

Parish of Our Lady Star of the Sea

Serving Southwick, Portslade, Hangleton and West Blatchington

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Catholics West Hove

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This week the foodbank needs:

Breakfast Cereal; Chocolate; Coffee; Crisps; Deodorant; Long Life Milk (semi-skimmed please); Meat Soup (especially chicken); Shower Gel;

Soap; Tinned Custard; Tinned Rice Pudding; Toothpaste

Donations may be dropped into the boxes at the back of either of our churches. *Thank you for your support*

November: Month of the Holy Souls

Envelopes for placing the names of deceased relatives and friends will be available from next Sunday.

The **blessing of graves** will take place across the deanery next Sunday.

There will be a **Mass for the deceased clergy** of the deanery at 6pm, Thursday 16th November at St John the Baptist, Kemp Town.

5th November 2023: 31st Sunday of Year A Weekdays: 31st Week in Ordinary time, Year 1

Fr Tony Writes

Next weekend a group of families will begin preparation in earnest for their children to make their **First Holy Communion**. This journey began some years ago when the children were baptised and their parents promised to bring up their children in the practice of the faith.



In order to help them to keep that promise, we don't take the children away from their families for a 'class'. Rather the children come with one or both of their parents, and sometimes with other siblings as well, and the catechists help the parents to teach their children about the faith. They will learn about what their Baptism meant, and prepare for the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion. The first meeting is this coming Saturday, 11th Nov, 10am, at St Theresa's. If there are any families who have not yet 'signed up' there is still time!



We will also have our next Baptism preparation course starting this Thursday, 9th Nov, 6pm, at St Theresa's. This is for any parents that would like to have an infant baptised at either St Theresa's or St George's. The course is two sessions (the second session is the following Thursday, 16th November).

Children and God Parents are welcome to come and join in. Both sessions will be about an hour long. NB. you can join before your child is born if you wish (that can be easier!). There will normally be one preparation course per term, depending on demand.

SYCAMORE

Due to both technical and meteorological challenges, the last session did not happen, so this weeks session will be:

Who is Jesus?

Jesus came to bring life to the world. His love and teaching and miracles transformed the lives of those who knew him. But why did he have to die on the cross? What does it mean to say that he rose from the dead? And what difference does this make to our lives today? This Sycamore film explores the very heart of Christianity: the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Wednesday, 7:45pm, St Theresa's

There will be Mass at 7pm, followed by refreshments. After the session, at around 9:15pm there will be Night Prayer.

All welcome, even if you have not been to previous sessions.

The programme continues through to the end of November. As part of the programme there will also be a 'retreat day' on Saturday 18th November. (NB. change of date).

For more about Sycamore go to: sycamore.fm

Please Pray For...

All who are sick in the parish particularly: Evans, Colette, Elizabeth Julie Laker, Terry Phipps and Tom Hulse.

Those on our regular prayer list including: Eileen McLoughlin, Joyce Monasingh, Maria Parente, Jean Ryan, Chris & Vince Neal.

Those who have died recently especially: Patrick Atkinson and Malcolm Allwright.

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

Monks in the City

PRAY WITH US - FROM 1ST OCTOBER

Join the monks for prayers in St John the Baptist's Church: Lauds (Morning Prayer): Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat - 9am Vespers (Evening Prayer): Mon, Tues, Wed - 6pm

MIDDAY STILLNESS - FROM 6TH OCTOBER

Every Friday, 12noon to 1pm, an hour of music, prayer and reflection in St John the Baptist's Church.

SATURDAY SANCTUARY

30th Sept, 28th Oct, 25th Nov: 10.15am to 12.15pm Join us for a morning of fellowship, input, prayer and silence. Starts in the Fitzherbert Community Hub.

MONK TALKS

A series of talks from the monks of Worth Abbey introducing monastic prayer and contemplation for today.

7:30pm to 9pm in the Fitzherbert Community Hub.

17th Oct - Meditation and Contemplation (Fr David OSB)

14th Nov - The joy of praying together (Br Anthony OSB)

12th Dec - Discipleship and humility - Becoming real

(Abbot Stephen OSB)

St John the Baptist's, 2 Bristol Rd, Kemptown, BN2 1AP

Special Collections 2023

Sunday 5th November:

Retired Priests Fund

Sunday 19th November:

Arundel Cathedral Maintenance Fund

During the Christmas Season:

Catholic Children's Society A&B Crisis Fund

St Vincent de Paul Society

The next SVP meeting will be on Friday 17th November 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 email:

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Weekly Timetable		
Saturday 4th St Charles Borromeo	Confession 4:45-5:15pm 5:30pm Mass, St Theresa's	Holy Souls
Sunday 5th 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:30am Morning Prayer	Tioly Souls
	9am Mass, St Theresa's	All Parishioners
	11am Mass, St George's	Deceased family of Cora & Brian Owen
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Tuesday 7th November	10am Mass, St George's	Dolores Brooks RIP
Wed 8th November	7pm Mass, St Theresa's	Holy Souls
	7:45pm: SycamOre	
Thurs 9th November Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	10am Mass, St George's Adoration to 10:45	Holy Souls
	6pm, Baptism Preparation, St Theresa's	
Friday 10th November St Leo the Great	10am Mass, St Theresa's Adoration to 10:45	William Barwick & Helen Hooper RIP
Sat 11th November St Martin of Tours	10am First Holy Communion prep, St Theresa's	
	Confession 4:45-5:15pm	
	5pm Evening Prayer	
	5:30pm Mass, St Theresa's	All Parishioners
Sunday 12th November 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Remembrance Sunday	8:30am Morning Prayer	
	9am Mass, St Theresa's	Malcolm Allwright
	11am Mass, St George's	RIP Deceased parents of Ralph & Indika

Blessing of Graves

The annual blessing of graves will take place this Sunday, 5th Nov, 2pm at Southwick, Portslade and Hove (N & S) Cemeteries. At other cemeteries in the deanery, blessing will take place at:

Bear Road: 3pm,

Brighton & Preston, Old Chapel: 2:30pm,

Woodingdean, the Lawns: 3pm

Southwick Churches Together

We meet at 9:30 every Wednesday morning, at St Michael's Church in Southwick, for a short service, led by people from churches in the local area. There are refreshments afterwards. All are welcome!



Our Children's Liturgy Group

takes place during the 9am Mass at St Theresa's (in the side chapel). We invite children from Reception Class to Year 3, to join the group.

5th November; 31st Sunday in ordinary time;

Practice what you preach

12th November; 32nd Sunday in ordinary time; Be ready 19th November; 33rd Sunday in ordinary time; Gifts from God 26th November; Christ The King; Christ is King