



St George's & St Theresa's
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Parish Secretary Wanted

We are looking for someone to help with the administrative side of the parish. The job would include general administrative/office work, looking after rotas etc, preparing the newsletter, maintaining the parish diary and database, co-ordinating volunteers, keeping track of Health and Safety requirements, etc. etc.

Initially 12 hours a week, pay from 12.50/hour depending on experience.

Full job description available from Fr. Tony. Email him at tony.milner@abdiocese.org.uk for more information.

Opposing the Assisted Dying Bill 2021

Earlier this year, a Private Members Bill on 'Assisted Dying' was introduced in the House of Lords by Baroness Molly Meacher, Chair of Dignity in Dying. The Bill is due its second reading on 22 October 2021, when there will be a full debate in the House of Lords. Our main concerns with the Bill can be summarised as follows:

Protecting the most vulnerable

The experience of other countries

Investing in care and not ending care

The Bill is almost identical in form to the 'Marris Bill', which was overwhelmingly defeated in the House of Commons in 2015 by 330 votes to 118. None of the serious concerns raised at that time have been factored into this new piece of legislation.

For more information, including how to oppose the bill, go to www.abdiocese.org.uk/news/bishops-speak-out-against-the-assisted-dying-bill

19th Sept: 25th Sunday of the Year
Sunday: Yr B. Weekdays: Year 1, week 25

Fr Tony Writes

This week the homily is replaced by a letter from Bishop Richard about the Assisted Dying Bill coming before the House of Lords. You can find out more about that from the link in the panel below, and the bishop's letter is available for you to take away.

Here I would like to reflect on the Mass readings. In the first part of the Gospel we here Jesus speaking of his coming passion and resurrection. The disciples, of course don't understand (the theme of the disciples failure to grasp Jesus' message is very clear in Mark!), and indeed the next scene shows just how much the fail to 'get it' - discussing who is the greatest! Here we have a link with James' critique of jealousy and ambition. The disharmony of which James speaks is evident in their 'arguing' on the road.

The problem with 'who is the greatest' does not lie in us appreciating our own gifts and talents. It lies in the temptation to compare ourselves with others. Ambition is not necessarily bad, despite what James says. It is only bad when tied with jealousy, or where it wants to achieve at the expense of others. I can have an ambition to grow in the spiritual life, to gain a qualification, or even to improve my golf handicap.* That is an ambition to be the best I can be, and that in itself is good.

Humility does not lie in believing everybody else is better than us. It is rooted in celebrating both our gifts and the gifts of other equally. This can include a certain amount of competition, but only the sort that encourages everyone to do their best. CS Lewis defines humility in these terms in the *Screwtape Letters* (quoting from memory as the book is in a box!)

"It is like an architect who designs a truly great building, and knows it is a truly great building, and rejoices that it is a truly great building, but *no more than if someone else had designed it.*"

* see the bottom of the page opposite.

First Holy Communion and Confirmation 2022

We envisage preparation for First Holy Communion and Confirmation beginning in the New Year. If you have a child ready to make their First Holy Communion (in Year 3 or above) or who wishes to be confirmed (Year 10 or above), please let Fr. Tony know so we can have some idea of numbers.



Please pray for

All who are sick in the parish, especially Veronica Lloyd. Pray also for those who have died, and those anniversaries occur around this time, and those who have been recently bereaved. Pray also for those who have been particularly effected by the covid pandemic, either in terms of health or work.

Red Boxes

Since the pandemic started it has been hard to be able to see people to empty red boxes for the missions. If you have a box that you would like emptied please bring it to mass at St Theresa's or St Georges. Thank you. Please make sure it has your name on as well. *Teresa (St Theresa's) Ralph (St George's).*

Church Cleaning

Although we have been very assiduous in cleaning benches and door handles etc to keep COVID at bay, other aspects of church cleaning have been somewhat neglected. We want to restore the church cleaning rotas at both churches. Accordingly, we need volunteers to do this! Please sign up on the sheets provided in the churches.

Parish walk & picnic

Sunday 26th September

Leaving St George's after Mass at approx. 11.45am or from St Theresa's at the same time.

Meeting point Easthill Park, Portslade. Bring your own picnic! And pray for good weather!!

Foodbank Boxes

Foodbank donation boxes will return to both St Theresa's and St George's this weekend. All types of non-perishable foods, and also toiletries, are welcome.

Weekly Timetable

Sat 18th September	Confessions 4:45-5:15 5:30pm Mass <i>St Theresa's</i>	Martin Family
Sun 19th <i>25th Sunday of the Year</i>	9:30am Mass, <i>St Theresa's</i> 11am Mass, <i>St George's</i>	Bernard People of the Parish
Tuesday 21st <i>St Matthew</i>	10am Mass, <i>St George's</i>	End of the pandemic
Wednesday 22nd	10am Mass, <i>St Theresa's</i>	Eileen Sheenan RIP
Thursday 23rd <i>Padre Pio</i>	10am Mass, <i>St George's</i>	Fr Terry Donnelley cssp RIP
Friday 24th <i>O. L. of Walsingham</i>	No Mass	
Sat 25th	Confessions 4:45-5:15 5:30pm Mass <i>St Theresa's</i>	People of the Parish
Sun 26th <i>26th Sunday of the Year</i>	9:30am Mass, <i>St Theresa's</i> 11am Mass, <i>St George's</i>	Nicolo Iacono RIP Giulu Pires RIP & Diana Pires ints

We are staying with the current schedule of Masses for this month. However we plan a couple of changes in the coming months.

From October, the Wednesday Mass will move to 7:30 in the evening, and will be preceded by a Holy Hour. We will say a bit more about this in the coming weeks.

From November the 9:30am Mass 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

Sun 26th September: Parish Walk and Picnic (see panel left)

Friday 1st October: Feast of St Theresa of Lisieux. 7:30pm Mass at St Theresa's, followed by refreshments.

Friday 8th October: CAFOD Harvest Fast Day (transferred from 1st October as that is one of our feast days!)

Wednesday 20th October: Fr Tony will be inducted into our parishes by Bishop Richard. 7pm St George's, followed by refreshments.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

From October we will be having a regular 'Holy Hour' at St Theresa's on a Wednesday evening, 6:30-7:30pm, before an evening Mass at 7:30. So the first time will be Wednesday 6th October. I would like to encourage as many as possible to come and join us in this time of prayer. There are many challenges facing us as a Church, both locally and globally, and we will only be able to meet them if we are rooted in prayer and in Christ. Most weeks adoration will be simple silence for an hour before the Lord present in the Blessed Sacrament. However on the first Wednesday of each month will include gentle music and brief meditations to help us pray.

**I don't actually play golf, though it is a relatively common hobby for priests. It was particularly popular amongst the clergy that had come from Ireland, as it gave them something to do on their day off, given that they couldn't go home to their families. It used to be said that if a priest had a handicap over 12 he was neglecting his golf, and if he had a handicap under 12 he was neglecting his parish!*