



Parish of Our Lady Star of the Sea

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First Holy Communion 2024

For those families looking forward to First Holy Communion this coming May (who have a child in Year 3 or above), there will be an:

**Information Evening for Families on Friday
6th October, 6pm, at St Theresa's.**

Full details of dates and times will be available at that meeting. No need to book. Just turn up. Children welcome!

The first session of the programme will be on Saturday 11th November, 10am, St Theresa's. First Holy Communions will be on 12th and 19th May 2024.



**1st October 2023: 26th Sunday of Year A
& Feast of St Theresa of Lisieux
Weekdays: 26th Week in Ordinary time, Year 1**

This weekend we celebrate two things:

It is the feast of **St Theresa of Lisieux**, one of our patrons. We also celebrate St Mary's school, and in particular we welcome the **new reception students**. The school will be taking a lead in the 9am Mass at St Theresa's.



SYCAMORE

On Wednesday we had a great turnout to the first session of our Sycamore faith formation programme!

Through it we will deepen our understanding of our faith and our call to discipleship, Each Sycamore session involves a short film and time for discussion.

Even if you missed the session it is not too late to join in!

Our next session is:

The Existence of God

Is there a God? Can you prove God exists? Are science and religion opposed to each other? This Sycamore film looks at why faith and religion are such an important part of so many people's lives. It explores five reasons why people often stop believing in God, and shows how there are good reasons to think that there is actually a God.

Each Wednesday at St Theresa's there will be Mass at 7pm, followed by simple refreshments. **The Sycamore session will begin at 7:45, and conclude by 9:15.** There will then be a short 'Night prayer' for those who wish to stay for that. All will finish by 9:30pm.

The programme continues through to the end of November. As part of the programme there will also be a 'retreat day' on Saturday 11th November.

For more about Sycamore go to sycamore.fm

"Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." Romans 15:7

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/

Please Pray For...

All who are sick in the parish, particularly Cheryl Evans, Colette, Elizabeth Hopkins, Julie Laker, Terry Phipps and Tom Hulse. Those on our regular prayer list including: Malcolm Allwright, Florence Davis, Kathleen Davis, Paddy Dixon, Cheryl Evans and Margaret Gilligan. Please also pray for those who have died recently, especially Patrick Atkinson and Thomas Bonner. A full list of sick parishioners can be found on the parish website, as well as those whose anniversaries occur this month.

Special Collections 2023

Sunday 8th October:
CAFOD Harvest Fast Day
Sunday 15th October:
Prisons Sunday
Sunday 22nd October:
World Mission Sunday

Adoration and Benediction

After 10am Mass on Thursdays and Fridays there will be a short period of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by a simple Benediction at 10:45am. This is a good time to pray for our parish as we seek to grow in faith and discern, along with other parishes in the deanery, the way forward for the future.



St Vincent de Paul Society

Members of the parish SVP conference would like to **thank all parishioners** who listened to our appeal last week. It was a great success, we had interested parties at all three Masses. **Thank you also** to those who made contributions to the second collection for the SVP, which will help us to continue our work with the poor and lonely in our area.



CATENIANS

Adur Valley Catenians

Interested in meeting friendly fellow Catholics for dining, socialising, evenings out at concerts, theatre, walks, golf, croquet, quizzes and Lectio Divina? We are a newly formed group of Catenians (an international organisation of 6,000 plus Catholics) looking to expand locally. We will be present at and after the 9:00am Mass at St Theresa's on 1st October.

Come and meet us for a Pimm's
(Non alcoholic option available)

Weekly Timetable

Sat 30th September <i>St Jerome</i>	Confession 4:45-5:15pm 5pm Evening Prayer 5:30pm Mass, St Theresa's	<i>Thomas Daly RIP</i>
Sunday 1st October <i>26th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> <i>St Theresa of Lisieux</i>	8:30am Morning Prayer 9am Mass, St Theresa's School Welcome Mass 11am Mass, St George's	<i>St Mary's school</i> <i>All Parishioners</i>
Tuesday 3rd October	10am Mass, St George's	<i>Joseph Cripps RIP</i>
Wed 4th October <i>St Francis of Assisi</i>	7pm Mass, St Theresa's 7:45pm Sycamore 9:15pm Night Prayer	
Thurs 5th October <i>St Faustina Kowalska</i>	10am Mass, St George's Adoration to 10:45	
Friday 6th October <i>St Bruno</i> <i>Harvest Fast Day</i>	10am Mass, St Theresa's Adoration to 10:45	
Sat 7th October <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	Confession 4:45-5:15pm 5pm Evening Prayer 5:30pm Mass, St Theresa's	
Sunday 8th October <i>27th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> <i>Prisons Week</i>	8:30am Morning Prayer 9am Mass, St Theresa's with Children's Liturgy 11am Mass, St George's	<i>All Parishioners</i>

The Feast of St Theresa of Lisieux Sunday 1st October

In thanks for St Theresa,
Who Lived by the Love of God.
The little flower of Jesus,
In silence prays for us.
Your short life was a blessing,
The Little Way, your gift.
In Carmel was your calling,
Now patron of our church.



CHILDREN'S
LITURGY

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.

8th October; 27th Sunday in ordinary time; **Listen to God's message**
15th October; 28th Sunday in ordinary time; **The wedding party**
22nd October; 29th Sunday in ordinary time;
Give to God what belongs to God