Barry, Philip Nunneley, John Kennard, Lilly Hitchings and Mary Colwell.

St George's:

Victoriano Velarde Jr, Kathleen (Kitty) McKenzie, Peggy Wood, James Whelan and Patrick (Paddy) McLoughlin.