



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

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 16th	6 pm	St Theresa's	People of the Parish
Sunday 17th	9.30 am	St Theresa's	Agnelo Rato RIP
	11 am	St George's	Deceased relatives RIP of Cora and Brian Owen
Monday 18th	10 am	St Theresa's	Hooper & Dalton families
Tuesday 19th	10am	St Theresa's	In memory of and in thanksgiving for the life of Ron Crossan RIP
Wednesday 20th	10 am	St George's	NO MASS
Thursday 21st	7.30 pm	St Theresa's	Elizabeth Joan Rawlings RIP
Friday 22nd	10 am	St Theresa's	NO MASS
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

~ 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

EVENING PRAYER - Advent Sunday 1st 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. If you are not familiar with the celebration of Evening Prayer, it is a very straightforward service with hymns, psalms and scripture readings, in which we all participate.

ALTERATION 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) will be prepared for December as usual.
- Normal rotas will resume on 29th December.
- Volunteer sign-up sheets for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day will be out in due course.

NOVEMBER - The Month of the Holy Souls

Envelopes for your lists of names of deceased family and friends are available at the back of the church. The envelopes will form part of the Offertory Procession during November.,

Please do not include money in these envelopes. Requests for Mass Intentions should included in the usual Mass request envelopes. Intentions for all weekend Masses in November have already been allocated.

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.

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 (17 November) - is World Day of the Poor. There will be a retiring collection after all Masses for the Arundel Cathedral Maintenance Fund.

NEXT SUNDAY (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.*"

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.

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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 WALSINGHAM 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

Individual Retreats @ Worth Abbey: 11th-14th November (3 nights) Cost: £189 per person. You are invited to book a stay (fully inclusive) for a self-led retreat. For more information or to book your place and request a booking form, please contact: Tel: 01342 710318 or Email: toc@worth.org.uk. We look forward to welcoming you to Worth Abbey.

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.

COTTESMORE ST MARY RC Primary School

Tours for the parents of prospective reception class children, joining September 2020, will take place on Tuesdays 19th and Thursday 21st November, Tuesday 3rd December and Thursday 9th January 2020, all at 9.15 am. Please contact the school office (01273 555811) to reserve a place.

Thank you for taking the time to visit so that you can find out more about us.

THANK YOU

to everyone who came to the Catholaity Fair held at Cardinal Newman last Saturday. To all those who helped to run the stalls, bought tickets, donated either goods or time to support us - thank you!

Please pray ...

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

St Theresa's:

Stephen, 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 Janet Bailey, who died recently, and all whose anniversaries occur about this time:

St Theresa's:

Ella Stephenson, Nelly Pillerion, Jane Owen, Christine Forsdyke, Priscilla Oakley, Michael Galvin, Christopher Winder, Mary Hanrahan, Sylvia Doyle and Leah Mary Souden.

St George's:

Christina Bonner, Ann Healy, Ivy Stone, Barbara Harris, Mark Diaper and Vic Thatcher.