



Parish of Our Lady Star of the Sea

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Catholics West Hove

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This week the foodbank needs:
500g bags of sugar; Advent calendars;
Custard; Honey (runny); Long-life
orange juice; Multipack of crisps;
Pasta sauce; Tinned corned beef.

Donations may be dropped into the boxes at the back of
either of our churches. *Thank you for your support.*

CAFOD Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal

Donate to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at
cafod.org.uk/ipc or call 0303 303 3030. Your donation
will help support aid workers providing urgent
humanitarian aid including food, water and emergency
shelter to those in need.



**19th November 2023: 33rd Sunday of Year A
Weekdays: 33rd Week in Ordinary time, Year 1**

Fr Tony Writes:

We are approaching the end of the Liturgical Year. Next Sunday is the feast of Christ the King, and the following Sunday we are into Advent, which starts the liturgical calendar once more.

During this period, the readings at Mass focus on the 'last things', and that fits in with our praying in a particular way for the dead in the month of November. But there is something disquieting in some of the readings, for they remind us of judgement. Today's Gospel reading tells us that we will be judged on how we have used our God-given talents. St Paul reminds us that the Day of the Lord will come unexpectedly, and we need to be ready.

Jesus' stories in the Gospel are often rather black and white. The first two servants had done very well, the third had not even tried. But the Master in the story, while seeming harsh in some respects, implies the slightest effort would have been enough. It does not take much effort to deposit money in a bank!

So that should give us some reassurance! Indeed, Paul's own warning is tempered by the next passage. We don't live in the dark. We know this will come! Even if the Second Coming of Jesus does not happen in our lifetime, we will have our own 'end time' when our own journeys on this earth reach their conclusion. We should be prepared now.

Not that we should be aiming for the bare minimum of course. The opening prayer today asks for "the constant gladness of being devoted to you, for it is full and lasting happiness to serve with constancy the author of all that is good."

SYCAMORE

This Wednesday's session will be:

Finding Freedom

Is there such a thing as right and wrong? Are there any limits to our freedom? People have such different views about moral issues, but most people have some kind of moral code. What are the values that shape our lives? How can we find moral guidance when we need it? This Sycamore film helps you to explore these important questions and many more.

Wednesday, 7:45pm, St Theresa's

There will be Mass at 7pm, followed by refreshments. After the session, at around 9:15pm, there will be Night Prayer.

All welcome, even if you have not been to previous sessions.



We finish this series of Sycamore sessions next Wednesday. During Advent we will be offering the Invited Course provided by the diocese. They will be offered after the Wednesday 7pm Mass, in a similar way to Sycamore. More details to follow! For more information about Invited see www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited.

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/

Please Pray For...

All who are sick in the parish particularly:

Cheryl Evans, Colette, Elizabeth Hopkins, Julie Laker, Terry Phipps and Tom Hulse.

Those on our regular prayer list including:

Florence Davis, Kathleen Davis, Paddy Dixon, Cheryl Evans, Margaret Gilligan and Eileen Kipling.

Those who have died recently especially:

Patrick Atkinson and Malcolm Allwright. A full list of sick parishioners can be found on the parish website, as well as those whose anniversaries occur this month.

Special Collections 2023

Sunday 19th November:

Arundel Cathedral Maintenance Fund

Reflection & Training for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Saturday 2nd December, 2 to 4pm, St Theresa's

We are planning to re-introduce Communion from the Chalice at Sunday Masses from the beginning of Advent. This time of reflection and training is for both new and current ministers.

2pm: Short talk on the Eucharist

2:15: Adoration

2:45: Practicalities of distributing Holy Communion during Mass

3:45 Tea & cake



We invite all ministers and prospective ministers from the parish to join us for this. If you would like to become a Minister of Communion, please speak to Fr Tony.

Weekly Timetable

Sat 18th Nov <i>Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts Peter & Paul in Rome</i>	11am-4pm SycamOre Retreat Day St Theresa's Confession 4:45-5:15pm 5pm Evening Prayer 5:30pm Mass, St Theresa's	<i>Holy Souls</i>
Sun 19th Nov 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>World Day of the Poor</i>	8:30am Morning Prayer 9am Mass, St Theresa's 11am Mass, St George's	<i>All Parishioners</i> <i>Pereira & Pires Family RIP</i>
Tues 21st Nov <i>Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	10am Mass, St George's	<i>Rato & Rodrigues family RIP</i>
Wed 22nd Nov <i>St Cecilia</i>	7pm Mass, St Theresa's 7:45pm: SycamOre	<i>Holy Souls</i>
Thurs 23rd Nov <i>St Columban</i>	10am Mass, St George's <i>Adoration to 10:45</i>	<i>Holy Souls</i>
Fri 24th Nov <i>St Andrew Dung-Lac</i>	10am Mass, St Theresa's <i>Adoration to 10:45</i>	<i>Holy Souls</i>
Sat 25th Nov <i>St Catherine of Alexandria</i>	Confession 4:45-5:15pm 5pm Evening Prayer 5:30pm Mass, St Theresa's	<i>Holy Souls</i>
Sun 26th Nov Christ The King <i>Youth Sunday</i>	8:30am Morning Prayer 9am Mass, St Theresa's 11am Mass, St George's	<i>All Parishioners</i> <i>Kathleen 'Kitty' Mckenzie RIP</i>



Christmas Tree Festival 2023

Our parish has been asked to take part in a Christmas Tree Festival, hosted by St Peter's church, West Blatchington (next door to our St George's). We need the children of our parish to make the decorations for our tree! Our chosen theme is:

'Oh I Do Like to Be Beside the Seaside'

The children in our parish, who are preparing for their *First Holy Communion*, take part in the *Children's Liturgy Group*, or any other children in our parish are invited to a Decoration Making Craft Workshop on:

Wednesday 22nd November 2023, From 5 — 7 pm

At St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Church Road, Portslade, BN41 1LB

Please do come along for a fun filled crafting session! We are thinking of little beach huts in Christmas colours made of lolly sticks, crabbing nets involving pipe cleaners, seagull wooden windmills, seaside suncatcher decorations, seagull sewing kits and more! There will be Christmas songs and snacks to enjoy too! Please wear clothes you do not mind getting messy and bring your imaginations and creativity! Parents are welcome to stay and help, or drop off and collect at the end of the crafting session.

Please RSVP to westhove@abdiocese.org.uk or speak to Charlotte or Juliette.

November: Month of the Holy Souls

Envelopes for placing the names of deceased relatives and friends are now available in both churches.

Help Needed: Andrew MacPherson, needs help getting to Mass at St Theresa's on Sunday mornings, during the winter months. He lives in King George Road in Shoreham. If you can help, please contact the parish office.