



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

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## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 1st	6 pm	St Theresa's	People of the Parish
Sunday 2nd <i>The Presentation</i>	9.30 am	St Theresa's	Elizabeth Lee RIP & Mary Millar RIP
	11 am	St George's	Ugo Bechaz RIP
Monday 3rd	10 am	St Theresa's	<b>NO MASS</b>
Tuesday 4th	10.30 am	St Theresa's	<i>Requiem Mass</i> - Christine Roe RIP
Wednesday 5th	10 am	St George's	Bill Jack RIP
Thursday 6th	7.30 pm	St Theresa's	Phyllis Dixon RIP
Friday 7th	12 noon	St Theresa's	George Shannon RIP
Saturday 8th	6 pm	St Theresa's	Leonard Iacono RIP & Anna Zambito RIP
Sunday 9th	9.30 am	St Theresa's	Norma Wighton RIP
	11 am	St George's	People of the Parish

~ 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

*Let us pray ...*

... that the cries of our migrant  
brothers and sisters,  
victims of criminal trafficking,  
may be heard and considered.

The Holy Father's  
Universal Prayer Intention -  
*Listen to the migrants' cries*  
February 2020



## THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Today's celebration has been known by several different names through the ages; most popularly perhaps, **Candlemas**.

**The Feast of the Synaxis** ("meeting") of Our Lord in the Temple. This ancient and alternative title of the feast reminds us that another name for the celebration of the Mass when we gather together is the *sacred synaxis*, the people meet one another but they also meet with their Lord.

**The Purification of Mary** is another former name for today's feast, reminding us that in accordance with Mosaic Law (Leviticus 12:1-8), forty days after the birth of a child the mother is required to present the her child originally in the Tabernacle, then later in the Temple once it had been built, and offer as a sacrifice either a lamb or a pair of doves or pigeons for her purification.

At one time in the Church there was the practice of blessing a woman after childbirth as, up to the sixth century, it was believed that a woman became ritually impure by giving birth; even within living memory there was a social custom of a mother "lying in" after childbirth.

A Catholic tradition and practice known as the "Churching of Women", more formally *Benedictio mulieris post partum* (the blessing of women after birth), focused rather on blessing and thanksgiving for a safe delivery and the gift of a child.

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 (2 February)** - is the Feast of the *PRESENTATION OF THE LORD*, or Candlemas as it is sometimes called.

- The 11 am Mass at St George's will begin in the Parish Hall with a blessing of candles and procession, a similar format to that for Palm Sunday, so you may wish to ensure that you arrive in good time for the start of Mass. Weather permitting there will also be processions before the two Masses at St Theresa's.
- In honour of the feast day St Blaise (3 February) the traditional Blessing of Throats will be offered after all Masses. [*"Through the intercession of St Blaise, bishop and martyr, may you be delivered from every ailment of the throat and from all other evil"*]

N.B. The collection for CARJ (Catholic Association for Racial Justice) will be taken up today as there is a visiting speaker and appeal next weekend.

### NEXT SUNDAY (9 February)

- We welcome Anna Ansted, a speaker from the charity LEPROA, to our Masses this weekend. A collection will be taken up after all Masses.
- As this is the Sunday closest to the feast day of Our Lady of Lourdes and World Day of Prayer for the Sick (11 February) the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be offered after all Masses.

**Sunday 16 February** - retiring collection after all Masses for the Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund.

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**Tuesday 11 February** - TEA & CHAT, 10 am to 12 noon in the Parish Hall at St George's. All welcome.

**Friday 6 March, 10:30** - (WOMEN'S) WORLD DAY OF PRAYER service. Come and be part of a great wave of prayer encircling the globe! This year's service was prepared by women in Zimbabwe and takes as its theme *Rise! Take your Mat and Walk*. St George's is hosting the Hove service for the first time in many years.

## NOTICES

**A & B NEWS** - the February edition of the free diocesan newspaper is now available. Please help yourself to a copy.

**Urgent Winter Appeal 2019:** The Clock Tower Sanctuary works with young homeless people providing practical and emotional support to help them move from crisis to stability. By donating £10 to their Urgent Winter Appeal you could pay for a young person to enjoy a hot meal and wash their clothes. £25 could pay for a new pair of shoes for an interview. Donations can be made at [www.thecls.org.uk/donate](http://www.thecls.org.uk/donate) or by cheque payable to 'The Clock Tower Sanctuary' and sent to Wenlock House, 41-43 North Street, Brighton. BN1 1RH. Thank you.

**16 March 2020** - Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, celebrating the feast of St. Patrick. £599 per person sharing. Price includes flight with 10kg hand luggage, all transfers, 4 nights in Knock House Hotel with breakfast and dinner, all entertainment and excursions and lunches on days out. Wheelchair accessible rooms. Single room supplement £100. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com).

Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

**Lourdes Pilgrimage 2020:** Applications for Lourdes Pilgrimage are now open. The periods are 24 -30 July (air) and 23-31 July (coach). Please use the online application form (at [www.ablourdes.org](http://www.ablourdes.org)) if you are applying as a helper, chaplain, member of the medical team or as a pilgrim who does not need assistance. If you would like to come as an assisted pilgrim, please contact the Pilgrimage Office on 01403 740110 and the team will post a form to you.

**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/>

## OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

The offertory collection totals for

January are:

St Theresa's: £1,387

St George's: £1,473

Thank you for your generosity.

## CHRISTINE MARY ROE RIP

The Requiem Mass for Christine will be celebrated on Tuesday 4th February at 10.30 am in St Theresa's Church.

Please continue to pray for the repose of Christine's soul, and that of her son Joseph, and to keep her other children, John, Mary, Teresa, Pauline and Stephen, and all their families, in your prayers.

**Please pray ...**

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

### St Theresa's:

Stephen, Olive, Harold, Giuseppe, Ena, Cheryl, Marilyn, Mary, Sheila, Nicola, Audrey, Mary, Mary, Robert, Joan, Rosemary, Tim, Ann and Ana.

### St George's:

Michael, Florence, Kathleen, Paddy, Balavendra, Valerie, Maria, Mary, Mark, Compton, Nora, Chris & Vince, Gwenda, Maria, Peter, Bran, and Sandra.

**... for Rosemary Noble and Patrick ("Patsy") Fagan, both of whom died recently, and all whose anniversaries occur about this time:**

### St Theresa's:

Henry Browning, Eugene Pointet, Carmel Harrison, Louis Pirolli, Gwendoline Jupp, Sharon Green, John Conway, Margaret Rome, Elizabeth Smithers, Elizabeth Rolph, Lorraine Podsiadly, Ann Keating, Lilian May Davey, Vincenzo Burgio, Vera Lane, Gladys Morgan, Roy Williams, Olive Goodings, George Shannon, Leonardo Iacono, Eliza Acuna, Flaviana Cruz, Helen Peacock, Gabrielle Morley, Pabing Cruz, Patrick MacCormack and Eric Bedwell.

### St George's:

John Woodland, Josephine Weston, Bill Bone, Celina Otero, Jonathan Carlos Bracho, Anne Waine and Carl Trigwell.