



Parish of Our Lady Star of the Sea

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Special Collections

Easter Vigil & Easter Sunday

Easter Offering

(Your gift to Fr Tony)

This can be gift-aided.

Gift Aid

If you are a Gift Aid Donor, please ensure that Juliette has your email address, so she can email your end of year tax statement. This will help the parish save costs with envelopes and postage. Please email:

ga.westhove@abdiocese.org.uk

Accommodation Needed

In the Portslade or Southwick area. Mature, single female looking for self contained accommodation to rent from the end of March. Practicing Catholic and employed. Please contact Amanda at:

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31st March 2024: Easter Sunday, Year B:

Weekdays: Octave of Easter

A Message from Bishop Richard

Dear brothers and sisters,

The light of the Easter candle shatters the darkness of the world. The whole Church rejoices in the wonder of Easter night, the wonder of the Resurrection.



At a time when the world is so divided, and when such great numbers are living with the effects of conflict and war, the Risen Lord brings light and life. Death is conquered and the hope that His Resurrection brings changes all.

May this day be one of peace, joy and hope for each and every one of us and, as we renew our baptismal promises, let us re-commit ourselves to the baptismal vocation in which we all share – to spread the Good News of the new life of the Risen Christ to the world.

Every blessing on this greatest of all days, for the Lord is risen indeed!

+ Richard

Holy Week in the Holy Land



Bishop Rafic Nahra, the Auxiliary Bishop of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem has called for forgiveness and peace as Christians enter the holiest part of the year. Holy Week in Jerusalem will be celebratory but not festive this year as the war between

Israel and Hamas continues, speaking to Vatican News, Bishop Rafic said: "I believe that this Holy Week gives us the true perspective of the Christian faith [and] on the situation, which is desperate".

Historically, Easter celebrations in Jerusalem would be marked by considerable numbers of pilgrims and tourists flocking to the city where Jesus accomplished the Paschal Mystery, after His triumphant entrance on Palm Sunday. This year, the death and resurrection of Christ will be celebrated in meditation, prompting deeper reflection on the meaning of Easter and urging a collective journey in the footsteps of Christ in the light of the present conflict, which seems to leave little space for hope.

Reflecting on Jesus' experience of being welcomed triumphantly in Jerusalem only to face crucifixion and abandonment by the people who had hailed him, Bishop Nahra, spoke about the challenges faced by those advocating for a peaceful solution to the conflict - also emphasising the importance of perseverance. Highlighting the example of Palestinian and Jewish doctors and nurses who have been assisting injured people on both sides, Bishop Rafic added: "The light is present. It is through people who have this light in their hearts."

We continue to pray for the people of Ukraine. More info: cbcew.org.uk/category/cbcew/international/countries/ukraine/

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:

Maria Parente, Marion Shannon, Paddy Dixon, Sandra Yelbeck, Terry Phipps and Tom Hulse.

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.

Kathleen Bull — 1925 to 2023

Kathleen's family will be gathering at Portslade Cemetery to bury her ashes on Friday 5th April at 2:30pm. You would be welcome to join them if you remember her.

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!

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. At our usual 11am Mass at St George's we will give a particular welcome to couples celebrating significant wedding anniversaries. Followed by a shared lunch. *If you have had or will have a 'significant' wedding anniversary this year, do let us know via the parish office.*

Sun 12th May: First Holy Communion, St Theresa's 11am. This replaces the 9am Mass.

Sun 19th May: First Holy Communion, St George's 11am.

Sun 9th June: FHC Celebration Mass and Certificate Giving, St George's, 11am, followed by shared Lunch.

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 30th March Holy Saturday	8pm, Easter Vigil, St George's	<i>All Parishioners</i>
Sun 31st March Easter Sunday	9am Mass, St Theresa's 11am Mass, St George's	<i>Bridget & Martin Grennan ints</i> <i>Ben Lloyd ints</i>
Tues 2nd April Easter Tuesday	No morning Mass 7pm Mass, St Theresa's	<i>with Fr Celestine</i>
Wed 3rd April Easter Wednesday	7pm Mass, St Theresa's	
Thurs 4th April Easter Thursday	10am Mass, St George's <i>Followed by Adoration</i> 7pm Mass, St Theresa's	<i>with Fr Celestine</i>
Fri 5th April Easter Friday	10am Mass, St Theresa's <i>Followed by Adoration</i> 7pm Mass, St Theresa's	<i>with Fr Celestine</i>
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 Divine Mercy Sunday	9am Mass, St Theresa's 11am Mass, St George's	<i>All Parishioners</i>

Divine Mercy Sunday

Sunday 7th April, 2:45pm, St Mary Magdalen Church
Divine Mercy Devotions – Adoration - Prayers for Healing



St Mary Magdalen church, Upper North Street, Brighton, BN1 3FH, (limited parking available behind the church on the school playground off Spring Street).

Mass for the Feast of Divine Mercy will be celebrated at 5pm.

'My daughter, speak to the world of my inexhaustible mercy. I desire that this feast be a refuge and shelter for all souls, especially poor sinners. The very depth of my mercy will be opened on that day. I will pour out a sea of graces upon those souls that will approach the fount of my mercy on this day' (from diary of St Faustina).

All are welcome!

The UK Egyptian Coptic Association

will be using St Theresa's church regularly in the early mornings. The Coptic Orthodox Church is very ancient—tracing its roots back to the apostolic churches in North Africa.

They are a much persecuted Church, a persecution that has grown with the rise of violent groups in North Africa such as IS. Pope Francis declared a group of Copts who were executed by IS to be martyrs. Accordingly, it is good that they can worship freely here in the UK, and we are glad we can host them in our parish. I hope we will get to know each other a little in the coming months. I will say a bit more about them in a future newsletter.