



Parish of Our Lady Star of the Sea

*Serving Southwick, Portslade,
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Lourdes Pilgrimage July 2024

We have been blessed with applications this year, so much so that we have had to close a number of categories early. We still have some transport and accommodation spaces for Helpers / Clinicians / Chaplains (especially those who can push wheelchairs to help our male assisted pilgrims), and we have accommodation space for (able) Pilgrims who are able to make their own way to Lourdes.



**7th April 2024: Divine Mercy Sunday, Year B:
Weekdays: 2nd Week of Easter**

Fr Tony Writes:

Happy Easter!

We are now in week two of the seven weeks of Eastertide, so plenty more time for celebration!

The Egyptian Coptic Association

Last week I mentioned that the Coptic Orthodox Church will be worshipping regularly at St Theresa's. I asked them to say a bit about themselves and this was what they had to say:

We are a group of Egyptian Christians residing in Brighton and Hove, UK. We are following The Coptic Orthodox Church. Our community gathers to worship and celebrate our faith, and we are eager to contribute positively to the parish and local community. The Coptic Orthodox Church is one of the oldest Christian denominations in the world. It originated in Egypt and is an ancient Christian church that follows the teachings of Jesus Christ and the Apostles. The term "Coptic" comes from the Greek word for "Egyptian", reflecting the Church's roots in Egypt. Coptic Orthodox Christians trace their spiritual heritage back to Saint Mark the Apostle, who brought Christianity to Egypt in the 1st century AD. Our liturgy is conducted primarily in the Coptic language, an ancient Egyptian language with a modified Greek alphabet.

Our purpose:

1. Providing spiritual guidance and support through counselling and pastoral care services.
2. Offering assistance to those in need through food banks, shelters, and financial aid programs.
3. Hosting community events that promote unity, love, and compassion.
4. Partnering with local churches and organisations to reach more people with our services.
5. Conducting outreach programs to share the message of hope and salvation found in Jesus Christ.
6. Organising volunteer opportunities for individuals and groups to serve the communities.
7. Advocating for the marginalised and oppressed, following the example of Jesus Christ.
8. Promoting holistic development by addressing physical, emotional, and spiritual needs.
9. Fostering a culture of generosity and stewardship among our supporters and beneficiaries.
10. Striving for excellence and transparency in all our operations to build trust and credibility.

We are currently still finalising arrangements. Once that is done we will publicise the details. But when you see the carpark full in the morning, that is a sign that they are at prayer!

Please Pray For...

All who are sick in the parish, particularly:

Cheryl Evans, Deacon Richard Harvey, and Winifred Wilde.

Those on our regular prayer list including:

Chris & Vince Neal, Eileen Kipling, Eileen McLoughlin, Elizabeth Hopkins and Elizabeth Smith.

Those who have died recently especially:

Patrick McCauley, Martin Siney, and Colette.

As well as those whose anniversaries occur this month.

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

Welcomers

We are in need of a few more welcomers at the 9am Mass at St Theresa's please. We are more than happy for families to do it together, so if you have little ones, don't let that put you off! Equally, if you would like to put yourself forward to be paired up with another volunteer, that would be great too! Please email the office.

Parish Giving — Ways to Give

- ◆ By setting up a standing order using these details:

Account name: RCD Arundel and Brighton Our Lady Star of the Sea.

Sort Code: 40-05-20.

Account number: 41076558.



- ◆ By putting a cheque in the collection or sending it to the Parish Office.

Make the cheque payable to:

RCD Arundel and Brighton Our Lady Star of the Sea.

- ◆ Online, by scanning the QR Code.

Remember to add giftaid if you are a UK tax payer.

Upcoming Events: Put them in your diary now!

Sunday 21st April: School Mass

St Theresa's, 9am. The Mass will be animated by St Mary's School. Our First Holy Communion candidates will also be contributing.

Tue 23rd April: Feast of St George

Mass at St George's, 7pm, followed by refreshments (no 10am Mass).

Sun 28th April: Celebration of Marriage

See the box on the right for more details.

Sun 12th May: First Holy Communion Mass

St Theresa's 11am. This replaces the 9am Mass.

Sun 19th May: First Holy Communion Mass

St George's 11am.

Sun 9th June: FHC Celebration Mass and Certificate Giving

St George's, 11am, followed by shared Lunch.

Sunday 30th June: Deanery Confirmations

Arundel Cathedral, 3pm.

Sun 7th July: Parish and School Mass and Fete

St Mary's School, Portslade. This will replace our Sunday morning Masses. Save the date! Details to follow.



Weekly Timetable

Sat 6th April Easter Saturday	5:15 — 5:45pm Confessions, St Peter's 6pm Mass, St Peter's	<i>Abi & James ints</i>
Sun 7th April Devine Mercy Sunday	9am Mass, St Theresa's 11am Mass, St George's	<i>Peter Kipling RIP William Barwick & Helen Hooper RIP</i>
Tues 9th April	10am Mass, St George's <i>Followed by Tea & Chat</i> 7pm Mass, St Theresa's	<i>with Fr Celestine</i>
Wed 10th April	7pm Mass, St Theresa's	
Thurs 11th April <i>St Stanislaus</i>	10am Mass, St George's <i>Followed by Adoration</i> 7pm Mass, St Theresa's	<i>with Fr Celestine</i>
Fri 12th April	10am Mass, St Theresa's <i>Followed by Adoration</i> 7pm Mass, St Theresa's	<i>with Fr Celestine</i>
Sat 13th April <i>St Martin</i>	5:15 — 5:45pm Confessions, St Peter's 6pm Mass, St Peter's	
Sun 14th April <i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i>	9am Mass, St Theresa's 11am Mass, St George's	<i>All Parishioners Lydia Pereire & Garcinah Lopes RIP</i>

Sun 28th April: Celebration of Marriage.

At our usual 11am Mass at St George's on Sunday 28th April we will be celebrating Marriage, and we will give a particular welcome to couples celebrating significant wedding anniversaries, Followed by a shared lunch, with fizz and cake (of course!).

If you have had or will have a 'significant' wedding anniversary this year, do let us know via the parish office. (You can decide whether the anniversary is significant!)



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!

Fr Tony also writes...

Thank you to all who helped make our Holy Week and Easter celebrations so special.

Thank you also for your Easter Offering, and for the cards and gifts I have received.