



Parish of Our Lady Star of the Sea

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Cardinal Newman: www.cncs.co.uk



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Catholics West Hove

www.facebook.com/groups/1510048742698794/

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. If you would prefer to have the envelopes posted to your home address, please let me know.

I will be producing the end of year tax statements in the next couple of weeks.

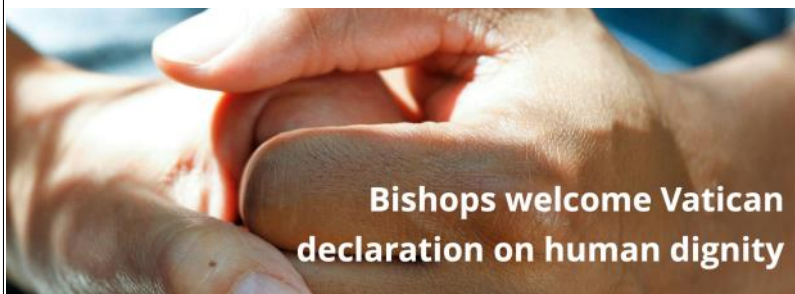
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14th April 2024: Third Sunday of Easter, Year B:

Weekdays: 3rd Week of Easter

From the Diocese



**Bishops welcome Vatican
declaration on human dignity**

Bishop Richard and Bishop John Sherrington have welcomed the Vatican declaration on human dignity Dignitas Infinita which was released by the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith on Monday (8 April). In a joint statement issued on behalf of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales (CBCEW), Bishop Richard and Bishop John said:

In our troubled times, it is important for Christians to proclaim the inherent and unconditional dignity of all human beings, without exception, as being the basis for authentic human rights. Although human rights have increasingly been codified in secular documents, such as in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, our dignity and rights originate in the Gospel preached by Christ. As Cardinal Fernandez states in presenting the document: 'we cannot separate faith from the defence of human dignity, evangelisation from the promotion of a dignified life, and spirituality from a commitment to the dignity of every human being.'

There are many areas where human dignity is misunderstood and human rights are under attack. These include questions about the dignity of human life from conception to natural death as well as the recognition of the unity of the person, body and soul, created as masculine and feminine. Although our faith and reason teach us that human rights are inviolable and apply to the most vulnerable in society including the unborn, our abortion laws promote a false understanding of human dignity based on age, level of development, and mental capacity rather than on our shared humanity from conception until natural death. In addition, our laws and culture must allow us to recognise the difference between and complementarity of male and female whilst resisting the sometimes intolerant imposition of a gender theory that 'cancels differences in its claim to make everyone equal.'

"We also echo the Dicastery's call to bring an end to all war and end the scourge of violence within our local communities and in our homes. There is an urgent need for all of us to be peacemakers. This requires us to welcome migrants, work to tackle human trafficking and speak up for women who 'endure situations of exclusion, mistreatment, and violence' (Dignitas Infinita, 44)."

The promotion and defence of human dignity continues to be at the heart of the mission of the Catholic Church in England and Wales; to read the Vatican's declaration on human dignity, Dignitas Infinita, search for, "Vatican Dignitas Infinita".

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:

Florence Davis, Hanorah & Mat Smith, Jean Ryan, Julie Laker, Kathleen Davis and Margaret Gilligan.

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!

Sunday 21st April: School Mass

St Theresa's, 9am. The Mass will be animated by St Mary's School. Our First Holy Communion candidates will also be contributing.

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 13th April <i>St Martin</i>	5:15 — 5:45pm Confessions, St Peter's 6pm Mass, St Peter's	
Sun 14th April <i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i>	9am Mass, St Theresa's 11am Mass, St George's	<i>All Parishioners Lydia Pereire & Garcinah Lopes RIP</i>
Tues 16th April	7pm Mass, St Theresa's	
Wed 17th April	7pm Mass, St Theresa's	
Thurs 18th April	7pm Mass, St Theresa's	
Fri 19th April	7pm Mass, St Theresa's	<i>Brigid Hannon, Lily Nulty & Ada McNaught RIP</i>
Sat 20th April	10am-12pm FHC Prep, St Theresa's 5:15 — 5:45pm Confessions, St Peter's 6pm Mass, St Peter's	
Sun 21st April <i>4th Sunday of Easter & World Day of Prayer for Vocations</i>	9am Mass, St Theresa's <i>With St Mary's School & FHC Families</i> 11am Mass, St George's	<i>Anna Zambito RIP All Parishioners</i>

Fr Tony is away this week

Fr Paul was due to be celebrating the Masses while he is away, but has been down with a virus and is only slowly recovering. Various priests will be helping with the Sunday Masses (at the time of writing this is still being finalised). There will be no morning Masses during the week, but Fr Celestine will be celebrating evening Masses at St Theresa's, Tuesday — Friday at 7pm. Fr Tony will be back next weekend.

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!)*



Lourdes Pilgrimage July 2024

We have been blessed with applications this year, so much so that we have had to close a number of categories early. We still have some transport and accommodation spaces for Helpers / Clinicians / Chaplains (especially those who can push wheelchairs to help our male assisted pilgrims), and we have accommodation space for (able) Pilgrims who are able to make their own way to Lourdes.