



Parish of Our Lady Star of the Sea

*Serving Southwick, Portslade,
Hangleton and West Blatchington*

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www.stmarys.brighton-hove.sch.uk

Also serving the parishes:

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/

Advent and Christmas

Here is a list of what is going on as we prepare for Christmas.

Candlelit Carol Service

Sunday 10th December, 6pm, St Michael's, Southwick

Carols and Mince Pies

Saturday 16th December, 3pm, St George's

Blessing of Cribs & Decorating of Trees

Sunday 17th December, at the 9 & 11am Masses

Children & their families will be invited to help put the figures in the cribs during Mass, and to decorate the trees after Mass. Possibly a recipe for chaos....

Advent Penitential Service

Sunday 17th December, 3pm, St Theresa's

A short service followed by adoration and the opportunity for individual Confessions.

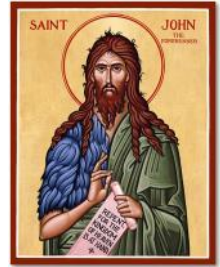
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Coming Soon: A short series of talks on St Mark's Gospel by Fr Tony. This year on Sundays we will be hearing the Gospel of Mark. It is the shortest and most dynamic of Gospels. Fr Tony has studied Mark and taught about the Gospel for many years. Come and discover more. Starting 10th January!

10th Dec 2023: 2nd Sunday of Advent, Year B
Weekdays: Advent Week 2

Fr Tony Writes:

John the Baptist accompanies us for the next two Sundays. Today we hear the opening verses of Mark's Gospel, which tell us about the ministry of John. Next week another John — the evangelist — will tell us more about his namesake.



John is a mysterious figure in some senses. We are told of his birth in Luke's Gospel. We hear about his baptising in all four gospels. We also hear of his death at the hands of Herod. We also hear in various places that he had followers, disciples. Indeed those disciples are still around later, as they are mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles. But we know little of the rest of his life.

The key purpose of John the Baptist is that he points us to Jesus. His birth is a sign pointing to the birth of Jesus. His baptism prepares the way for Jesus. His martyr's death foreshadows that of Jesus. Yet at one point even he is unsure, "Are you the one to come or do we have to wait for another?" he asks at one point.

In Advent John points us to Jesus. But perhaps, like John, we are a bit unsure at times. It is OK to ask questions, but, like John, we ask them in trust and hope, knowing that we do not have to understand everything to follow Jesus!

Some have asked us about the words we sing for the 'Holy, Holy':
Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus, Dominus, Deus Sabaoth (x2)
It means 'Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of Hosts'.

MISSIO Red Boxes

If anyone has a red box that needs emptying please bring it to church as we are trying to complete this before Christmas. Teresa at St Theresa's or Patti Cooke at St George's. Thank you for the support the Parish has shown for the missionaries.



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, and the Sacred Heart, Norton Road.

Christmas Day

9am St Theresa's

11am St George's

1pm St George's (Polish)

NB. the Christmas Collection is your gift to Fr Tony. It is also one of his principal sources of personal income, so please be generous if you can! It can be Gift-Aided in the normal way.



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:

Florence Davis, Kathleen Davis, Paddy Dixon, Cheryl Evans, Margaret Gilligan and Eileen Kipling.

Those who have died recently especially:

Joyce Monasingh and Malcolm Allwright, as well as those whose anniversaries occur this month.

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

This week the foodbank needs:

Christmas Cake; Christmas Puddings (no alcohol please); Family boxes of Biscuits for Christmas parcels; Multipacks of Crisps; Noodles; Pickle; Pickled Onions; Plant Milk; Shaving Gel; Smooth Peanut Butter; Spray Deodorants; Squash; Tinned Custard; Tinned Fruit (not peaches please); Tinned Ham (for Christmas parcels); Tinned Tuna; Tubs of Sweets/Chocolates for Christmas parcels.



Donations may be dropped into the boxes at the back of either of our churches.

Thank you for your support.

Cottesmore St Mary Catholic Primary School

Cottesmore are seeking to appoint a Clerk to Governors.

Part-Time, Permanent Post.

NJC Scale 5 (Senior Clerk) £22,571 - £24,920 pro rata.

4 hours per week, plus extra hours for clerking working groups and panels.

We are ideally looking for an experienced professional who can be employed at the Senior Clerk level. We seek someone who will provide high level advice, support, and administrative assistance to our governing body.

You must have experience of minute-taking, good ICT and communication skills and be able to work with minimal supervision. We currently use Microsoft Office 365 cloud email and document sharing systems, so familiarity with this would be an advantage. Training for clerks is provided by the local authority, as well as opportunities to network with other clerks.

Flexibility in terms of working hours is required. We normally have a total of 4 full governing body meetings and 9 committee meetings in a year, although this may change from time to time. Meetings normally last between one and a half and two hours in duration. Times and dates of meetings are negotiated with the clerk and governors. Senior clerks are also required to clerk working groups and panels as required, for which you will be paid extra hours.

For further information please contact: Chair of Governors
suehollow@cottesmore.brighton-hove.sch.uk.

You can find out more about us on our school website: <http://www.cottesmore.brighton-hove.sch.uk/>.

Weekly Timetable

Sat 9th Dec <i>St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin</i>	10am: FHC second session Confession 4:45-5:15pm 5pm Evening Prayer 5:30pm Mass, St Theresa's	<i>All Parishioners</i>
Sun 10th Dec <i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i>	8:30am Morning Prayer 9am Mass, St Theresa's 11am Mass, St George's with FHC families	<i>Mary Walsh & Joseph Mitchell RIP Joyce Monasingh RIP</i>
Tues 12th Dec <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>	10am Mass, St George's Followed by Tea & Chat	<i>Denis & Catherine Broderick RIP</i>
Wed 13th Dec <i>St Lucy</i>	7pm Mass, St Theresa's	
Thurs 14th Dec <i>St John of the Cross</i>	10am Mass, St George's Adoration to 10:45	
Fri 15th Dec	10am Mass, St Theresa's Adoration to 10:45	
Sat 16th Dec	3pm Carols & Mince Pies, St George's Confession 4:45-5:15pm 5pm Evening Prayer 5:30pm Mass, St Theresa's	
Sun 17th Dec <i>3rd Sunday of Advent: Gaudete Sunday</i>	8:30am Morning Prayer 9am Mass, St Theresa's With crib blessing 11am Mass, St George's With crib blessing 3pm Penitential Service, St Theresa's	

St Vincent de Paul Society

The next SVP meeting will be on Thursday 14th December at 6:30pm at St Theresa's in the parish meeting room at the back of the church, via the back door. Anyone who is interested in getting involved is welcome to come to the meeting. For more information, please contact the parish office or email: presidenta0105@svp.org.uk.

Christmas Tree Festival 2023

Thank you to everyone that was involved in this years Christmas Tree Festival, especially the children of our parish for making the seaside decorations to hang on our tree.

You can now find our tree on display in the Parish Hall.



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/