



Parish of Our Lady Star of the Sea

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Hangleton and West Blatchington*

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Catholics West Hove

www.facebook.com/groups/1510048742698794/

Advent and Christmas

This Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent. Here is a list of what is going on as we prepare for Christmas.

Christmas Tree Festival and Advent Carols

Sunday 3rd December, 5pm, St Peters, Court Farm Road
One of the trees has been decorated by our children!

St Mary's School Advent Service

Tuesday 5th December, 6pm, St Theresa's

Invited

Wednesdays from 6th December, 7:45pm, St Theresa's

Candlelit Carol Service

Sunday 10th December, 6pm, St Michael's, Southwick

Carols and Mince Pies

Saturday 16th December, 3pm, St George's

Blessing of Cribs & Decorating of Trees

Sunday 17th December, at the 9 & 11am Masses

Children & their families will be invited to help put the figures

3rd December 2023: 1st Sunday of Advent, Year B
Weekdays: Advent Week 1

Fr Tony Writes:

Advent is the start of the Church's year. The principle theme of the Liturgy of this Sunday is the renewal of all things in Christ.

Over the last couple of years we have been seeking to renew our parish after the Pandemic. A great sign of how far we have come can be found in the Parish Directory, which we are publishing this weekend. It would have been a lot thinner two years ago! I am very grateful to all of you who have helped us build back up.

Another sign is the commissioning of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at the Masses this weekend. These Ministers will enable us to, once again, offer Communion under both kinds at most of our Masses.

There are still areas where we could do with more help. Inside the directory you will find an updated version of the volunteer form, and once again we are asking if you could give some time to help us grow into the vibrant Church, proclaiming the Gospel with joy and hope, that Jesus calls us to be.

Joy and hope are key themes of Advent and Christmas, and they are spiritual gifts much needed in our world and in our lives. The 'Invited' programme offered by the diocese, will focus on these and other Advent and Christmas themes. Do join us on Wednesday evenings!

Some have asked us about the words we sing for the 'Holy, Holy':

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus, Dominus, Deus Sabaoth (x2)

It means 'Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of Hosts'.

MISSIO Red Boxes

If anyone has a red box that needs emptying please bring it to church as we are trying to complete this before Christmas. Teresa at St Theresa's or Patti Cooke at St George's. Thank you for the support the Parish has shown for the missionaries.



in the cribs during Mass, and to decorate the trees after Mass. Possibly a recipe for chaos....

Advent Penitential Service

Sunday 17th December, 3pm, St Theresa's

A short service followed by adoration and the opportunity for individual Confessions.

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve

5:30pm St Theresa's

9pm St George's (Polish)

Christmas Day

9am St Theresa's

11am St George's

1pm St George's (Polish)



NB. the Christmas Collection is your gift to Fr Tony. It is also one of his principal sources of personal income, so please be generous if you can! It can be Gift-Aided in the normal way.

Please Pray For...

All who are sick in the parish particularly:

Cheryl Evans, Colette, Elizabeth Hopkins, Julie Laker, Terry Phipps, Tom Hulse and Winifred Wilde.

Those on our regular prayer list including:

Marion Shannon, Elizabeth Smith, Sandra Yelbeck, Hanorah & Mat Smith.

Those who have died recently especially:

Joyce Monasingh and Malcolm Allwright, as well as those whose anniversaries occur this month.

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



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 Sun 3rd Dec.

Come and meet us!

During Advent we will be offering the Invited Course from the diocese. The sessions will take



place after the Wednesday 7pm Mass, in a similar way to Sycamore: refreshments after Mass, session starts at 7:45pm. For more information about Invited see:

www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited.

Monks in the City: Monk Talks

12th December, 7:30pm, St John the Baptist, Kempton.

Abbot Stephen is not available so the talk will now be given by **Abbot Christopher Jamison OSB** on *Finding the Language of Grace* (the title of his recent book). He is the author of two other books – Finding Silence and Finding Happiness, and a former Abbot of Worth.

The last **Midday Stillness** at 12noon on a Friday will take place on 8th December and will resume on Friday 5th January.

Our next programme will be available shortly and run from January to Easter.



This week the foodbank needs:

**Biscuits; Cereal (especially cornflakes);
Cooking Oil; Crisps; Meat Soup;
Microwave Rice; Noodles; Sanitary Pads;
Single Toothbrushes;
Soap; Sweet Snacks (e.g. chocolate); Tinned Custard;
Tinned Ham (for Christmas parcels);
Tinned Meat (e.g. mince and onions, chilli);
Washing-up Liquid**

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

Weekly Timetable

Sat 2nd Dec	Confession 4:45-5:15pm 5pm Evening Prayer 5:30pm Mass, St Theresa's	<i>All Parishioners</i>
Sun 3rd Dec <i>1st Sunday of Advent</i> <i>Migrant Sunday</i>	8:30am Morning Prayer 9am Mass, St Theresa's 11am Mass, St George's	<i>Cosme & Conception Rodrigues RIP.</i> <i>Mary Sumner RIP</i>
Tues 5th Dec	10am Mass, St George's 6pm, St Mary's Advent Concert, St Theresa's	
Wed 6th Dec <i>St Nicholas</i>	7pm Mass, St Theresa's	
Thurs 7th Dec <i>St Ambrose</i>	10am Mass, St George's <i>Adoration to 10:45</i>	
Fri 8th Dec <i>Immaculate Conception</i>	10am Mass, St Theresa's <i>Adoration to 10:45</i>	
Sat 9th Dec <i>St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin</i>	10am: FHC second session Confession 4:45-5:15pm 5pm Evening Prayer 5:30pm Mass, St Theresa's	
Sun 10th Dec <i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i>	8:30am Morning Prayer 9am Mass, St Theresa's 11am Mass, St George's	<i>Denis & Catherine Broderick RIP</i> <i>All Parishioners</i>

The SVP would like to raise more funds to support some of our projects and one way we can do so is by asking parishioners to donate their leftover, old coins, or holiday currency to the SVP. The scheme is called Cash4Coins. So often after a holiday abroad people have leftover currency which is not used, or they may have old coins and banknotes which are no longer legal tender. The SVP can collect :-

1. All foreign coins and banknotes
2. Current UK coins and banknotes
3. Any old British and Irish money
4. Obsolete currency, such as pre-decimal

Working with Cash4Coins, a currency service for charities, all the above can be converted into UK legal tender for the benefit of the SVP both locally and to support the wider work of the Society. There is a collection jar in each church.



CAFOD Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal

Donate to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at cafod.org.uk/ipc or call 0303 303 3030. Your donation will help support aid workers providing urgent humanitarian aid including food, water and emergency shelter to those in need. *Thank you for your prayers.*

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/