



Parish of Our Lady Star of the Sea

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Special Collections 2024

**CAFOD Family Fast Day
Friday 23 February 2024**



This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal will help hardworking people like James the fisherman in Liberia with resources, tools and training to feed their families for good. Give today using the envelopes provided, or online at cafod.org.uk and please join us in praying with James that our sisters and brothers around the world have what they need to feed their families.



There are gift aid envelopes in both our churches. You can also donate via our Digital Collection Plate (the contactless device) or scan the QR code.

25th February 2024: 2nd Sunday of Lent, Year B
Weekdays: Lent Week 2

Fr Tony Writes:



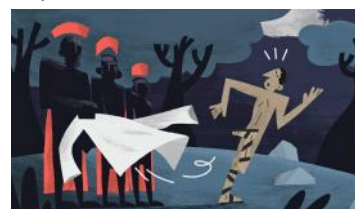
Sometimes, in a more mischievous mode, I think part of this week's Gospel sounds like a detergent advert (Transfiguration: washes whiter than white!). But this reference to Jesus' clothes is not merely a passing detail. Descriptions of clothing and people

are relatively rare in the Gospels (there is no description any of the disciples), so when they do appear they are clearly significant.

At the end of Mark's gospel, there are three places where clothing is described (rather than just referred to). One is the purple cloak put on Jesus in mockery in his trial. The other two are the young man in the garden, clothed in a linen cloth (actually the same term used for the shroud in which Jesus is wrapped), who runs away naked when his covering is grabbed, and the young man in a white robe at the empty tomb who announces the Resurrection.

The most obvious connection to the Transfiguration is with the young man in white at the empty tomb. The one who says "do not be afraid" to the women at the tomb (who, like the disciples at the transfiguration, are fearful at what they see). But the term 'young man' takes us back to the young man who is so scared he would rather run off naked than be caught! Is this the same person? Probably not, but there is a clear literary link.

And perhaps Jesus' purple robe comes in here. It is put on him in mockery, yet by double irony it tells a truth. He is indeed King. And when we are fearful, like the disciples, we can reflect on his courage, and perhaps also the seeming 'rehabilitation' of the young man, who, at least in literary terms, goes from fleeing naked to announcing the Resurrection.



St George's Temporary Closure

St George's Church and Parish Hall needs to close for a week from **Monday 11th March until Friday 15th March**, due to extensive electrical work. The works are essential, and closure is unavoidable. Therefore there will be no Mass on Tuesday 12th or Thursday 14th March and no activities in the Hall this week also. We hope this does not cause too much inconvenience and appreciate your understanding.

World Day of Prayer 2024

Friday 1st March 2024

- ◇ Hove — Central United Reform Church, Ventnor Villas, BN3 3YF at 10:30am.
- ◇ Southwick — St Michaels Church, Church Lane, Southwick at 2pm.

This years theme is: **"I beg you, bear with one another in love"**.
The service has been prepared by the women of Palestine.

All are welcome.



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, Vince Neal, Winifred Wilde and Canon Colin.

Those on our regular prayer list including:

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

Those who have died recently especially:

Colette, and Fr Stephen Ortiger OSB.

As well as those whose anniversaries occur this month.

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

Missio Volunteer required for St Theresa's

Our Local Secretaries are the 'engine room' of the work of Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Each parish/church benefits from having a dedicated volunteer to take care of the Red Boxes. Local Secretaries look after the Red Box members in their parish, ensuring that boxes are emptied and organising the distribution of the free quarterly magazine, *Mission Today*. The Red Box can be found in 200,000 homes across England and Wales and plays a vital role in the universal mission of the Church. Remember you are not alone! Our volunteers have the full support of the Missio team who will support you at every stage and answer all queries. More information at missio.org.uk. Please make yourself known to Fr Tony who will contact Missio to get you started.



School News

St Mary's new Gospel Value for this half term is **Truthfulness**. The children listened to a story called,



The Empty Pot, where a little boy is rewarded for his honesty. We reflected on why it is so important to be truthful, but how sometimes the truth can also be hurtful. The children have been asked to think about how they can grow in truthfulness over this half term.

Reflection & Formation for Ministers of Communion

St George's, Sat 23 March, 3pm- 4:45pm

This will include a short talk, a period of adoration, a session looking at how things are going so far, sorting out any difficulties, guidance on purifying the vessels, and on how to expose and repose the Blessed Sacrament for Adoration. Led by Fr Tony.

Saturday 2nd March 10am-1pm,

St George's

'Let us Dream'

Deanery Activity Workshop

Are you concerned about: Climate change? Society? Local poverty issues? The destruction of nature? Come and join our discussion. What would you like our community to look like in the year 2030?

Register at: <https://journeyto2030.org/events/>



Weekly Timetable

Saturday 24th Feb	5:15– 5:45pm Confessions, St Peters 6pm Mass, St Peters	
Sunday 25th Feb 2 nd Sunday of Lent	9am Mass, St Theresa's With Children's Liturgy 11am Mass, St George's With FHC families	<i>Denis & Betty Evans RIP All parishioners</i>
Tuesday 27th Feb	10am Mass, St George's Followed by Tea & Chat 7pm Mass, St Theresa's*	
Wed 28th Feb	7pm Mass, St Theresa's 7:45pm: Talk: <i>Fr Paul</i> See below	
Thurs 29th Feb	10am Funeral, Leonard Dmonte, St Peter's 7pm Mass, St Theresa's*	<i>(No Mass at St George's)</i>
Friday 1st March	10am Mass, St Theresa's Adoration to 10:45 7pm Stations of the Cross, St Theresa's Followed by Mass*	
Sat 2nd March	5:15– 5:45pm Confessions, St Peters 6pm Mass, St Peters	
Sunday 3rd March 3 rd Sunday of Lent	9am Mass, St Theresa's With Children's Liturgy 11am Mass, St George's	<i>All parishioners</i>

* Fr Celestine

Liturgy: Why We Do What We Do

St Theresa's Church, Southwick
Wednesdays 28th February, 6th & 13th March at 7:45pm,
after 7pm Mass and refreshments

We will be exploring:

What is Liturgy? (Session 1),

Pancakes and Ash: The Liturgy of Lent (Session 2), and

Palms to Easter Eggs: The Liturgy of Holy Week (Session 3)

The way we in the Church celebrate Lent and Holy Week is part of a story which has spanned more than two thousand years of history. In the course of these sessions we will explore why we do what we do and how it can help us engage with the most important events of human history. **These sessions will be led by Fr Paul, all are welcome.**

The Easter Triduum will be held at St George's this year

Thu 28th March	Mass of the Lord's Supper <i>Watching until midnight</i>	8pm
Fri 29th March	Commemoration of the Passion	3pm
Sat 30th March	The Easter Vigil	8pm

There will also be a Good Friday Ecumenical Walk of Witness in Southwick, starting at 11:30am at St Theresa's. We will also be offering a children's Stations of the Cross at some point. Watch this space!