



Parish of Our Lady Star of the Sea

*Serving Southwick, Portslade,
Hangleton and West Blatchington*

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Upcoming Parish Events

Friday 3rd March: World Day of Prayer.

2pm, St Theresa's.

A women led, global, ecumenical movement. This year, we are hosting this at St Theresa's (see opposite page).

Friday 3rd March: CAFOD Family Fast Day.

Saturday 18th March: Reader Formation.

10am-12:30pm, St Theresa's.

Led by Fr Tony. All current and prospective readers welcome.

Monday 20th March: Confirmation introduction.

6:30pm, Sacred Heart, Hove.

2nd April: Palm Sunday.

Masses as usual (with blessing of palms).

3pm, Reconciliation service, St Theresa's.

The Easter Triduum will be held at St Theresa's,
as the Polish community will be using St George's.

The services are **Holy Thursday 8pm, Good Friday 3pm,**
Easter Vigil (Holy Saturday) 8:30pm.

26th February 2023: First Sunday in Lent

Weekdays: Lent week 1

Fr Tony Writes

Just before we started Lent we had a couple of celebrations, last Saturday we celebrated a number of wedding anniversaries (six, totalling 220 years!). It is good to celebrate all those years of love and commitment. We thank the couples for their witness.



We also celebrated Margaret's 90th Birthday. So congratulations to her also. These celebrations are a reminder both of the marvellous gifts we receive from God, and the wonderful ways in which we respond to those graces.

In a sense this is what lies at the heart of our Lenten journey. We are already aware of the marvellous gift of



God's love which we celebrate at Easter. The purpose of our Lenten observances is to enable us to enter more fully into those celebrations. Our celebrations of Anniversaries, birthdays, and indeed Easter itself are times of joy and thanksgiving. But the celebration of Easter is more than that, for the gifts and graces that flow from it are not just things of the past. They are a real opportunity for us in the present and a sign of hope for the future.



Confirmation 2023

Young people from School Year 9 and above are eligible to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. They should already be involved in the life of the Church in some way.

The preparation sessions are being held jointly with Sacred Heart parish. There is an introduction session for candidates and their parents on Monday 20th March, 6:30pm at the Sacred Heart, 39 Norton Road, Hove, BN3 3BF. Pizza will be included! Please contact Fr Tony if you wish to come and find out more.



We continue to pray for the people of Ukraine.

For more information and ways to support them see
cbcew.org.uk/category/cbcew/international/countries/ukraine/

<p style="text-align: center;">Please Pray For:</p> <p>All who are sick in the parish, particularly Alphonso Iacono and those on our regular prayer list including Malcolm Allright, Florence Davis, Kathleen Davis, Paddy Dixon and Cheryl Evans.</p> <p>A full list of sick parishioners can be found on the parish website, as well as those whose anniversaries occur this month.</p>	Weekly Timetable		
<p style="text-align: center;">Transport to our churches</p> <p>Do you need help getting to Mass? Are you able to offer a lift to someone? If so, please complete the sign-up sheet.</p>	<p>Saturday 25th Feb</p>	<p>10am First Holy Communion Prep Session, St George's 4:45- 5:15pm Confessions 5:30pm Mass, St Theresa's</p>	
	<p>Sunday 26th Feb <i>1st Sunday in Lent</i></p>	<p>9am Mass, St Theresa's <i>With Children's Liturgy</i> 11am Mass, St George's <i>With FHC families</i></p>	<p><i>Charles & Melita Muscat RIP</i> <i>All Parishioners</i></p>
	<p>Tuesday 28th Feb</p>	<p>10am Mass, St George's <i>Followed by Tea & Chat</i></p>	<p><i>Abina O'Brien RIP</i></p>
	<p>Wed 1st March <i>St David</i></p>	<p>7:30pm Mass, St Theresa's <i>Adoration to 9pm</i></p>	<p><i>Elizabeth D. Lee RIP & Mary Miller RIP</i></p>
	<p>Thursday 2nd March</p>	<p>10am Mass, St George's</p>	
	<p>Friday 3rd March <i>World Day of Prayer</i></p>	<p>10am Mass, St Theresa's 2pm WDP Service, St Theresa's</p>	<p><i>Maria Luz Floreo RIP</i> <i>Lydia Chattel & Family ints</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Family Fast Day – Lent Appeal</p> <p>This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal will help families fighting the climate crisis and ensure that our Church network can quickly respond to emergencies, like the recent earthquake in Syria and Turkey. Please join us in praying for CAFOD's development and emergency response work all over the world. Next weekend's second collection (5th March) will be for the Lent Appeal, gift aid envelopes are available in both churches.</p>	<p>Saturday 4th March <i>St Casimir</i></p>	<p>4:45- 5:15pm Confessions 5:30pm Mass, St Theresa's</p>	<p><i>Fr James Kirwin RIP & deceased parishioners</i></p>
	<p>Sunday 5th March <i>2nd Sunday in Lent</i></p>	<p>9am Mass, St Theresa's <i>With Children's Liturgy</i> 11am Mass, St George's</p>	<p><i>Leo O'Driscoll RIP</i> <i>All Parishioners</i></p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Day of Reflection for Ministers of the Eucharist <i>Sat 11th March, 11am-4pm, Christ the Prince of Peace, Weybridge</i></p> <p>Led by Bishop Richard. The day will include theological and practical talks, Eucharistic Adoration and Mass. Arrival from 10:30am for refreshments. Please bring a packed lunch. For further info or to book contact: formation@abdiocese.org.uk. <i>I commend this to all the ministers of communion in the parish. Fr Tony.</i></p>		
<p style="text-align: center;">World Day of Prayer — 3rd March 2023 — Taiwan 2pm at St Theresa's</p> <p>Please join us for a special ecumenical service at St Theresa's at 2pm, as part of a wave of prayer across the world. Our sisters in Taiwan are sending us blessings with the service they have prepared for World Day of Prayer 2023. World Day of Prayer is an international, inter-church organisation which enables us to hear the thoughts of women from all parts of the world: their hopes, concerns and prayers. The preparation for the day is vast. An international committee is based in New York and there are national committees in each participating country. Regional conferences meet to consider the service and then local groups make their plans. Finally, at a church near you on Friday 3rd March 2023 people will gather to celebrate the service prepared by the women of Taiwan. The Day of Prayer is celebrated in over 120 countries. It begins in Samoa and prayer in native languages travels throughout the world - through Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Europe and the Americas before finishing in American Samoa, some 38 hours later. For further information and resources, see the WDP website: wwdp.org.uk.</p>			