



## Parish of Our Lady Star of the Sea

*Serving Southwick, Portslade,  
Hangleton and West Blatchington*

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**Cardinal Newman:** [www.cnccs.co.uk](http://www.cnccs.co.uk)

### Living Faith Theology Conference

*Enlivening Faith - Deepening Transformation -  
Empowering Mission*

**The Happy Life: Human Flourishing, Virtue, and the Beatitudes:** Fr Nicholas Crowe OP, Provincial of the Dominican Order in Britain.

Sunday 10th November, St Joseph's Parish Hall, on Milton Road, 12:45 - 4:15pm (with tea break). We will begin with lunch: please bring a dish to share or a packed lunch. Suggested Donation: £10 - £20 (waged), £5 (unwaged). No booking necessary.

### Eucharistic Healing Service

**Sunday 3rd November 3pm - 4:15pm**

**St Mary Magdalen, Upper North Street, Brighton**  
*(parking available on school playground)*

A time of prayer, reflection and music. Praying for the healing of our families, for those we know in need and for ourselves. All are welcome.

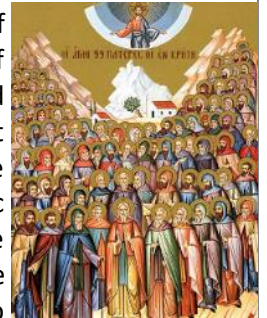
**We continue to pray for the people of Ukraine. More info:** [cbcew.org.uk/category/cbcew/international/countries/ukraine/](http://cbcew.org.uk/category/cbcew/international/countries/ukraine/)

**27<sup>th</sup> October 2024: 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time, Yr B  
Weekdays: 30<sup>th</sup> Week of Year II**

### Fr Tony Writes

Clocks going back this weekend reminds us that we are well into Autumn. The leaves on the trees tell the same story. People around are buying pumpkins and fireworks. It may seem that Halloween and Bonfire night are relatively recent inventions. But Halloween predates the Americanised commercial festival by a great deal. And the origins of Bonfire Night predate Guy Fawkes.

The name 'Halloween' is a contraction of 'All Hallows Eve', that is, the eve of All Saints. All the stuff with 'ghoulies and ghosties' etc. has its origins in the idea that these forces of evil are driven away by the holiness of the saints. Any dressing up etc that went with these was not to scare people, but instead to 'bring them into the light', showing that these things have no power over Christ and the Church. Tracing the history is difficult, as there were probably various reasons why we came to celebrate All Saints at this time, but it seems clear that it was at least in part a Christian demonstration, through the lives of the saints, that the power of God's love overcomes malicious forces including any recalled with fear in some previous pagan festival.



Indeed, along with the bonfires, it seems to be linked to the pre-Christian feast of Samhain, which involved the lighting of fires as we approach the darkness of winter. Many of us still enjoy a bonfire celebration and fireworks, some warmth and brightness as winter approaches, without necessarily knowing (or worrying) about the origins of these events. If you do join in such celebrations, do remember that it is Christ who is the true light, banishing the forces of darkness.

**Saturday is All Souls Day**, and that marks the beginning of a month in which we pray for the dead. The envelopes for putting the names of those you would like to be prayed for will be available from this weekend, and will be placed in a basket in front of the altar at every Mass.

The **Blessing of Graves** will take place on Sunday 10th November at 2pm, at the various cemeteries around Brighton and Hove. More details next weekend.

**In addition we will have a special parish Mass for the Deceased at the 7pm Mass on Wednesday 27th November at St Theresa's.** We will remember in particular those who have died in the past year. If there is anyone who has died in the last year, either a parishioner or a relative, that you would like to be remembered, please contact the parish office.

### Helpers Needed! Children's Liturgy Group Leaders

Our children's liturgy group takes place during the 9am Mass at St Theresa's (in the side chapel), during term time. We need a few more adult volunteers to lead the sessions please. We generally have around six to ten children each week, between the ages of about 4 and 8 years old. **If you would like to get involved please speak to Juliette or Charlotte.**



### Please Pray For...

All who are sick in the parish, particularly:

**Rex Curd, Sally Harvey, and Lucy.**

Those on our regular prayer list including:

**Boni Rodrigues, Jean Ryan, Marion Shannon, Elizabeth Smith, Hanorah & Mat Smith, Winifred Wilde, and Sandra Yelbeck.**

Those who have died recently especially:

**Mahen Fernando.**

As well as those whose anniversaries occur this month.

A full list of sick parishioners, and anniversaries can be found on the parish website.

### Wreath Workshop

Field Mint Floristry are delighted to be hosting a bespoke wreath workshop at St Mary's Catholic School, Portslade, on the 6th December 2024. £45 per person. Including a glass of mulled wine and festive treats. Please call the school office to make payment on 01273 418416 (by 8th November). 6:30pm arrival. We look forward to seeing you all!



### St Mary's Christmas Fair

Thursday 5th December, 3:10pm – 5pm

The school would like the parish to run a mince pie and cake stall. We need cake and mince pie donations please, and at least four volunteers to run the stall (so we can have two on, and two off, to enjoy the fair on a rota). Please contact Charlotte to get involved [charlotte.conneely@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:charlotte.conneely@yahoo.co.uk).

### SVP Appeal for SVP South Sudan

South Sudan gained independence in 2011 and has since struggled with economic, political, and social instability. UNICEF estimated in August 2023 that 1.4 million children under the age of five were suffering from acute malnutrition, and 7.1 million people currently face severe food insecurity. The conflict and migration of displaced people from Sudan since April 2023 has only exacerbated the already dire situation. The SVDP South Sudan have been working tirelessly to continue to provide hope and assistance to those most in need. Projects include, Infant Feeding, St Vincent's Healthcare Centre, St Vincent's School, Be in Hope home for homeless young boys, support for Internally Displaced Persons, Vocational Training opportunities, and more. Thanks to your previous generous donations, SVDP South Sudan have been able to continue operating. But more support is needed. As inflation soars, costs grow, and demand increases, SVDP South Sudan need your help to ensure their projects can continue. All donations, big or small, are hugely appreciated.

<https://fundraising.svp.org.uk/page/134642/donate/1>

### Our Local SVP Conference

If anyone would like to get involved with our local SVP, or learn more, please come to **our next meeting on Thursday 31st October at 6pm**, in the meeting room at the back of St Theresa's church. You would be most welcome!



### Weekly Timetable

<b>Sat 26th Oct</b>	6pm Mass, St Peter's	
<b>Sunday 27th Oct</b> <i>30th Sunday</i>	9am Mass, St Theresa's with Children's Liturgy 11am Mass, St George's	<i>All Parishioners</i>  <i>Michael Milner RIP</i>
<b>Tues 29th Oct</b>	10am Mass, St George's 7pm Mass, St Theresa's <i>Fr Celestine</i>	
<b>Wed 30th Oct</b>	7pm Mass, St Theresa's	<i>Margaret McGuigan RIP</i> & <i>Elizabeth Strahan RIP</i>
<b>Thurs 31st Oct</b>	10am Mass, St George's followed by Adoration  7pm Mass, St Theresa's <i>Fr Celestine</i>	
<b>Vigil of All Saints</b>		
<b>Fri 1st Nov</b> <b>All Saints</b>	10am Mass, St Theresa's 6pm Mass, St George's 7pm Mass, St Theresa's <i>Fr Celestine</i>	
<b>Sat 2nd Nov</b> <b>All Souls</b>	10am Mass, St Theresa's 6pm Mass, St Peter's	<i>Holy Souls</i>
<b>Sunday 3rd Nov</b> <i>31st Sunday</i>	9am Mass, St Theresa's 11am Mass, St George's	<i>Amelia Lowndes RIP</i> <i>Malcolm Allwright RIP</i>

### Special Collections 2024

Sunday 27th October — DEC/CAFOD Middle East Collection  
Sunday 10th November — Retired Priests Fund

### Middle East Humanitarian Appeal

The DEC, of which CAFOD is a part, has launched an appeal because the "conflict in the Middle East is devastating lives. Millions of people across Gaza, Lebanon and the wider region, urgently need shelter, food and basic supplies." You can donate via [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk) or [dec.org.uk](http://dec.org.uk) and there will also be a collection this weekend.

### The New Lectionary: God's Word in the Liturgy

#### Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November: What is a Lectionary?

Fr Paul Wilkinson will explore the origins of the lectionary, and how the scriptures are now arranged in the Liturgy of the Word.

#### Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November: So What's New?

Fr Tony will look at how the scriptures are translated, and how this new translation can help us, focusing on the readings of the coming year.

#### St Theresa's Church

**Mass: 7pm** Followed by refreshments.

**Talk: 7:45pm** Followed by questions and discussion.

**Night Prayer: 9pm.**



The talks will also be shared over Zoom.

Contact [tony.milner@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:tony.milner@abdiocese.org.uk) for a link.

**This week the foodbank needs:** Biscuits; Breakfast Cereal (not porridge); Curry Sauce; Deodorant; Long Life Orange Juice; Loo Rolls; Shaving Foam/Gel; and Tinned Meat.