



## Parish of Our Lady Star of the Sea

*Serving Southwick, Portslade,  
Hangleton and West Blatchington*

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Catholics West Hove

[www.facebook.com/groups/1510048742698794/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/1510048742698794/)

### This week the foodbank needs:

**Baked beans, biscuits, coffee, jam, long life juice, pasta, tinned custard, tinned meat, tinned rice pudding, tinned soup, tinned tomatoes, tuna, UHT milk, shampoo with matching conditioner, shaving gel, toothbrushes.**

Donations may be dropped into the boxes at the back of either of our churches.

*Thank you for your continued support.*

### MISSIO Red Boxes

If you have a 'Red Box' that hasn't been emptied recently or you would like it to be, please could you bring it to Teresa at St Theresa's, or Patti at St George's. Please remember to make sure your name is on it and a contact number if possible.



**8<sup>th</sup> October 2023: 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Year A**  
**Weekdays: 27<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary time, Year 1**

### Fr Tony Writes



Last Wednesday, the feast of St Francis of Assisi the first plenary gathering of the 'Synod on Synodality' began in Rome. Over 400 people, clergy and laity, men and women, from all around the world, are meeting over the coming weeks to help discern how the Church should make decisions. This may sound a bit inward looking, but in fact it is aimed at discerning how we can listen to a wider range of voices, how we can be more open to the voice of the Spirit in the church. So do keep the Synod in your prayers these coming weeks. If you want to know more about the Synod, go to [synod.va/en.html](http://synod.va/en.html)

Also last Wednesday, Pope Francis issued a follow-up document to his encyclical *Laudato Si* on care of our common home, our earth. The new document (technically an 'apostolic exhortation') is entitled *Laudate Deum* (Praise the Lord). At the beginning he is sombre:

*Eight years have passed since I published the Encyclical Letter Laudato Si', when I wanted to share with all of you, my brothers and sisters of our suffering planet, my heartfelt concerns about the care of our common home. Yet, with the passage of time, I have realised that our responses have not been adequate, while the world in which we live is collapsing and may be nearing the breaking point.*

The document is relatively short and worth reading. You can find it by searching for 'Pope Francis Laudate Deum' on the Web (the link is very long!) Political will to face this crisis will only emerge if the people, the *polis*, take it seriously themselves, and demand that those in positions of power, whether political or industrial, act decisively and rapidly.

# SYCAMORE

**Our next session is:**

## A God Who Speaks

God is so hidden and mysterious, but sometimes he breaks the silence and speaks to us in different ways. He reveals himself to us in history, in the events of the Old Testament. And then he speaks to us through his Son, Jesus Christ. When we see the face of Jesus we are looking into the face of God. This Sycamore film explores some of the different ways that God reaches out to us.

**Wednesday, 7:45pm, St Theresa's**

There will be Mass at 7pm, followed by refreshments.

After the session, at around 9:15pm there will be Night Prayer.

*All welcome, even if you have not been to previous sessions.*

The programme continues through to the end of November. As part of the programme there will also be a 'retreat day' on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November. *For more about Sycamore go to:*

[sycamore.fm](http://sycamore.fm)

**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/](http://cbcew.org.uk/category/cbcew/international/countries/ukraine/)

## Please Pray For...

All who are sick in the parish, particularly Cheryl Evans, Colette, Elizabeth Hopkins, Julie Laker, Terry Phipps and Tom Hulse.

Those on our regular prayer list including:

Eileen Kipling, Eileen McLoughlin, Joyce Monasingh, Maria Parente, Jean Ryan, Chris & Vince Neal. Please also pray for those who have died recently, especially Patrick Atkinson.

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

## Special Collections 2023

Sunday 8th October:  
**CAFOD Harvest Fast Day**  
Sunday 15th October:  
**Prisons Sunday**  
Sunday 22nd October:  
**World Mission Sunday**

## Adoration and Benediction

After 10am Mass on Thursdays and Fridays there will be a short period of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by a simple Benediction at 10:45am. This is a good time to pray for our parish, our diocese, and the whole Church as we seek to grow in faith and discern the way forward for the Church of the future.



## Blessed Carlo Acutis Fr Alexander of St Peter's writes:



Thursday 12th October is a special day for our parish as it is the feast of the Blessed Carlo Acutis. As we are home to his shrine, we are the only Church in the diocese where his feast is celebrated. This year Bishop Richard will celebrate the Mass, at 7pm, and afterwards there will be a chance to venerate the relic of the Blessed. There will be drinks in the Hall to follow. We are inviting all the parishes of Brighton and Hove to join us. Please note the date and invite all your friends to come. For more on Carlo Acutis see:

<https://carloacutis-en.org/>

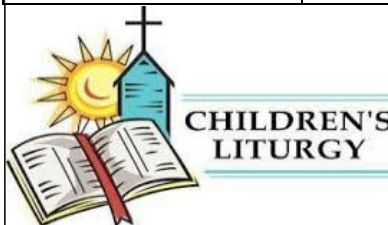
## Southwick Churches Together

We meet at 9:30 every Wednesday morning, at St Michael's Church in Southwick, for a short service, led by people from churches in the local area. There are refreshments afterwards.

All are welcome!

## Weekly Timetable

<b>Sat 7th October</b> <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	Confession 4:45-5:15pm 5pm Evening Prayer 5:30pm Mass, St Theresa's	<i>All Parishioners</i>
<b>Sunday 8th October</b> <i>27th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>  <i>Prisons Week</i>	8:30am Morning Prayer 9am Mass, St Theresa's with Children's Liturgy 11am Mass, St George's	<i>Ester &amp; Giuseppe Cincinelli RIP</i>
<b>Tuesday 10th October</b>	10am Mass, St George's <i>Followed by Tea &amp; Chat</i>	
<b>Wed 11th October</b> <i>St John XXIII</i>	7pm Mass, St Theresa's <b>7:45pm Sycamore</b> 9:15pm Night Prayer	
<b>Thurs 12th October</b> <i>St Wilfred</i>	<b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Friday 13th October</b> <i>St Edward the Confessor</i>	10am Mass, St Theresa's <i>Adoration to 10:45</i>	<i>Mary Baker &amp; Miss K Nelson RIP</i>
<b>Sat 14th October</b>	Confession 4:45-5:15pm 5pm Evening Prayer 5:30pm Mass, St Theresa's	
<b>Sunday 15th October</b> <i>28th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:30am Morning Prayer 9am Mass, St Theresa's with Children's Liturgy 11am Mass, St George's	<i>All Parishioners</i>



## Our Children's Liturgy Group

takes place during the 9am Mass at St Theresa's (in the side chapel). We invite children from Reception Class to Year 3, to join the group.

15th October; 28th Sunday in ordinary time; **The wedding party**  
22nd October; 29th Sunday in ordinary time;  
**Give to God what belongs to God**  
29th October; School Holidays; **no children's liturgy**  
05th November; 31st Sunday in ordinary time;  
**Practice what you preach**  
12th November; 32nd Sunday in ordinary time; **Be ready**  
19th November; 33rd Sunday in ordinary time; **Gifts from God**  
26th November; Christ The King; **Christ is King**

## Bollywood Dance and Exercise Class

St George's Church Hall  
Monday Evenings 6:30—7:30pm

All abilities welcome,  
including children

(Under 18's need to be accompanied by a responsible adult)



Have Fun — Get Fit — Make Friends