



Parish of Our Lady Star of the Sea

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**23rd April 2023: 3rd Sunday of Easter
Weekdays: 3rd week of Easter**

Fr Tony Writes

As we continue to celebrate Easter (five more weeks of Eastertide to go!) perhaps we can try to think of ways we can live this new life we have received from Jesus.



Some of our young people will be celebrating this new life by receiving Jesus in Holy Communion for the first time. Please keep them in your prayers. This week's Gospel story reflects the Mass, because in it Jesus first expounds the Scriptures, and then is revealed to the disciples in the Breaking of Bread.

One aspect of living our new life is through service. And one beautiful way of doing this is through the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes. The pilgrimage organisers need more helpers. I did this many times when I was a seminarian, and it is a profound experience. I realise it is costly, both in terms of giving of ourselves, and financially. I can't help you with the former, but if there are any young people for whom the financial outlay would be too much for them or their family, the parish will offer a subsidy. We will then have a second collection towards that subsidy.

In a couple of weeks time, as well as the First Holy Communion at St Theresa's, King Charles will be making his commitment of service. The Bishop has asked us to hold a Mass the evening before for our King, and so on Friday 5th May our Mass will be at 7:30pm and will be offered for King Charles.

Special Collections

Next weekend's second collection will be for the Education of Priests.

First Holy Communion

Please pray for Noah F, Iggy, Tala, Laura, Diana, Noah I, Alan, Daniel, Aurelia, Edward, Roland, Leo, Sienna, Dominic, Sören, Millie, Jarlath, Bruno, Summer, Alessandro, Hania, Ala and Jonathan who will be making their First Holy Communion soon. This week's Sunday Mass at St George's will be a 'commentated' Mass, in which elements of the Mass will be explained throughout the service.

We will also be celebrating St George on that day!

First Holy Communion Pop-Up Shop

There will be a few FHC cards, decorations and gifts available to buy after Mass at St Theresa's this Sunday (23rd) and next Sunday (30th).



*First Holy
Communion*

Please Pray For:

All who are sick in the parish, particularly Michael Wilkinson, Elizabeth Hopkins, Alphonso Iacono, Peter Rolph, Cheryl Evans, Julie Laker, and those on our regular prayer list including, Malcolm Allright, Florence Davis, Kathleen Davis, Paddy Dixon and Margaret Gilligan.

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

Please also pray for those who have died recently especially, Philip Porritt (Funeral, St George's, Wednesday 26th April, 1:30pm), Veronica Lloyd and Fr David Russell (Funeral Friday 28th April, 12noon, St Thomas of Canterbury, Magdalen Road, St Leonards- on-Sea, TN37 6ET).

Gift Aid Envelopes



The envelopes for 2023/2024 are now available. The boxes are labelled and ready to be collected from the back of both churches. Please note; your box number may have changed due to the merging of the church finances. If you cannot see a box with your name on, but are expecting one, please email the office to let Juliette know. Likewise, if you would like to give by Standing Order in future, email the office for the relevant forms.



St George's Day

Although St George's day is on the 24th April this year (because a Sunday of Easter takes precedence), we will be marking the feast at St George's church during the Third Sunday of Easter, today. There will be extra refreshments in the hall afterwards!

Please do come and join us!

Weekly Timetable

Saturday 22nd April	10am: FHC Session 6, St George's 4:45 — 5:15pm Confessions 5:30pm Mass, St Theresa's	<i>Christine Roe RIP</i>
Sunday 23rd April <i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i> St George	9am Mass, St Theresa's with Children's Liturgy 11am Mass, St George's With FHC families	<i>Melita & Charles Muscat RIP</i> <i>All Parishioners</i>
Tuesday 25th April St Mark	10am Mass, St George's Followed by Tea & Chat	
Wed 26th April	1:30pm Funeral Mass of Philip Porritt, St George's 7:30pm Mass, St Theresa's Adoration to 8:30pm	<i>William, Elizabeth & Margaret McNulty RIP</i>
Thursday 27th April	10am Mass, St George's	<i>Gee family deceased members & friends</i>
Friday 28th April St Peter Chanel	No Mass	<i>Fr David Russell's funeral, St Leonard's</i>
Saturday 29th April St Catherine of Siena	4:45 — 5:15pm Confessions 5:30pm Mass, St Theresa's	<i>Recovery of Elizabeth Hopkins</i>
Sunday 30th April <i>4th Sunday of Easter</i> <i>Good Shepherd</i> World Day of Prayer for Vocations	9am Mass, St Theresa's School Mass 11am Mass, St George's	<i>All Parishioners</i>



The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Applications from pilgrims requiring assistance to journey with the Diocese Pilgrimage to Lourdes this summer are back to pre-Covid numbers – which is wonderful news, but it does mean we now need lots of helpers, nurses and HCA's to apply to make sure we have enough people to care for them in Lourdes.

"Being a helper is an act of service that many of us do not get to offer during our day to day lives. Giving our time and care for a week in Lourdes can make such a positive impact on the life and wellbeing of the people we help, and ourselves. There are many ways that you can help someone, the first step is to apply!". Further information and a link to the application is available on the [Lourdes Pilgrimage \(abdiocese.org.uk\) website](http://Lourdes Pilgrimage (abdiocese.org.uk) website).

The diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place 28th July to 3rd August for those travelling by air, or 27th July to 4th August for those travelling by coach or jumbulance. The cost for Helpers and Clinicians is £680 (subsidised) or £850 full price. There are further subsidies which may be available. Thank you, The Pilgrimage Office Team.

The parish may be able to offer a contribution towards the helpers cost also. Speak to Fr Tony.