



Parish of Our Lady Star of the Sea

*Serving Southwick, Portslade,
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Catholics West Hove

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Monks in the City

**St John the Baptist's, 2 Bristol Rd, Kemptown, BN2 1AP
Phone 07444 802368**

The monks of Worth Abbey living in the city invite you to

PRAY WITH US

Join the monks for Prayer in

St John the Baptist's Church:

Lauds (Morning Prayer): Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat - **9am**

Vespers (Evening Prayer): Mon, Tues, Wed - **6pm**

First Holy Communion Prayer Sponsors

If you would like to be a prayer sponsor for one of our young people making their First Holy Communion in May 2024, please email the office or speak to Fr Tony.

We need another five sponsors please

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/

**4th February 2024: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Weekdays: 5th Week in Ordinary Time, Year II**

Fr Tony Writes:

Today we have three brief scenes in our Gospel story, and the first is one of my favourites. Some years ago I came across a story that a women's bible study group had noted that Peter's mother-in-law had been healed, "in time to make supper". This is drawn from the note in the story that, after being healed, "she began to wait on them".

Yet if we look at this passage more closely there is more to it than simply reinforcing traditional gender roles. The word Mark uses to describe Peter's mother-in-law's action is translated in other bibles as 'serve' – "she began to serve them". That is the same word that Jesus uses later to identify the correct behaviour of the greatest disciple.

In Mark, the twelve disciples frequently misunderstand discipleship. Whereas true discipleship is often shown by the minor, often unnamed, characters such as Peter's mother-in-law. As for ourselves, it is a reminder that the healing graces we have received, above all the forgiveness we have received from God, are meant to enable us to grow in discipleship, and this should be evident in our willingness to serve others.

Upcoming Events

Sunday afternoon, 11th February

Mass for the Sick with Anointing, St Theresa's, 2pm.
Followed by refreshments.

Wednesday 14th February: Ash Wednesday

10am Mass St George's, 7pm Mass St Theresa's.

Saturday 2nd March 10am-1pm

'Let us Dream' deanery day, Parish Hall, St George's.
*Looking at our response to the climate crisis, in the light of Pope Francis' encyclical, Laudato Si. There will be a short talk via Zoom to introduce this on Wednesday 21st Feb, 7:45pm.
More details to follow!*



**CHILDREN'S
LITURGY**

Children's Liturgy Group

This takes place during the 9am Mass at St Theresa's (in the side chapel), during term time. Children from Reception Class to Year 3, are welcome to join the group.

Our upcoming themes are:

4th February; 5th Sunday in ordinary time; **Jesus Cures the Sick**

11th February; 6th Sunday in ordinary time;

Jesus Cures the Leper



If you would like to donate to the food bank this week we are most in need of:

Chocolate; Crisps; Curry Sauce;

**Long Life Apple Juice; Long Life Semi Skimmed Milk; Loo Rolls;
Razors; Tinned Meat; Tinned Tomatoes; Tinned Tuna**

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

Please Pray For...

All who are sick in the parish particularly:

Cheryl Evans, Deacon Richard Harvey, Vince Neal and Winifred Wilde.

Those on our regular prayer list including:

Chris Neal, Colette, Eileen Kipling, Eileen McLoughlin and Elizabeth Hopkins.

Those who have died recently especially:

Fr Stephen Ortiger OSB, funeral Worth Abbey, Sat 17th Feb at 10:30am. As well as those whose anniversaries occur this month. A full list of sick parishioners and anniversaries can be found on the parish website.

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A series of talks on the Gospel of Mark

Wed 7th Feb, St Theresa's at 7:45pm. (Mass 7pm, followed by refreshments.)

This year on Sundays we will be hearing the Gospel of Mark. It was probably written in Rome, for a small Church community that had known St Peter, and was now enduring persecution and seeing people falling away. What was it like to hear the Gospel for the first time, possibly hidden secretly in a room in the city? We will look at the second half of the Gospel on the 7th February. All are welcome.

Baptism Preparation

Our next preparation course for parents who want to have their children baptised will start this Thursday (8th February) and conclude next Thursday (15th Feb), 7pm at St Theresa's. New parents, soon-to-be new-parents, babies, siblings and godparents all welcome!

Rotas

We have had a few no shows recently, please make sure you are checking the rotas every week. If you are unable to make any of the slots you have been given, please **arrange your own cover or a swap**. As a last resort, if you have not been able to find anyone to cover you, please let the parish office know. The parish office closes at 1pm on Fridays and reopens on Tuesday mornings. Thank you.

Weekly Timetable

Saturday 3rd Feb <i>St Ansgar</i>	5:15– 5:45pm Confessions, St Peters 6pm Mass, St Peters	(St Peter's, Portland Road, Hove, BN3 5GD)
Sunday 4th Feb 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time	9am Mass, St Theresa's with Children's Liturgy 11am Mass, St George's	All Parishioners David Weston RIP
Tuesday 6th Feb <i>St Paul Miki and Companions</i>	NO MASS	
Wed 7th Feb	7pm Mass, St Theresa's	George Shannon RIP
Thursday 8th Feb <i>St Jerome Emilian</i>	10am Mass, St George's Adoration to 10:45	Leonardo Iacono RIP
Friday 9th Feb	10am Mass, St Theresa's Adoration to 10:45	Norma Wighton RIP
Saturday 10th Feb <i>St Scholastica</i>	5:15– 5:45pm Confessions, St Peters 6pm Mass, St Peters	(St Peter's, Portland Road, Hove, BN3 5GD)
Sunday 11th Feb 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time <i>World Day for the Sick</i>	9am Mass, St Theresa's with Children's Liturgy 11am Mass, St George's	Fr James Kirwin RIP & Deceased Parishioners Vince Neal ints

SVP Minibus Driver Needed

The SVP have lost one of the drivers for the minibus at Tower House and are now struggling to pick up guests/parishioners from our area, which is very unfortunate as we have two ladies who want to start going to Tower House. (Tower House is a community day centre that welcomes older people in Brighton and surrounding areas). For the guests to get to Tower House by 12noon, pick up on Fridays is between 11am and 12noon and they usually leave about 2pm, so would need lifts home as well. If this is something you can help with, please email the parish office or speak to Fr Tony.

ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

19:45-20:15 Weds 21st February 2024



A talk exploring Care for Creation with John Paul de Quay of the Ecological Conversion Group. For the Parishes of the Brighton deanery hosted by St George's Church, Hove.



Use the QR code to register or sign up at:
<http://tinyurl.com/theecg>



World Day of Prayer 2024

Friday 1st March at 2pm. St Michaels Church, Church Lane, Southwick. Theme Palestine. All are welcome.



Special Collections 2024

Next weekend's second collection (11th Feb) is for the Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund. There are gift aid envelopes in both our churches. You can also donate via our Digital Collection Plate (the contactless device) or scan the QR code.

