



St George's & St Theresa's
*Serving Southwick, Portslade,
Hangleton and West Blatchington*

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Note the change of email address. We are moving over to the diocesan servers and have been designated for this purpose as 'The Parishes of West Hove'! The old email will continue to work for a good while yet, but we ask you to try to use this one from now on.

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31st October: All Saints
Weekdays: Year 1, week 31

Fr Tony Writes

Or rather Bishop Richard writes, of the induction: "It was a joyous occasion—please do pass on my thanks to everyone". On the subject of the induction, some noticed that the formal letter of appointment only mentioned St Theresa's. That is because canonically I can't be the parish priest of more than one parish. So technically I am PP of St Theresa's, but also have the care of St George's, as was made clear in the rest of the induction. As far as I am concerned we are one community of Catholics in this part of the world, with two churches. It is my intention to complete the work Fr. Alistair began, and get the parishes formally merged.

All Saints and All Souls

This year, because the 1st October lands on a Monday, all saints is moved to Sunday 31st, which means it coincides with others celebrating Halloween! Perhaps this is good opportunity to remind ourselves that the name 'Halloween' derives from 'All Hallows Eve' - ie the eve of All Saints. It is a celebration of the defeat of the forces of darkness in the lives of the saints.

All Souls Day remains on 2nd November, and there is an extra Mass that evening at St Theresa's. at 7:30pm. November is traditionally the month when we pray in particular for the dead, and there will be books of remembrance available at both churches for you to put in the names of anyone you want remembered. I will offer Mass for all those named at the end of the month.

The clergy of the deanery will be blessing graves in our cemeteries next Sunday from 2:30pm. I will be at Portslade Cemetery, Fr. Colin and Fr Alexander will be at Hove cemetery. As I can't be in two places at once, I will bless graves at Southwick cemetery on Sunday 14th November, again from 2:30pm

If you wish to have a Mass offered for a deceased relative and friend, please use one of the envelopes available in the churches, or contact the parish office.

Our Primary Schools

Our schools are an important element of our mission, and it is the time of year when school applications start to go in. As you know, we have two excellent primary schools here. **St Mary's, Portslade** is in the parish, and I am already forging good links with the school, I have been appointed as a foundation governor, and I go in every week, working both with the staff and the students. We have seen them at St Theresa's for their Welcome Mass, and also at St George's at the Induction Mass. To find out more about the school see:

www.stmarys.brighton-hove.sch.uk

St Mary's serves primarily Southwick and Portslade. For those who live in Hangleton and West Blatchington, **Cottesmore St Mary's** is probably the school you are likely to choose. I have also been forging links with them, though my main focus is St Mary's. Find out more about Cottesmore at:

www.cottesmore.brighton-hove.sch.uk

COP26

World leaders are beginning to gather in Glasgow for the 26th gathering of 'The Conference of Parties' - more commonly referred to as COP26. Pope Francis has called on the participants to seize this moment. You can hear his 'Thought for the Day' on the BBC website www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p0b0wjnk.

While World leaders have a major part to play, we too must play our part. CAFOD have put together a selection of resources on their website: cafod.org.uk/Campaign/COP26-climate-summit. Above, at this crucial time for our planet, let us pray for all involved in the summit, noting that, in the words of Pope Francis "We can confront these crises by retreating into isolationism, protectionism and exploitation, or we can see in them a real chance for change."

Please pray for

All who are sick in the parish. Also for those who have died recently, especially Pat Rodway (Funeral 5/11, 10am, St Georges), those who have been recently bereaved, and those anniversaries occur around this time.

Home Visits

We would like to resume visits (and, where desired, Holy Communion) to those who, for one reason or another, would like to come to church but are unable to do so.

Accordingly if you, or someone in your family, would like a visit (and perhaps Holy Communion) please contact the parish office and we will get back to organizing that.

Also, we will need people to go out on those visits. If you used to do that, and which to resume, please again contact the parish office. Those who do visit the vulnerable are required to have a DBS check, so if you do not have one, or yours is more than 3 years old, we will organize that. They will also need some training in safeguarding (which is a straightforward online course).

Similarly, those taking communion need to be trained and commissioned as Extraordinary Ministers. Please let us know if you have previously been a Minister.

St Theresa's Key Holders

We are looking at changing the external locks to St Theresa's (the internal locks will remain the same). This is partly for security and partly because some are wearing out. Accordingly, if you are keyholder and still need access to the church please let the parish office know. If you have a key you no longer need please return it.

Loving God, We praise your name with all you have created.

You are present in the whole universe, and in the smallest of creatures.

We acknowledge the responsibilities you have placed upon us as stewards of your creation.

May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders at COP26 as they seek to embrace the changes needed to foster a more sustainable society.

Instil in them the courage and gentleness to implement fairer solutions for the poorest and most vulnerable, and commit their nations to the care of Our Common Home.

We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ your Son. Amen

Weekly Timetable

Sat 30th October	Confessions 4:45-5:15 5:30pm Mass <i>St Theresa's</i>	
<i>Clocks go back one hour on the morning of Sunday 31/10</i>		
Sun 31st <i>All Saints</i>	9:30am Mass, <i>St Theresa's</i> 11am Mass, <i>St George's</i>	COP26 All Parishioners
Tue 2nd November <i>All Souls</i>	10am Mass, <i>St George's</i> 7:30pm Mass <i>St Theresa's</i>	Holy Souls Celebrant's Int.
Wed 3rd	6:30pm Adoration 7:30pm Mass <i>St Theresa's</i>	All parishioners
Thu 4th <i>St Charles Borromeo</i>	10am Mass, <i>St George's</i>	
Friday 5th	10am Funeral Service Pat Rodway <i>St George's</i>	
Sat 6th	Confessions 4:45-5:15 5:30pm Mass <i>St Theresa's</i>	
Sun 7th <i>32nd Sunday</i>	9am Mass, <i>St Theresa's</i> 11am Mass, <i>St George's</i>	All Parishioners Bereaved fam. of Cora & Brian Owen

From next Sunday, November 7th the 9:30am Mass at St Theresa's will move to 9:00am. This is so Fr. Tony can stay around after Mass to meet people, because he won't have to dash off to St George's too quickly.

Upcoming events

Sunday 7th & 14th November 2:30pm: Blessing of graves.

On Sunday 7th November Fr. Tony will be blessing graves at Portslade. Canon Colin and Fr Alexander will be blessing graves at Hove cemetery. Other graveyards in the deanery will also have grave blessing at that time. Fr. Tony will bless graves at Southwick cemetery the following Sunday, 14th November, from 2:30pm.

Monday 8th November 7pm Sacred Heart, Hove, Mass for the deceased of the deanery, celebrated by Bishop Richard.

Ministry of Consolation:

Do you have a good ear for listening? Are you able to support people who are going through a difficult time? Do you feel you are able to journey with those who are experiencing the loss of someone important in their life?

If the answer is yes to these questions, you might be interested in joining the Diocesan Ministry of Consolation team of Bereavement Befrienders?

We will be running a training course on each Wednesday through January and February 2022 to prepare you for this Ministry. You will need to attend all the training days to be commissioned and each day will run from 10.00 am to 1.30 via Zoom.

If you would like to find out more details, please email simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk for more information.