



Parish of Our Lady Star of the Sea

*Serving Southwick, Portslade,
Hangleton and West Blatchington*

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Cottesmore: www.cottesmore.brighton-hove.sch.uk

Cardinal Newman: www.cncs.co.uk



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Catholics West Hove

www.facebook.com/groups/1510048742698794/

The collection at the Christmas Masses is your personal gift to Fr Tony and one of his principal sources of personal income. You can gift-aid your donation. You can give either via the collection (using envelopes if you wish) or via the 'Dona' contactless device. If you use an envelope and have a gift aid number, please write that number on the envelope.

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve

5:30pm, St Theresa's

9pm, St George's (Polish)

'Midnight' Mass will be available at St Peter's, Portland Road, Hove, and the Sacred Heart, Norton Road, Hove.

Christmas Day

9am, St Theresa's

11am, St George's

1pm, St George's (Polish)

Glory to God in the highest

24th Dec 2023: 4th Sunday of Advent, Year B

Weekdays: Octave of Christmas

Fr Tony Writes:

As I announced at the Masses last week, there are to be some changes to Masses in the coming year. The principle change is the amalgamation of the Saturday evening Masses at St Theresa's and St Peter's. From January there will be no 5:30 Saturday Mass at St Theresa's, and I will be celebrating the 6pm Mass at St Peter's. Confessions will be 5:15-5:45 at St Peter's.

The 9:15 am Polish Mass will also come to an end, and instead there will be a 9:30 am Polish Mass at St Mary Magdalene's in Brighton.

These changes are partly a consequence of the falling number of clergy. But they also represent a certain 'consolidation'. There will be further changes 'down the road' for the whole deanery as the Bishop's pastoral plan, (see below) the fruit of several years of consultation and reflection, reshapes the way we develop the mission of the Church in our parishes, deaneries, and diocese.

Bishop Richard's Pastoral Plan for the Diocese



Bishop Richard has written a Pastoral Plan for the diocese, which will be released in the New Year: 'The Word Who is Life: The Call to Mission'.

As society becomes more secular, our parishes must be ever-clearer beacons of light guiding people to Christ. The new Plan highlights how our community of faith can embrace this important time of renewal, forging diocesan parishes into communities of saints and strong, lively, and welcoming schools of discipleship. The Pastoral Plan will be released on the diocesan website on Tuesday 2nd January:

www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/pastoral-plan.

With printed copies available to read in each parish.

Bishop Richard met with members of Clergy earlier this month and will be hosting a Pastoral Plan Webinar for people across our diocesan community on **Wednesday 10th January at 7:30pm**.

Please use the following the link to join the webinar:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86457734895>.

This link will be available to 'click' on the front page of the parish website. We will also be 'screening' the webinar at St Theresa's after the 7pm Mass. (The 'reMarkable' talks have been postponed by a week to enable this.)

The Season of Christmas

Tuesday 26th Dec (St Stephen), 10am Mass, St George's

Wednesday 27th, NO MASS

Thursday 28th to Sunday 31st: normal Mass times

New Year's Day: Mary Mother of God

Mass 10am, St George's

Tuesday 2nd Jan, NO MASS

Wed 3rd to Fri 5th: normal Mass times

6-7th January: The Epiphany

Sat 6th: 6pm Vigil Mass, St Peter's, Hove

Sunday 7th: normal Mass times



Please Pray For...

All who are sick in the parish particularly:

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

Those on our regular prayer list including:

Marion Shannon, Elizabeth Smith, Winifred Wilde, Sandra Yelbeck, Hanorah & Mat Smith.

Those who have died recently especially:

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



We have had so many lovely Christmas donations, and now some of our 'every day' shelves are looking bare. If you are able to donate this week, we would be very grateful for :

UHT milk, loo rolls, razors, squash, laundry tabs or pods.

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

*May God, who willed that the great joy of his Son's saving birth be announced to the shepherds by the angel, fill your minds with the gladness he gives, and make you heralds of his Gospel.
Fr Tony (from the Christmas blessing)*

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. *Thank you for your prayers.*

Crib Offering 2023

To support the Catholic Children's Society A&B Crisis Fund

The Catholic Children's Society (CCS) is helping local families in crisis who are struggling to put food on the table, keep warm and provide a safe home for their children.

There are many more vulnerable families in need of support and our parish will be donating our Crib Offering to support this important work. Every penny donated will be given out via CCS's A&B Crisis Fund to support local families in need. You can donate in church using the gift aid envelopes provided, or via our new 'Dona' contactless giving device, alternatively donate via the CCS website:

www.cathchild.org.uk/crib/



Weekly Timetable

Sat 23rd Dec	Confession 4:45-5:15pm 5:30pm Mass, St Theresa's	<i>All parishioners</i>
Sunday 24th Dec <i>4th Sunday of Advent</i> <i>Expectant Mothers</i>	8:30am Morning Prayer 9am Mass, St Theresa's 11am Mass, St George's	<i>Vivien Milner RIP</i>
Christmas Eve	5:30pm Vigil Mass of Christmas, St Theresa's	<i>All parishioners</i>
Christmas Day	9am Mass, St Theresa's 11am Mass, St George's	
Tuesday 26th Dec <i>St Stephen</i>	10am Mass, St George's	
Wed 27th Dec <i>St John</i>	No Mass	
Thurs 28th Dec <i>Holy Innocents</i>	10am Mass, St George's <i>Adoration to 10:45</i>	
Fri 29th Dec <i>St Thomas of Canterbury</i>	10am Mass, St Theresa's <i>Adoration to 10:45</i>	
Sat 30th Dec	Confession 4:45-5:15pm 5:30pm Mass, St Theresa's	
Sunday 31st Dec <i>Holy Family</i>	9am Mass, St Theresa's 11am Mass, St George's	<i>All Parishioners</i> <i>Guilo Pires RIP</i>

Parish office closed this week.

FHC Prayer Sponsors

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

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Note changes of dates (owing to the Bishop's webinar being on 10th Jan)

A series of talks on the Gospel of Mark

Wednesday, 17th & 24th January, & 7th February, St Theresa's, 7:45pm. (Mass 7pm, followed by refreshments.)

This year on Sundays we will be hearing the Gospel of Mark. It is the shortest and most dynamic of Gospels. 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? The first session on the 17th January, will be a 'read through' of the whole Gospel, after a brief 'scene setting' to try to 'capture' its atmosphere. Then on the 24th January and the 7th February we will look more closely at key features and themes of Mark's story of Jesus.

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/