



Parish of Our Lady Star of the Sea

*Serving Southwick, Portslade,
Hangleton and West Blatchington*

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www.stmarys.brighton-hove.sch.uk

Also serving the parishes:

Cottesmore: www.cottesmore.brighton-hove.sch.uk

Cardinal Newman: www.cnccs.co.uk

Upcoming Parish Events

2nd April: Palm Sunday.

Masses as usual (with blessing of palms).
3pm, Reconciliation service, St Theresa's.

Monday 3rd April: Confirmation introduction.

6:30pm, Sacred Heart, Hove.

The Easter Triduum will be held at St Theresa's,
as the Polish community will be using St George's.
The services are:

Holy Thursday 8pm: Mass of the Lords Supper.

Good Friday 3pm: Celebration of the Lord's Passion.

Easter Vigil (Holy Saturday) 8:30pm.

Easter Sunday,
Masses as usual.

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/

19th March 2023: Laetare Sunday

Weekdays: Lent Week 4

Fr Tony Writes



Bishop Richard, in his Pastoral Plan, gives us the following invitation:

I therefore take this opportunity to invite everyone in the Diocese—lay faithful and religious,

deacons and priests— to join with me in forging our parishes into communities of saints, into strong, lively and welcoming schools of discipleship. May they be communities where the Lord is known and loved; where the liturgy is experienced as an encounter with the wonder of heaven; where daily prayer is a natural part of life; where all are welcomed and their dignity as children of God always recognised; where young people grow in deep love for the Gospel, for the sacramental life of the Church and for prayer; where all know the riches of the faith and seek to share it with others.

Bishop Richard is visiting each deanery so we may all reflect on how to respond to this invitation. Among other things it will mean working much more closely with other parishes in the deanery, and 'upskilling' ourselves. There will be opportunities to do this—including the Living Faith theology course which begins this Sunday. There will also be a certain amount of re-organisation involved.

The bishop has already met with the clergy of our deanery, and is meeting with a broader group, including school leaders and pastoral teams, on Friday 21st April.

If you want to read the Pastoral Plan, go to:

www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/pastoral-plan

Confirmation 2023

Young people from School Year 9 and above are eligible to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. They should already be involved in the life of the Church in some way.



The preparation sessions are being held jointly with Sacred Heart parish. There is an introduction session for candidates and their parents on **Monday 3rd April, 6:30pm at the Sacred Heart, 39 Norton Road, Hove, BN3 3BF.** Pizza will be included! Please contact Fr Tony if you wish to come, and find out more.

Please Pray For:

All who are sick in the parish, particularly Alphonso Iacono, and those on our regular prayer list including Marion Shannon, Elizabeth Smith, Hanorah & Mat Smith, Winifred Wilde and Sandra Yelbeck.

Please also pray for those who have died recently especially Veronica Lloyd.

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



Red Box Thank You Appeal

This weekend we welcome **Fr. Joseph D Balaswamy** to give the five-yearly Appeal. Thank you to all our Parishioners who already give to the Pope's official charity for overseas mission – Missio – and Britain's own missionary order, the **Mill Hill Missionaries**, through the Red Box. There will not need to be a second collection, but if you do not currently have a Red Box, please consider taking one. It would be fantastic if every home had a Red Box to help care for our Church family throughout the world.



You can find more information or setup a Direct Debit on-line at missio.org.uk/about-apf.

Weekly Timetable

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| Saturday 18th March <i>St Cyril of Jerusalem</i> | 10am-12:30pm— 4:45- 5:15pm Confessions 5:30pm Mass, St Theresa's | Reader Formation St Theresa's <i>Veronica Lloyd RIP</i> |
| Sunday 19th March <i>4th Sunday in Lent</i> <i>Mothersing Sunday</i> <i>Laetare Sunday</i> | 9am Mass, St Theresa's <i>With Children's Liturgy</i> 11am Mass, St George's | <i>All Parishioners</i> <i>All Mothers</i> |
| Tuesday 21st March | 10am Mass, St George's | <i>Patricia Weatherseed</i> <i>RIP</i> |
| Wed 22nd March | No Mass | |
| Thursday 23rd March | 10am Mass, St George's | <i>Eileen Patricia Mellors</i> <i>RIP</i> |
| Friday 24th March | 10am Mass, St Theresa's 7pm Stations of the Cross, St George's | |
| Saturday 25th March <i>Annunciation of the Lord</i> | 10am First Holy Communion Session 5, St Theresa's 4:45- 5:15pm Confessions 5:30pm Mass, St Theresa's | |
| Sunday 26th March <i>5th Sunday in Lent</i> | 9am Mass, St Theresa's <i>With Children's Liturgy</i> 11am Mass, St George's | |

Penitential Services in the Deanery

Mon 27th March, OLOL Rottingdean, 7:30pm.
Fri 31st March, St Mary's Preston Park, 7pm, beginning with Stations.
Sunday 2nd April, St Theresa's Southwick, 3pm.
Confession is available before the 5:30 Mass on Saturday. Also after the 11:00 Mass on Sunday, and normally after any other Mass, just ask, or call Fr Tony to make an appointment.

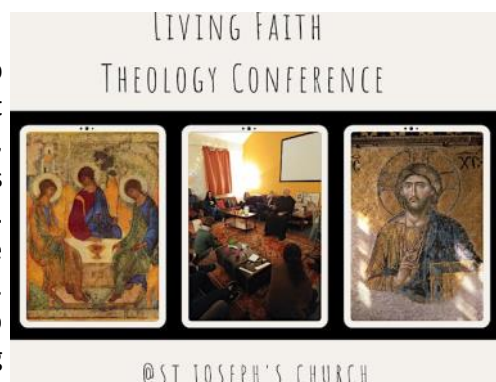
Living Faith Theology Course

St Joseph's in Brighton are launching a new series of conferences to help you explore the Catholic faith in greater depth. The series is aimed at Catholics involved in ministry and leadership, teachers in Catholic schools, and young adults/students to prepare them to be leaders and influencers in their areas of professional work and Church engagement. Our speakers are theologians and experts in their fields who will bring the faith to life, offering a bold vision of human life and discipleship. Our goal is to provide content that stretches mind and heart, leading to greater transformation in Christ, and a fuller living out of his saving mission in the world today.

First Conference: Sunday 19th March.

Our first series will explore "The Trinity", with three Conferences on Sundays: 19th March, 14th May, and July (date tbc). Fr Nicholas Crowe OP and Fr Joseph Bailham OP - Dominican Friars - will be our speakers on 19th March, exploring "The Father". Start Time: 12:45pm in St Joseph's Parish Hall, on Milton Road. We will begin with lunch: please bring a dish to share or a packed lunch. The conference will finish with Tea/Cake at 4pm. Suggested Donation: £10 (waged), £5 (unwaged). Booking link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/living-faith-conference-tickets-558770637017>



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