



St George's & St Theresa's
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27th February 2022: 8th Sunday of the Year
Sunday: Year C Weekdays: Year 2, Week 8



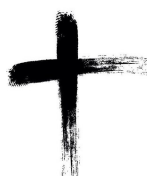
Pope Francis writes:

My heart aches greatly at the worsening situation in Ukraine. ... Like me, many people all over the world are feeling anguish and concern. Once again the peace of all is threatened by partisan interests. I would like to appeal to those with political responsibility to examine their consciences seriously before God, who is the God of peace and not of war; who is the Father of all, not just of some, who wants us to be brothers and not enemies. ...

I would like to appeal to everyone, believers and non-believers alike. Jesus taught us that the diabolical senselessness of violence is answered with God's weapons, with prayer and fasting. I invite everyone to make next 2nd March, Ash Wednesday, a Day of Fasting for Peace. I encourage believers in a special way to dedicate themselves intensely to prayer and fasting on that day [see next page for suggestions]. May the Queen of Peace preserve the world from the madness of war.

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is on 2nd March. There will be Masses with the Distribution of Ashes at 10am at St George's and 7:30pm at St Theresa's.



Stations of the Cross, Thursday & Friday evenings

Alternating between St Theresa's and St George's, Stations will take place at 7:30pm on Friday evenings starting on 4th March at St George's. Also, the zoom prayer group, which meets on Thursday evenings, will be praying the Stations during Lent. Contact the parish office for a link.

Friday Soup Lunches



There will be a simple soup and roll lunch after midday Mass at St Theresa's on Fridays during Lent. There will also be adoration before Mass from 11am. **Volunteers needed to make and serve the soup!**

Family Fast Day, 11th March

On Family Fast Day, as part of our Lenten fasting, we are encouraged to eat simply and frugally, and give the money we save to help those who are hungry through poverty or displacement. CAFOD envelopes will be available for your donations, and will be collected the following weekend.



Day Retreat, Saturday 19th March (NB changed date)

You are warmly invited to a **Lenten Retreat Day**, led by the monks of Worth Abbey based in Brighton, at St Martha's Convent, Rottingdean. 10 – 3pm. Bring your own lunch. Teas and Coffees provided. Donations on the day to St. Martha's. Please book your place via brightonmonks@worth.org.uk

Wednesday Adoration

From this Wednesday there will be adoration *after* Wednesday evening 7:30 Mass, concluding with a simple Benediction at 9pm. (NB. Not 8th March).



Reconciliation Service, Palm Sunday, 10th April

There will be a Reconciliation Service at St George's on Palm Sunday afternoon at 3pm. This takes the form of a short service which includes readings, a short homily and examination of conscience, followed by individual confessions. There will be several priests present to hear confessions.



Holy Week & Easter Sunday, 17th April.

The Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil) this year will once again be held at St Theresa's. This is to allow the Polish community to celebrate their Triduum at St George's. Easter Sunday Masses will be as usual (9am St Theresa's, 11am St George's).

Please pray for

All who are sick in the parish, especially Ronald Paine, Pietro Addis, Hattie Baker and Jean Ryan. Also those who have died recently, especially Nathalie Soffe, Gillian Booth, those who have been recently bereaved, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time.



World Day of Prayer, Friday 4th March.

St Peter's West Blatchington
(by the windmill) 10:30am.

Or Southwick Methodist Church, 2pm.

This year's theme is: *'I know the plans I have for you.'* All are welcome.

Lourdes 2022



This year's Pilgrimage (29th July to 4th August 2022) is 'Love In Action'. We are receiving several applications from Pilgrims who will require assistance to join this year's Lourdes Pilgrimage, but at this point **we are short of Helpers, Nurses and Doctors to assist with their Pilgrimage.** Please do consider applying for these roles. The Pilgrimage Office is happy to answer any questions anyone has prior to applying.

The application form is available at: www.abdiocese.org.uk/lourdes

Red Boxes

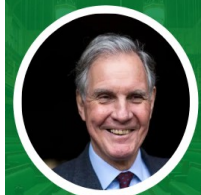


We are pleased to introduce Patti Cooke as the new Local Secretary for Missio Red Boxes at St George's.

An Evening with Jonathan Aitkin.

Friday, 8th April 2022,
7:30pm - 9:00pm, Bishop
Hannington Church. To
book go to bhmc.org.uk or
call 01273 732965.

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Fr Tony will be away 5th-12th March

Fr Paul Wilkinson will be celebrating the Masses that week, which will be at the usual times.

Weekly Timetable

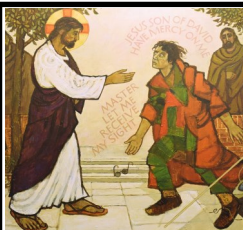
Saturday 26th Feb	4:45 - 5:15pm Confessions 5:30pm Mass, St Theresa's	All Parishioners
Sunday 27th Feb <i>8th Sunday of the year</i>	9am Mass, St Theresa's 11am Mass, St George's	McKenzie Family RIP Mary and Stuart Spencer 60th wedding Anniversary
Tuesday 1st March <i>St David</i> <i>Shrove Tuesday</i>	1pm Mass, St George's	Funeral of Gillian 'Gilly' Booth
Wednesday 2nd March <i>Ash Wednesday</i> <i>Fasting & abstinence</i>	10am Mass, St George's <i>Followed by prayer to 11:30</i> 7:30pm Mass, St Theresa's <i>Followed by prayer to 21:00</i>	Sr Josephine Mary RIP Maureen Young
Thursday 3rd March	10am Mass, St George's	Patricia Weatherseed RIP
Friday 4th March <i>St Casimir</i>	10am Mass, St Theresa's	The Warwick Family
Saturday 5th March	4:45 - 5:15pm Confessions 5:30pm Mass, St Theresa's	
Sunday 6th March <i>1st Sunday in Lent</i>	9am Mass, St Theresa's 11am Mass, St George's	Charles & Melita Muscat All Parishioners

Praying for Peace

In response to Pope Francis request, on Ash Wednesday, after the Masses, there will be a time of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament for peace and for the people of the Ukraine.

Alternatively, give some time to pray for peace, perhaps using the Rosary. Or perhaps make this intention a part of praying the Stations of the Cross too, either by yourself or with others.

Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us.



The Bartimaeus Project

is a formation programme on our Catholic Faith. The title "The Bartimaeus Project" comes from Bartimaeus' request to Jesus "Lord let me see". He is, of course, asking for physical sight, but in the Gospel that is also a metaphor for understanding. The first series of sessions will be in March, beginning **this Tuesday, 1st March at 7:30pm.** The first session is entitled:

'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening': God's Revelation.

Further sessions in the month will deepen our understanding of Revelation—how God speaks to us—and the Bible. Each session will be led by a speaker in their parish hall or church, and streamed to other participating parishes, where there will be a chance to discuss the talk afterwards. People will also be able to participate from home via zoom. More information can be found at:

bartimaeus-project.org