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**1st May 2022: 3rd Sunday of Easter**  
**Sunday: Year C, Weekdays: Easter Season**

**Fr Tony Writes:**

There are several words for 'Love' in the Greek that the New Testament writers used. When Jesus asks Peter "do you love me" he uses the word *agape*, which is generally used to indicate the self giving, self sacrificial love we see in Jesus. However, when Peter replies he uses the word *philea*, which is less strong. It is the sense of a positive attitude and interest towards something or someone, friendship. We see it frequently in compound words in English such as Philosophy (literally the love of wisdom) or philanthropy (a love of humanity). In this context then, when Jesus asks 'do you love me', we may paraphrase Peter's answer as, 'yes Lord, you know I am your friend'. When Jesus asks Peter the third time, he too uses *philea*. It seems Jesus is questioning the truth of Peter's reply: 'are you really my friend?'

It is no wonder then that Peter is upset. 'Lord you know everything, you know I am your friend'. Peter is probably not so much upset at Jesus as upset at himself.\* But, this is a moment of reconciliation. Jesus 'receives Peter back into the fold' - and indeed makes him the shepherd. He trusts Peter even though Peter failed. And of course Peter went on to lead the proclamation of the Kingdom of God, and was martyred.

\*Curious fact: John does not tell us Peter's reaction to the cock crow when he denies Jesus, but Bach inserted the line 'Jesus Wept' from Marks Gospel in his *St John Passion*.

**On a personal note:**

I have now moved to 3 Chalky Road, so I shall be commuting to 'work' from now on. The Parish Office remains at 92 Downland Avenue, and I will be there most mornings. Once I have the house in Chalky Road more or less sorted out (notably when I have unpacked my books!) I will hold an 'open house' so anyone who wishes will come to visit. Contact details remain the same. You may get the answerphone more often but I can pick that up easily at Chalky Road.

On a less upbeat note, as a few of you know, I have suffered from depression in the past, and occasionally have 'blips' for one reason or another. Triggers include (but are not limited to!) stress, and as moving house is listed as the second most stressful thing that can happen to you (after bereavement), it is not entirely surprising that I have had one such 'blip' in the past week. Fortunately, I have learnt how to manage such 'blips', which involves stepping back briefly from as many things as possible, cancelling all non essential things (or finding someone else to do them) and focusing on some things I know help. So Fr Paul will be celebrating most of the Masses for the next week or so, and when I do 'appear' I may well just turn up, celebrate the Mass, and then 'disappear' fairly rapidly afterwards. I have plenty of support in place, but do keep me in your prayers (as I know you do anyway!).

Despite recent advances, mental health issues sometimes carry a stigma (not least because the very nature of them means that the sufferer can feel like a failure), yet as an illness it is no different from, say, someone who has any recurring illness, for example migraine, and knows they need to (a) find ways to deal with any 'triggers' and (b) to take time off when they need to.



An alliance of education, community and faith organisations in Brighton & Hove, are initially asking for the Real Living Wage to be paid to all workers in the Care sector – those employed in nursing & care homes and by care agencies. Care workers are among the lowest paid in the country and have borne the brunt of the pandemic as first line workers and at some cost to themselves.

A group of Year 11 students at Cardinal Newman School are involved in this campaign, together with the East Brighton Parish and Deanery. Recently a group of students went to Parliament Square to meet with MPs to discuss ways we can work collaboratively and two CNS students met with Brighton Pavilion MP Caroline Lucas to ask for her support.

**MUSIC PRACTICE**



For singers, choir, musicians  
 EVERY THURSDAY 19:00hrs at St Theresa's  
 Starting Thursday 12th May  
 All are welcome!



### Please pray for:

All who are sick in the parish, especially Andrew Duncan, Elizabeth Smith, and Jean Ryan. Those who have died recently, especially Hattie Baker, June Porritt, Sheila Hooper, Ronald Paine and Maria Grazia Topa. Also remember those whose anniversaries occur around this time, particularly Michael Dixon (St George's).

### Support the people of Ukraine:

The Diocese continues to promote CAFOD's Ukraine Appeal to parishes and people wishing to give financially. You can give to CAFOD's Appeal at: [cafod.org.uk/Give](http://cafod.org.uk/Give).

To access Reset's website go to: [www.homesforukraine.org.uk](http://www.homesforukraine.org.uk).

Find out more about the Government's Homes for Ukraine initiative: [homesforukraine.campaign.gov.uk](http://homesforukraine.campaign.gov.uk).

Find out about the Family Scheme Visa visit: [www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-a-ukraine-family-scheme-visa](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-a-ukraine-family-scheme-visa).

### HRH Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee

We will be having a parish celebration on Sunday **5th June**, the weekend of the extended bank holiday, which also happens to be Pentecost Sunday. There will be one parish Mass on Sunday morning, at St Georges, followed by a shared lunch. Save the date, and watch this space for more details!



### Weekly Timetable

<b>Saturday 30th April</b> <b>St Pius V. Pope</b>	10am, St George's  4:45- 5:15pm Confessions 5:30pm Mass, St Theresa's	FHC Session 4  Michael Dixon RIP (anniversary)
<b>Sunday 1st May</b> <b>3rd Sunday of Easter</b>	9am Mass, St Theresa's  11am Mass, St George's	Eric Cripps & Christine Roe RIP All Parishioners
Tuesday 3rd May <i>Sts Philip &amp; James</i>	10am Mass, St George's	
Wednesday 4th May <i>English Martyrs</i>	7:30pm Mass, St Theresa's <i>Adoration to 21:00</i>	Patricia Weatherseed RIP
Thursday 5th May	10am Mass, St George's	
Friday 6th May	10am Mass, St Theresa's	May Nuttall RIP
<b>Saturday 7th May</b>	4:45- 5:15pm Confessions 5:30pm Mass, St Theresa's	
<b>Sunday 8th May</b> <b>4th Sunday of Easter</b>	9am Mass, St Theresa's 11am Mass, St George's	School Mass

### RED BOX 2021 — Thank You!



In 2021 St George's raised £431 and St Theresa's raised £1,509.48 through the red boxes and donations to Mission and the Mill Hill missionaries. Patti (St George's) and Teresa (St Theresa's) both thank you for all the support. Our parish community together support missionaries through prayer and financial assistance. The founder of Missio, Pauline Jaricot, will be beatified on 22nd May this year. This remarkable lay woman's life was marked by intense suffering and great trust in God.

### Special Collections 2022

Next weekend's second collection (8th May) will be for the World Day of Prayer for Vocations—The Education of Future Priests, and can be gift aided in the usual ways.



### The Welcome Directory

HELPING FAITH COMMUNITIES WELCOME PEOPLE LEAVING PRISON

#### Prison Awareness Course

Discover about the needs of prison leavers and how your Faith Community can help unlock their "second prison"

3 sessions via Zoom: 7:30pm on Thursday 9th, 16, and 23rd June



**Cost:** Up to 3 free places for faith communities who have or intend to register with The Welcome Directory. £20 all others.

**Register now:** <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/324764879497>

**More details:** [james@welcomedirectory.org.uk](mailto:james@welcomedirectory.org.uk)



**Invited**  
2021-2025

Season 2 of **Invited** begins on Easter Monday, 18th April. Videos will be released each Monday, and there will be an opportunity to join an online discussion each Thursday. For more information, and to sign up, go to the Invited website: [www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited](http://www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited).