



Parish of Our Lady Star of the Sea

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www.stmarys.brighton-hove.sch.uk

Also serving the parishes:

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Cardinal Newman: www.cncs.co.uk



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Catholics West Hove

www.facebook.com/groups/1510048742698794/

Monks in the City

**St John the Baptist's, 2 Bristol Rd, Kemptown, BN2 1AP
Phone 07444 802368**

The monks of Worth Abbey living in the city invite you to

PRAY WITH US

Join the monks for Prayer in

St John the Baptist's Church:

Lauds (Morning Prayer): Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat - 9am

Vespers (Evening Prayer): Mon, Tues, Wed - 6pm

Special Vespers:

In the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**
(18 -25 January), we invite you to join us for a
celebration of Vespers on **Sunday 21st January at 4pm,**
to which we have invited other churches in Brighton.

First Holy Communion Prayer Sponsors

If you would like to be a prayer sponsor for one of our
young people making their First Holy Communion in
May 2024, please email the office or speak to Fr Tony.

21st January 2024: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Weekdays: 3rd Week in Ordinary Time, Year II

Fr Tony Writes:

This Sunday is the Third Sunday of the Year, which is designated the Sunday of the Word of God. We return to the reading of Mark's Gospel after last week hearing from John. The story picks up just after the Baptism of Jesus. We hear of the beginning of Jesus ministry and the calling of the first four disciples. And in the coming weeks we will hear how that early ministry develops.

One particular feature of this first chapter of Mark is the pace with which Jesus' ministry grows and expands. This is underlined by the language Mark uses. The word 'immediately' occurs eleven times in the narrative,* though in our versions we get a variety of synonyms for the single Greek word (*euthus*) that Mark uses.

In the Baptism story, the Holy Spirit descended 'immediately' as Jesus rises from the water. And then he was driven 'immediately' into the wilderness.

In today's story, Simon Peter and Andrew respond to Jesus' call by 'immediately' leaving their nets and following him, then Jesus sees James and John and 'immediately' calls them also.

Mind you, rapid initial response is not necessarily a sign things will last. We know the disciples run away when Jesus is arrested, and Peter denies Jesus. This will be underlined in the parable of the sower in chapter 4, when Jesus speaks of the seed that springs up rapidly, but has no roots, and withers in the heat.

But for now let us marvel at the alacrity with which those four disciples leapt up to follow Jesus, knowing that, despite their failures, which Mark will narrate quite pointedly later, they are still part of the group of Apostles through whom we, too, came to hear the Good News!

*Verses 10,12, 18, 20, 21, 23, 28, 29, 30, 42 & 43.

And here is a challenge for anyone with a copy of the Catholic Children's Bible: find the various words or phrases in those verses that mean 'immediately' (verse 21 is hard!).

Missio

Next Sunday Fr Brian Oswald is coming to speak to us about the work of Missio, and to thank all those who contribute to their work, especially through prayer and through the 'Red Boxes'. I will be away from Thursday (25th) until the following Friday (2nd Feb), Fr Paul will be celebrating the weekday Masses.



**CHILDREN'S
LITURGY**

Children's Liturgy Group

This takes place during the 9am Mass at St Theresa's (in the side chapel), during term time. Children from Reception Class to Year 3, are welcome to join the group.

Our upcoming themes this half term are:

21st January; 3rd Sunday in ordinary time; **Follow Me**
28th January; 4th Sunday in ordinary time; **The Power of Jesus**
4th February; 5th Sunday in ordinary time; **Jesus Cures the Sick**
11th February; 6th Sunday in ordinary time;
Jesus Cures the Lepers

Please Pray For...

All who are sick in the parish particularly:

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

Those on our regular prayer list including:

Florence Davis, Kathleen Davis, Paddy Dixon, Cheryl Evans, Margaret Gilligan and Eileen Kipling.

Those who have died recently especially:

Joyce Monasingh. As well as those whose anniversaries occur this month. A full list of sick parishioners and anniversaries can be found on the parish website.



If you would like to donate to the food bank this week we are most in need of:

**Jam, Plain Noodles,
Single Toothbrushes, Tinned Pulses,
Tinned Tomatoes, UHT Milk**

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

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A series of talks on the Gospel of Mark

Wednesdays, 24th Jan & 7th Feb, St Theresa's, 7:45pm.
(Mass 7pm, followed by refreshments.)

This year on Sundays we will be hearing the Gospel of Mark. It is the shortest and most dynamic of Gospels. It was probably written in Rome, for a small Church community that had known St Peter, and was now enduring persecution and seeing people falling away.

What was it like to hear the Gospel for the first time, possibly hidden secretly in a room in the city? Having listened to the whole Gospel last week, this Wednesday we will look at some of the key themes of the first half of the Gospel, which all happens at a rather breathless pace. We will look at the second half of the Gospel on the 7th February.

Upcoming Events

Sunday afternoon, 11th February

Mass for the Sick with Anointing, St George's, 2pm.
Followed by a light tea.

Wednesday 14th February: Ash Wednesday

10am Mass St George's, 7pm Mass St Theresa's.

Saturday 2nd March 10am-1pm

'Let us Dream' deanery day, Parish Hall, St George's.
Looking at our response to the climate crisis, in the light of Pope Francis' encyclical, Laudato Si. There will be a short talk via Zoom to introduce this on Wednesday 21st Feb, 7:45pm. More details to follow!

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/

Weekly Timetable

Saturday 20th Jan <i>St Sebastian</i>	5:15– 5:45pm Confessions St Peters, Hove 6pm Mass, St Peters	(St Peter's, Portland Road, Hove, BN3 5GD)
Sunday 21st Jan 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time <i>Word of God Sunday</i>	9am Mass, St Theresa's <i>with Children's Liturgy</i> 11am Mass, St George's	<i>Emily Theobalds RIP</i> <i>All Parishioners</i>
Tuesday 23rd Jan	10am Mass, St George's <i>Followed by Tea & Chat</i>	
Wed 24th January	7pm Mass, St Theresa's <i>Followed by reMarkable</i>	<i>Christine Roe RIP</i>
Thursday 25th Jan <i>Conversion of St Paul</i>	10am Mass, St George's <i>Adoration to 10:45</i>	<i>Unity of Christians</i>
Friday 26th Jan	10am Mass, St Theresa's <i>Adoration to 10:45</i>	
Saturday 27th Jan	5:15– 5:45pm Confessions St Peters, Hove 6pm Mass, St Peters	(St Peter's, Portland Road, Hove, BN3 5GD)
Sunday 28th Jan 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time	9am Mass, St Theresa's <i>with Children's Liturgy</i> 11am Mass, St George's	<i>Eric Cripps RIP</i> <i>All Parishioners</i>

DAY OF REFLECTION

For Ministers of the Eucharist

Saturday 10 February
11am - 4pm

St Michael's Church Hall,
19 Hayling Rise,
Worthing,
West Sussex,
BN13 3AL



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Led by Bishop Richard.

The day will include:
theological and practical talks,
Eucharistic Adoration, and
Mass.

Refreshments from 10.30am.
Please bring a packed lunch.

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