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*Serving Southwick, Portslade,  
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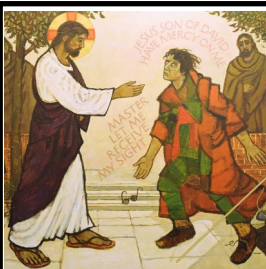
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### New keys for St Theresa's

We have installed new external locks at St Theresa's. Keyholders that we are aware of will be contacted. If you need a key and we have not contacted you, please contact Fr Tony or Juliette via the parish office.



### The Bartimaeus Project

is a formation programme on our Catholic Faith. The title "The Bartimaeus Project" comes from Bartimaeus' request to 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 first series of sessions will be in March, beginning on **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 7:30pm**. The first session is entitled:

**'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening'  
God's Revelation.**

Further sessions in the month will deepen our understanding of Revelation—how God speaks to us—and the Bible. Each session will be led by a speaker in their parish hall or church, and streamed to other participating parishes, where there will be a chance to discuss the talk afterwards. People will also be able to participate from home via zoom. More information can be found at: [bartimaeus-project.org](http://bartimaeus-project.org)

**13<sup>th</sup> February 2022: 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year**  
**Sunday: Year C Weekdays: Year 2, Week 6**

### Fr. Tony Writes:

This week the readings invite us to consider what are sometimes referred to as 'the two ways'. The first reading and the psalm are very similar, contrasting the way of the just and the way of the wicked.

This theme of choosing between good and bad, truth and lie, light and dark, is very common in the Scriptures. After the Conquest, Joshua challenges the people with the choice of following the Lord or other Gods. The wisdom books such as Proverbs, Ecclesiasticus and the Book of Wisdom are full of contrasts between the righteous and the wicked, between wisdom and foolishness.

Paul, in talking of the Resurrection, contrasts hope in this life only, and hope in the resurrection. And in the Gospel Jesus makes a very challenging contrast between those who are to be said to be 'happy' and whose fate is less favourable!

A striking aspect of this Gospel passage is that, the poor, the hungry, those who weep, the persecuted are said to be happy *now*. This sounds paradoxical. How can those who weep be happy? To some extent this is based on what is to come: you *shall* be satisfied, you *shall* laugh. Yet in some senses the cause for happiness is a present reality: yours *is* the Kingdom of God.

Elsewhere in the scriptures, of course, the emphasis is not on our material situation, but rather on what we place our trust in. The rich, those who have plenty to eat, those who do not face personal suffering, are in danger of placing their trust in the continuation of their good fortune. Whereas, of course, all these things must eventually fail us.

Perhaps one of our biggest weaknesses is our desire to be thought well of. In our times, when faith in God is seen as at best a quaint throwback by many, acknowledging our Christian faith puts us at risk of ridicule, if not overtly then at least in what people think of us. Watching the Brits the other evening I noted that some of the award recipients made a clear point of thanking God in their acceptance speeches. As far as I am aware all the commentators passed over this phenomenon in silence!



## Please pray for

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



## World Day of Prayer, Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2pm.

Southwick Methodist Church.

This year's theme is: 'I know the plans I have for you.' All are welcome.

## Ecumenical Prayer Walk

11am Sat 26<sup>th</sup> Feb, Southwick Methodist Church - to the square. Come along!

## Lourdes 2022



Each year, the diocese takes more than 700 pilgrims to Lourdes to visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes. Our group includes 130 pilgrims who are sick, disabled, frail or elderly and need our help to make the journey. Our pilgrimage is 'Love In Action', we journey to Lourdes to serve each other and to renew our commitment to walk with Jesus Christ with the help of Our Lady and St Bernadette.

Applications are now open for this year's Pilgrimage (29<sup>th</sup> July to 4<sup>th</sup> August 2022). You can find out more and book at: [www.abdiocese.org.uk/lourdes](http://www.abdiocese.org.uk/lourdes)

**This weekend's second collection is for the Diocesan Lourdes Fund. The fund helps to finance pilgrims who would otherwise be unable to go. It can be gift-aided in the normal way, or through the special envelopes which can be found at the back of the church.**

## Weekly Timetable

<b>Saturday 12th Feb</b>	4:45 - 5:15pm Confessions 5:30pm Mass, St Theresa's	For families
<b>Sunday 13th Feb</b> <b>6th Sunday of the year</b>	9am Mass, St Theresa's 11am Mass, St George's	Eileen Sheenan RIP All Parishioners
Tuesday 15th Feb	10am Mass, St George's	The Martin Family
Wednesday 16th Feb	6:30pm Adoration 7:30pm Mass, St Theresa's	Chris Monaghan RIP
Thursday 17th Feb	10am Mass, St George's	Patricia Wetherseed RIP
Friday 18th Feb	10am Mass, St Theresa's	Lucy Hindley & Isabella Horton RIP
<b>Saturday 19th Feb</b>	4:45 - 5:15pm Confessions 5:30pm Mass, St Theresa's	All Parishioners
<b>Sunday 20th Feb</b> <b>7th Sunday of the year</b>	9am Mass, St Theresa's 11am Mass, St George's	Mary Phylis Dixon RIP Pat Donaghy RIP

## Second Collections 2022

This weekend's second collection is for:  
*Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund (Gift Aid)*  
Next weekend's second collection is for:  
*Racial Justice Sunday*



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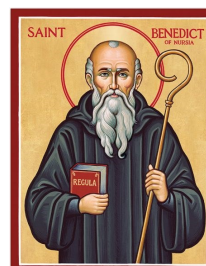
## WORTH ABBEY EVENTS

### The Wisdom of St Benedict

15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> Feb Led by Fr Martin McGee OSB. Fr Martin will explore the riches of St Benedict's Rule, a guide to living out the Christian life in all its fullness. The following topics will be covered:

- *Stability* – Becoming rooted in Christ;
- *Humility* – Learning how to become oneself;
- *Lectio Divina* – Finding nourishment in God's Word;
- *Christian leadership* – Serving Christ in others.

Opportunities for meeting with a monk are also available.



### Time Out

21<sup>st</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> February (Mon-Fri) & 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> March (Fri-Sun).

Individual retreats with the opportunity to meet with a member of the Monastic Community. Start the new year by getting away and having time to process, to reflect and to pray. This is a week set aside from the normal retreat programme to offer time for a bit of sanctuary so you can do whatever you need to do with plenty of being time in between. There will be no set programme other than the usual monastic services and the regular mealtimes.

For more details on either of these see: [worth.co.uk/retreats](http://worth.co.uk/retreats)

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