



**St George's & St Theresa's**  
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**23<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2022: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year**  
**Sunday: Year C Weekdays: Year 2, Week 3**

**Fr. Tony Writes:**

With the return to 'Plan A' from 'Plan B', face coverings are no longer a legal requirement anywhere. However, they are still encouraged in settings where a larger number of people are gathered indoors, so please continue to wear face coverings for church services, particularly on Sundays. We will also be resuming refreshments after Mass.

**Looking to the Future**

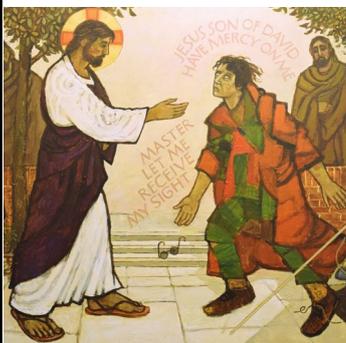
As I hope you are aware, for some years now the future direction of our two parishes has been under consideration. I have asked the bishop to go ahead with the canonical merger of St Georges and St Theresa's as a single parish, and that process is underway. That in itself will not make much difference to what we do, but simplifies admin since we don't have to duplicate certain things. We are largely operating as if we were one parish already. Looking further ahead, the sizes of our two communities, even before the pandemic, were providing some challenges. Having two sites to look after does not help. A disproportionate amount of our work is involved in keeping the two sites running and other duplications. The buildings are expensive, and carbon intensive to heat. St Theresa's also needs considerable work doing if we are to continue using it.

Thus, we are exploring the possibility of building a new church complex (including parking, hall, office, meeting rooms, outdoor space etc.), at a new site, which will be sustainable both in the ecological sense, and in terms of the Catholic community in this part of the diocese.

At present we are still exploring possible sites, and no firm plans have been made. As soon as we have some clear idea of what might be possible there will be a time of consultation.

This is both exciting and daunting, so in the mean time please pray that the Lord will guide us as we seek how best to continue our Catholic presence in this part of the diocese in the 21st century.

**The Bartimaeus Project**



I am involved, with some others in the diocese, in putting together a formation programme on our Catholic Faith. We have called it "The Bartimaeus Project" because of Bartimaeus' request of 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 1st (shrove Tuesday) 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) (Under construction!!)

**Celebrating Marriage**



The 5:30pm Mass on Saturday **12th February** will be a celebration of Marriage. We invite any married couple in our parishes who has celebrated a 'significant' anniversary in the past year, or who will do so in the coming year, to let the parish office know, so that we can give thanks and pray for you at that Mass. There will be refreshments after the Mass, including something fizzy....

## Please pray for

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

Please also pray for the 15\* children who begin their preparation for First Holy Communion this weekend. (\*correct at time of writing!)

## JOIN OUR TEAM

The Diocese is seeking to recruit a full time **Events & Meetings Administrator** to support the work of our Formation Team.

The successful candidate will provide administrative support for a range of events and projects and will be based at the St Philip Howard Centre in Crawley. To find out more about this exciting and rewarding opportunity please visit our website: [www.abdiocese.org.uk/careers](http://www.abdiocese.org.uk/careers) or contact E: [amanda.jones@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:amanda.jones@abdiocese.org.uk) **Closing Date: 24th Jan**



### Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine & Co. Mayo

Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, celebrating the feast of St. Patrick. 14<sup>th</sup>—18<sup>th</sup> March 2022. £699.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight with 10kg hand luggage, all transfers, 4 nights in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. Lunches on days out. Wheelchair accessible rooms. Single room supplement £100. Contact Patricia on 01268 762278 or 07740 175557 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com).

Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

## Weekly Timetable

<b>Saturday 22nd Jan</b> <i>St Vincent</i>	4:45 - 5:15pm Confessions 5:30pm Mass, St Theresa's	Nathalie Soffe RIP
<b>Sunday 23rd Jan</b> <i>3rd Sunday of the year</i>	9am Mass, St Theresa's 11am Mass, St George's	John Delaney RIP All parishioners
Tuesday 25th Jan <i>Conversion of St Paul</i>	10am Mass, St George's	Gawlik family ints
Wednesday 26th Jan <i>Sts Timothy &amp; Titus</i>	6:30pm Adoration 7:30pm Mass, St Theresa's	Christine Roe RIP
Thursday 27th Jan	10am Mass, St George's	
Friday 28th Jan <i>St Thomas Aquinas</i>	10am Mass, St Theresa's	Eric Cripps RIP
<b>Saturday 29th Jan</b>	4:45 - 5:15pm Confessions 5:30pm Mass, St Theresa's	
<b>Sunday 30th Jan</b> <i>4th Sunday of the year</i>	9am Mass, St Theresa's 11am Mass, St George's	All parishioners Abina O'Brien RIP

### Prayer for Divorced, Remarried and Separated Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2.45pm

All those in our Parish communities who may be separated, divorced, or who have married again, are invited to come together to meet Bishop Richard for conversation. We will conclude with evening prayer followed by tea and cake. If you are interested, please do go to the Diocesan website and search events where you will find the spot to sign up.

### EVENING PRAYER FOR DIVORCED REMARRIED & SEPARATED

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST  
HORSHAM

Sunday 6th Feb  
2.45pm

All those in our parish communities who may be divorced, remarried or simply separated, are invited to come together with Bishop Richard for conversation, Evening Prayer and afternoon tea.



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### Diocesan Directory 2022

These are now available to buy from the Parish Office for £5 each.