



Parish of Our Lady Star of the Sea

*Serving Southwick, Portslade,
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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

Southwick Churches Together



We meet at 9:30 every Wednesday morning,
St Michael's Church, Southwick, for a short
service. All are welcome.

If you use Facebook, please
do join our group page,
Catholics West Hove,



www.facebook.com/groups/1510048742698794/

Easter Collection

The Easter Offering, taken at the Easter Vigil and
Easter Sunday, is your personal gift to Fr Tony,
and is one of his principal sources of income.
Please give generously!

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/

9th April 2023: Easter Sunday

Weekdays: Easter Octave

Fr Tony Writes

*May the joy of the Resurrection
enlighten your minds and hearts!*

Today we celebrate the central truth of our faith: Jesus raised from the dead! A truth the male disciples could not believe when told about it by the women, and could barely believe when they saw it for themselves. A truth which, in the developed world, is also increasingly disbelieved. Perhaps even we struggle to believe it sometimes. Yet how else do you explain the transformation of the disciples, and their willingness to face death for insisting on this truth?

As a truth it is an interesting, indeed astonishing, fact. But its meaning is perhaps even more astonishing. For it shows us that sin, evil, hatred and violence are not overcome by power and might in the human sense, but in weakness, faithfulness and service. That was the message Jesus proclaimed in his life. It was the message he embodied in his death. And it is a message which is gloriously affirmed in his Resurrection, and indeed the events of the subsequent generations.

For the Church expanded rapidly in the first three centuries, despite being frequently persecuted and having no political might.

So even if the Church in our developed world seems to be increasingly marginalised and ridiculed, we should not be afraid. But we must continue to proclaim this central truth!



Baptism Preparation



It is appropriate that we are launching our Baptism preparation programme during Eastertide. This is for parents who are seeking the Baptism of children under First Communion age (under 7 years old).

There will be two sessions at **St Theresa's church on Thursday 20th and 27th April, 6:30pm.** Parents may bring their children with them.

If you wish to participate, call or email the parish office and let us know.

Children of First Communion age and above are prepared for Baptism through either the First Communion or Confirmation preparation.

Please Pray For:

All who are sick in the parish, particularly Alphonso Iacono, Peter Rolph, Cheryl Evans, Julie Laker, and those on our regular prayer list including: Chris Neal, Vince Neal, Maria Parente, Philip Porritt and Jean Ryan.

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

Please also pray for those who have died recently especially Veronica Lloyd and Fr David Russell. Fr David died on 24th March. His funeral will be on Friday 28th April 2023, 12 noon, at St Thomas of Canterbury, Magdalen Road, St Leonards-on-Sea, TN37 6ET.

Gift Aid Envelopes



The envelopes for 2023/2024 are now available. The boxes are labelled and ready to be collected from the back of both churches. Please note; your box number may have changed due to the merging of the church finances. If you cannot see a box with your name on, but are expecting one, please email the office to let Juliette know. Likewise, if you would like to give by Standing Order in future, email the office for the relevant forms.

St George's Day



Although St George's day is on the 24th April this year (because a Sunday of Easter takes precedence), we will be marking the feast at St George's church during the Third Sunday of Easter, 23rd April. There will be extra refreshments in the hall afterwards!

Please do come and join us!

Weekly Timetable

Saturday 8th <i>Holy Saturday</i>	8:30pm: The Easter Vigil St Theresa's	<i>All parishioners</i>
Sunday 9th April <i>Easter Sunday</i>	9am Mass, St Theresa's 11am Mass, St George's	<i>The sick of the parish</i>
Tuesday 11th April <i>Easter Tuesday</i>	<i>No Mass</i> Tea & Chat, St George's Hall	
Wed 12th April <i>Easter Wednesday</i>	<i>No Mass</i>	
Thursday 13th April <i>Easter Thursday</i>	<i>No Mass</i>	
Friday 14th April <i>Easter Friday</i>	10:30am Funeral Mass Veronica Lloyd, St Theresa's	
Saturday 15th April <i>Easter Saturday</i>	4:45 — 5:15pm Confessions 5:30pm Mass, St Theresa's	
Sunday 16th April <i>2nd Sunday of Easter</i> <i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i>	9am Mass, St Theresa's 11am Mass, St George's	<i>Fr David Russell RIP</i> <i>All Parishioners</i>

Refugee Crisis Coffee Morning

Saturday 17th June 11:30-1pm, St Gabriel's Church hall, Billingshurst.

REFUGEE
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MORNING

With Bishop Richard



You are invited to join Bishop Richard for an informal coffee morning to discuss our response to the refugee crisis.

The morning includes a short talk on the 'Homes for Ukraine' scheme.

Any questions please contact E: formation@abdiocese.org.uk .

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes



The Diocesan Lourdes office are receiving many applications from pilgrims who will need some assistance to enjoy their week, in order to support them **they need a great many more helpers to apply. They are also hoping for some more applications from our young people as Redshirts (School Years 10 & 11).**

Applications close at the end of April. Please remember that financial support is available for all Redshirts and helpers, both from the diocese and the parish. Don't let the cost put you off!

[For more about the pilgrimage see
www.abdiocese.org.uk/lourdes](http://www.abdiocese.org.uk/lourdes)