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**16<sup>th</sup> Jan 2022: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Year**  
**Sunday: Year C Weekdays: Year 2, Week 2**

**Fr. Tony Writes:**

**Who got married at Cana?**

Although the actual wedding at Cana is not the main theme of the story (we don't hear anything about the bride and groom), nevertheless, the Church has seen it as a sign of the goodness of marriage. Perhaps the anonymity of the couple allows any couple to, as it were, take their place, and know that Jesus is present in their marriage also. We are planning to celebrate marriage in a few weeks time—please see the details in the note lower down on this page.

**The Bartimaeus Project**

I am involved with some others in the diocese in putting together a series of sessions on our Catholic Faith. We have called it "The Bartimaeus Project" because of Bartimaeus' request of 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 sessions will be delivered both 'really' and 'virtually'. The speaker each time will have a real audience, and the talk part of the session will be streamed to audiences in other locations, and also available online. After the talk there will be a chance for discussion, led by someone at each location. Then there will be a final part where questions can be put back to the speaker from the other locations.

The first sessions will be on our understanding of Revelation—how God speaks to us—and the Bible. There will be four sessions in March, beginning on Tuesday 1st March (shrove Tuesday), 7:30pm. Watch this space for details of speakers and venues.

**Celebrating Marriage**



The 5:30pm Mass on Saturday 12th February will be a celebration of Marriage. We invite any married couple in our parishes who has celebrated a 'significant'\* anniversary in the past year, or who will do so in the coming year, to let the parish office know, so that we can give thanks and pray for you at that Mass.

COVID permitting, there will be refreshments after the Mass, including something fizzy....

*\*We are not going to define 'significant'. Obviously it includes the ones associated with gemstones and precious metals, but one year is also significant—we would love to have some newlyweds. Any anniversary that is significant to you is significant enough for us!*

**Peace Sunday**

This Sunday is Peace Sunday. The theme chosen for 2022 by Pope Francis is: **"Education, work and dialogue between generations: tools for building lasting peace"**. For more information on the work of Pax Christi see: [paxchristi.org.uk](http://paxchristi.org.uk).



*The 2<sup>nd</sup> collection this weekend will be for Pax Christi.*

## Please pray for

All who are sick in the parish, especially Pietro Addis and Jean Ryan. Also those who have died recently, especially Nathalie Soff, those who have been recently bereaved and those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

## First Holy Communion

The First Holy Communion preparation begins on Saturday 22nd January, 10am, at St Theresa's. Please return any application forms ASAP, if you have not already done so. There is still time to join. If you have a child in Year 3 or above who has not yet made their first communion, they are eligible to join the programme. **Please contact Fr. Tony, or the parish office for an application form as soon as possible.**



## Future Governors Fair

Monday 17th January 2022, 6.30-7.30pm,  
Newman College (top gate),  
The Upper Drive, Hove.

Have you ever considered serving your local parish community by becoming a School Governor? It is an incredibly fulfilling role, having an impact on future generations as you give back; but how can you know whether it is right for you? The Diocese will be leading a short, informal event for anyone who is interested in finding out more about governance. Come and join us for a short talk and the opportunity to meet and speak to current governors and priests from across the Deanery of Brighton & Hove, over a glass of wine or soft drink. That way you can find out what it really involves and whether it might be something you would be interested in, now or in future months or years. Feel free to turn up and find out more.

## Weekly Timetable

<b>Saturday 15th Jan</b>	4:45 - 5:15pm Confessions 5:30pm Mass, St Theresa's	All Parishioners
<b>Sunday 16th Jan</b> <i>2nd Sunday of the year</i>	9am Mass, St Theresa's 11am Mass, St George's	Int. of Hillu Martin Fr. David Weston RIP
Monday 17th Jan <i>St Anthony of Egypt</i>	6pm Mass St Joseph's, Elm Grove	Mass with Evening Prayer, See below.
Tuesday 18th Jan	10am Mass, St George's	Holy Souls
Wednesday 19th Jan	6:30pm Adoration 7:30pm Mass, St Theresa's	Elizabeth Lee & Mary Miller RIP
Thursday 20th Jan	10am Mass, St George's	Patricia Weatherseed RIP
Friday 21st Jan <i>St Agnes</i>	10am Mass, St Theresa's	Mary Barry RIP
<b>Saturday 22nd Jan</b>	4:45 - 5:15pm Confessions 5:30pm Mass, St Theresa's	
<b>Sunday 23rd Jan</b> <i>3rd Sunday of the year</i>	9am Mass, St Theresa's 11am Mass, St George's	

## Mass with Evening Prayer on Mondays

From Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January, and Mondays thereafter, the Worth Benedictine monks in Brighton ("*Monks in the City*") invite you to join them for Evening Prayer (Vespers), following the evening Mass, **6pm to 7pm in St Joseph's, Elm Grove.** All are most welcome.



## JOIN OUR TEAM

The Diocese is seeking to recruit a full time **Events & Meetings Administrator** to support the work of our Formation Team.

The successful candidate will provide administrative support for a range of events and projects and will be based at the St Philip Howard Centre in Crawley. To find out more about this exciting and rewarding opportunity please visit our website: [www.abdiocese.org.uk/careers](http://www.abdiocese.org.uk/careers) or contact E: [amanda.jones@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:amanda.jones@abdiocese.org.uk)