



Parish of Our Lady Star of the Sea

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First Holy Communion

Please pray for Noah, Iggy, Tala, Laura, Diana, Noah, Alan, Daniel, Aurelia, Edward, Roland, Leo, Sienna, Dominic, Sören, Millie, Jarlath, Bruno, Summer, Alessandro, Hania, Ala and Jonathan who will be making their First Holy Communion soon.

Their final preparation session is this Saturday morning at St George's, and this week's Sunday Mass at St George's will be a 'commentated' Mass, in which elements of the Mass will be explained throughout the service. We will also be celebrating St George on that day!

If you use Facebook, please do join our group page,
Catholics West Hove,

www.facebook.com/groups/1510048742698794/

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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/

16th April 2023: 2nd Sunday of Easter
Weekdays: Easter Octave

Fr Tony Writes

Many thanks to all who made our Holy Week and Easter celebrations such beautiful and prayerful events. There are many to mention. Cleaners, flower arrangers, Sacristan's, welcomers, our organist, readers, those who provided refreshments, and others who just 'did stuff' without any official title.

Many thanks also for your Easter Offerings and other gifts.

As I never tire of telling people, Easter does not end on Easter Sunday—Eastertide continues until the feast of Pentecost—a full 50 days (so longer than Lent!).

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes



The Diocesan Lourdes office are receiving many applications from pilgrims who will need some assistance to enjoy their week, in order to support them **they need a great many more helpers to apply. They are also hoping for some more**

applications from our young people as Redshirts (School Years 10 & 11).

Applications close at the end of April. Please remember that financial support is available for all Redshirts and helpers, both from the diocese and the parish. Don't let the cost put you off!

[See more about the pilgrimage:
www.abdiocese.org.uk/lourdes](http://www.abdiocese.org.uk/lourdes)

Baptism Preparation



It is appropriate that we are launching our Baptism preparation programme during Eastertide. This is for parents who are seeking the Baptism of children under First Communion age (under 7 years old).

There will be two sessions at **St Theresa's church on Thursday 20th and Friday 28th April, 6:30pm.** Parents may bring their children with them.

If you wish to participate, call or email the parish office and let us know.

Children of First Communion age and above are prepared for Baptism through either the First Communion or Confirmation preparation.

Please Pray For:

All who are sick in the parish, particularly Alphonso Iacono, Peter Rolph, Cheryl Evans, Julie Laker, and those on our regular prayer list including: Marion Shannon, Elizabeth Smith, Hanorah & Mat Smith, Winifred Wilde and Sandra Yelbeck. A full list of sick parishioners can be found on the parish website, as well as those whose anniversaries occur this month.

Please also pray for those who have died recently especially, Philip Porritt (Funeral, St George's, 26th April, 1:30pm), Veronica Lloyd and Fr David Russell (Funeral Friday 28th April, 12noon, St Thomas of Canterbury, Magdalen Road, St Leonards-on-Sea, TN37 6ET).

Gift Aid Envelopes



The envelopes for 2023/2024 are now available. The boxes are labelled and ready to be collected from the back of both churches. Please note; your box number may have changed due to the merging of the church finances. If you cannot see a box with your name on, but are expecting one, please email the office to let Juliette know. Likewise, if you would like to give by Standing Order in future, email the office for the relevant forms.



St George's Day

Although St George's day is on the 24th April this year (because a Sunday of Easter takes precedence), we will be marking the feast at St George's church during the Third Sunday of Easter, 23rd April. There will be extra refreshments in the hall afterwards!

Please do come and join us!

Weekly Timetable

Saturday 15th April <i>Easter Saturday</i>	4:45 — 5:15pm Confessions 5:30pm Mass, St Theresa's	
Sunday 16th April <i>2nd Sunday of Easter</i> <i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i>	9am Mass, St Theresa's 11am Mass, St George's	<i>Fr David Russell RIP</i> <i>All Parishioners</i>
Tuesday 18th April	10am Mass, St George's	<i>Brigid Hannon, Lily Nulty & Ada McNaught RIP</i>
Wed 19th April	7:30pm Mass, St Theresa's <i>Adoration to 8:30pm</i>	<i>Hanorah & Mat Smith ints</i>
Thursday 20th April	10am Mass, St George's 6:30pm Baptism Prep, St Theresa's	<i>Zambito & Leonardo Iacono RIP</i>
Friday 21st April <i>St Anselm</i>	10am Mass, St Theresa's	<i>Martin Woolley</i>
Saturday 22nd April	10am: FHC Session 6, St George's 4:45 — 5:15pm Confessions 5:30pm Mass, St Theresa's	<i>Christine Roe RIP</i>
Sunday 23rd April <i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i> <i>St George</i>	9am Mass, St Theresa's <i>with Children's Liturgy</i> 11am Mass, St George's <i>With FHC families</i>	<i>Melita & Charles Muscat RIP</i>

A Word of Thanks



Thank you for your support of the CAFOD Family Fast Day appeal.

Shukla is a mum in Bangladesh who has been very worried about her children's nutrition. After joining a community project in Bangladesh, which is supported by CAFOD, Shukla has a productive garden and can grow food for her son. Shukla says, "worry has completely disappeared now." People support us in so many ways – giving in church, giving to us by direct debit, or leaving us a gift in their will. This generosity and compassion reaches hard-working mothers like Shukla. Thank you.

To read Shukla's story, go to cafod.org.uk/GiftInWill