



Parish of Our Lady Star of the Sea

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Special Collections 2024

Sunday 21st April

Education of Priests (Gift Aid)

Sunday 12th May

World Communications Sunday



Gift Aid

Gift Aid Envelopes for 2024/2025 are now available to collect from our churches. Please note that your box number may have changed from last year.

Email: ga.westhove@abdiocese.org.uk



21st April 2024: Fourth 'Good Shepherd' Sunday of Easter, Year B: Weekdays: Week 4 of Easter Day of Prayer for Vocations

Bishop Richard's Weekly Reflection

Dear brothers and sisters,

In the second reading of this Sunday, St John writes of the Christian vocation: "Loved by the Father, called to be God's children living lives that will take us to see Him". John invites us to think about the wonder of this calling, this journey, to think about the love that God bestows upon us. It is our life's work to grow in our understanding and true appreciation of the depth and wonder of this gift. It is from this baptismal calling – for this journey begins there – that our very lives flow. This is the starting point for vocation, for discipleship.

We do not make this journey alone – whether our discipleship be expressed in the vocation of marriage, as a single person, in vowed and religious life, or in the sharing in the ministerial priesthood as deacon, priest or bishop. It is God Who calls. Jesus, the **Good Shepherd**, accompanies us every step of the way, laying down His life for us and the Holy Spirit – in the gifts we receive – is our strength. All is gift. All is the love of God.

It is this context, in this reflection on God's love in His call to every one of us, that the whole Church prays on this, "**Good Shepherd Sunday**" especially for vocations to priesthood and to religious life. Please pray for all those across our diocesan family who sense this call, who are discerning their way, those in our Vianney Group. Please pray for our seminary students, for those embarking on religious life; for those preparing for diaconate and those who will join them this year.

Pray in thanksgiving for all the religious, deacons and priests of our diocese. Give thanks for the response they have given to the specific call they have answered, and for the tremendous gift of service that they are for the Church and the world.

With every blessing,

+ Richard

Baptism Preparation

Our next preparation course for parents who want to have their children baptised will start this Thursday (25th April) and conclude next Thursday (2nd May), 7pm at St Theresa's, in the back room. New parents, soon-to-be new-parents, babies, siblings and godparents all welcome!

Missio Red Boxes

In 2023 St Theresa's raised **£1,391.55** through our Red Boxes and donations to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries.

Thank you! Our missionary community here at St Theresa's is part of a worldwide network of people supporting missionaries overseas through prayer and financial assistance. Your support of Missionary Priests, like Fr Ignatius working with a rural community in Uganda, enables people to come together to celebrate the Eucharist and to work together to improve the lives of the whole community. Visit missio.org.uk to find out more.



We continue to pray for the people of Ukraine. More info: cbcew.org.uk/category/cbcew/international/countries/ukraine/

Please Pray For...

All who are sick in the parish, particularly:

Cheryl Evans and Winifred Wilde.

Those on our regular prayer list including:

Maria Parente, Marion Shannon, Paddy Dixon, Sandra Yelbeck, Terry Phipps and Tom Hulse.

Those who have died recently especially:

Patrick McCauley and Martin Siney.

As well as those whose anniversaries occur this month.

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

Welcomers

We are in need of a few more welcomers at the 9am Mass at St Theresa's please. We are more than happy for families to do it together, so if you have little ones, don't let that put you off! Equally, if you would like to put yourself forward to be paired up with another volunteer, that would be great too! Please email the office.

Parish Giving — Ways to Give

- ◆ By setting up a standing order using these details:

Account name: RCD Arundel and Brighton Our Lady Star of the Sea.

Sort Code: 40-05-20.

Account number: 41076558.



- ◆ By putting a cheque in the collection or sending it to the Parish Office.

Make the cheque payable to:

RCD Arundel and Brighton Our Lady Star of the Sea.

- ◆ Online, by scanning the QR Code.

Remember to add giftaid if you are a UK tax payer.

Upcoming Events: Put them in your diary now!

Tue 23rd April: Feast of St George

Mass at St George's, 7pm, followed by refreshments (no 10am Mass).

Sun 28th April: Celebration of Marriage

See the box on the right for more details.

Sun 12th May: First Holy Communion

Mass St Theresa's, 11am. (This replaces the 9am Mass.)

Sun 19th May: First Holy Communion Mass

St George's, 11am.

Sun 9th June: FHC Celebration Mass and Certificate Giving

St George's, 11am, followed by shared Lunch.

Sunday 30th June: Deanery Confirmations

Arundel Cathedral, 3pm.

Sun 7th July: Parish and School Mass and Fete

St Mary's School, Portslade. This will replace our Sunday morning Masses. Save the date! Details to follow.



Weekly Timetable

Sat 20th April	10am-12pm FHC Prep, St Theresa's 5:15 — 5:45pm Confessions, St Peter's 6pm Mass, St Peter's	
Sunday 21st April <i>4th Sunday of Easter & Day of Prayer for Vocations</i>	9am Mass, St Theresa's With St Mary's School & FHC Families 11am Mass, St George's	<i>Anna Zambito RIP</i> <i>All Parishioners</i>
Tues 23rd April <i>St George</i>	10:30 Tea & Chat, St George's 7pm Mass, St George's followed by refreshments 7pm Mass, St Theresa's (FC)	<i>Diana Pires Ints</i>
Wed 24th April	7pm Mass, St Theresa's	<i>Christine Roe RIP</i>
Thurs 25th April <i>St Mark</i>	10am Mass, St George's followed by Adoration 6pm Mass, St Theresa's (FC) 7pm Baptism Course, St Theresa's back room	<i>Gee Family & Friends RIP</i>
Fri 26th April	10am Mass, St Theresa's followed by Adoration 7pm Mass, St Theresa's (FC)	
Sat 27th April	5:15 — 5:45pm Confessions, St Peter's 6pm Mass, St Peter's	
Sunday 28th April <i>5th Sunday of Easter</i>	9am Mass, St Theresa's with Children's Liturgy 11am Mass, St George's Celebration of Marriage, followed by shared lunch	<i>William, Elizabeth & Margaret McNulty RIP</i> <i>John Doyle RIP</i>

Sunday 28th April: Celebration of Marriage

At our usual 11am Mass at St George's on Sunday 28th April we will be celebrating Marriage, and we will give a particular welcome to couples celebrating significant wedding anniversaries. Followed by a shared lunch, with fizz and cake (of course!). *If you have had or will have a 'significant' wedding anniversary this year, do let us know via the parish office. (You can decide whether the anniversary is significant!)*



The UK Egyptian Coptic Association

As we have mentioned recently, the Coptic Association are using St Theresa's church regularly in the early mornings. They will also be using **St George's church** on Sunday mornings (approx. 7:00am—10:00am). We are currently still finalising arrangements. Once that is done we will publicise more details. If you see the carpark full in the morning, that is a sign that they are at prayer!