



St George's & St Theresa's
*Serving Southwick, Portslade,
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3rd July 2022: 14th Sunday of the Year
Sunday: Year C, Weekdays: Year 2, Week 14

Fr. Tony Writes

As I am sure you are aware by now, next weekend we will be celebrating the First Holy Communion of thirteen of our children from the two parishes. I am sure it will be wonderful celebration day.



Do you remember your First Holy Communion? My memories are only vague, but I recall it being a special day. I also recall having a red knitted tie! Since then I calculate I must have received Holy

Communion about 14,000 times, which is an astonishing number!

Although I am not a fully committed 'twitcher', I do enjoy watching, and sometimes photographing, wild birds. Dedicated birdwatchers will often travel great distances to spot a rare bird, even if it is an LBJ.* Yet we can see the humble blue tit just by hanging a seed feeder in the garden, and that is arguably one of our most attractive birds.

**Little Brown Job: a non-technical ornithological term for any species of bird which is, well, small and brown. There are a lot of them!*

What an amazing gift we have in the Mass and Holy Communion! God gives his very self to us, to nourish us. And it is so accessible, especially to those of us who live in a country where we have daily Mass less than an hour away wherever we live. One might even suggest it is too accessible. When something is freely available we can undervalue it. There are plenty of places in the world where people only have Mass once a month or less, and they may have to travel great distances to get to that Mass.

Let us take the opportunity of this celebration to renew our appreciation of this great gift. Perhaps now is a good time to reflect on whether we do indeed take it for granted. Let us also pray for those who, for whatever reason, have yet to resume the practice of coming to Mass regularly after the pandemic. May the Holy Spirit stir up a hunger in them to celebrate Mass and receive communion regularly once more.

Parish Celebration



Thank you to everyone that came to our Jubilee and Pentecost celebration at St George's. It was a wonderful event. There are a selection of photos from

the day on the parish website: <https://www.platinum-jubilee-pa.brightondeanerywest.org.uk/>

Assistant Administrator vacancy in the East Brighton Parish

The East Brighton Parish (St Joseph's and St John the Baptist) are looking for a part time administrative assistant (16 hours a week). We would welcome applications from highly motivated candidates with excellent organisational skills, ability to learn, and considerable computer competence.

Contact AnnMarie on 01273 087839 or email: eastbrighton@abdiocese.org.uk for an initial chat and application details.

Please Pray For: All who are sick in the parish, especially Mary Hale, Andrew Duncan, Elizabeth Smith, Alex Gibbons and Jean Ryan. Those who have died recently, especially Jerry Sheehan (Funeral this Thursday 7th July, 10:30, St Theresa's) and Margo Gibbons, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

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

Support the people of Ukraine

You can give to CAFOD's Appeal at: cafod.org.uk/Give.

To access Reset's website go to: www.homesforukraine.org.uk.

Find out more about the Government's Homes for Ukraine initiative: homesforukraine.campaign.gov.uk.

Find out about the Family Scheme Visa: www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-a-ukraine-family-scheme-visa.

First Holy Communion

Sunday 10th July

11 am, St Theresa's



13 Children from across the two parishes will be making their First Holy Communion next Sunday.

They are: Arthur, Ben, Charlotte, Danny, Evelyn, Evie, Ivy, Jasmine, Lilly, Santiago, Saoirse, Scarlett and Seraphina. Please keep them in your prayers.

NB. There will not be a 9am Mass at St Theresa's that morning. 11am Mass at St George's will happen as usual, celebrated by Fr Paul Wilkinson.

For those already looking forward to First Holy Communion 2023, there will be an Information Evening for Families on Friday 30th September, 7pm at St Theresa's.

Similar to this year, the preparation will involve six Saturday morning sessions for the families and participation in Sunday Masses. The First Holy Communion Mass will be in the Summer term, and a celebration Mass with certificate giving a few weeks after that. Full details will be available at the Information Evening.

Weekly Timetable

Saturday 2nd July	4:45- 5:15pm Confessions 5:30pm Mass, St Theresa's	
Sunday 3rd July <i>14th Sunday of the year</i>	9am Mass, St Theresa's <i>School Leavers Mass</i> 11am Mass, St George's	Sebastiana Rato RIP All Parishioners
Tuesday 5th July	10am Mass, St George's	
Wednesday 6th July <i>St Maria Goretti</i>	10am Mass, St George's 7:30pm Mass, St Theresa's Adoration to 9pm	<i>Stephen Cunnane RIP</i>
Thursday 7th July	10:30am Funeral Mass, St Theresa's (No Mass at St George's) 7pm Music Practice, St Theresa's	<i>Funeral of Jerry Sheehan</i>
Friday 8th July	10am Mass, St Theresa's	
Saturday 9th July	4:45- 5:15pm Confessions 5:30pm Mass, St Theresa's	Jerry Sheehan RIP
Sunday 10th July <i>15th Sunday of the year</i>	11am Mass, St Theresa's <i>First Holy Communion</i> 11am Mass, St George's	FHC Children & Families All Parishioners

All Welcomers & Stewards

are warmly invited to attend a Deanery time of Reflection and Formation on **Saturday 9th July from 11.00 – 15.00 at St Peter's Church Hall, Hove, BN3 3GD,**

to consider moving forward and reflect on how we can enable our Parish and Church communities to reach out to welcome and include everyone. This Formation enables you to explore how this can be achieved through, scripture, prayer and reflection using a multi-sensory approach, as well as considering disability awareness and different groups who may not feel included. Please bring your own packed lunch. This will be led Margaret Fraher, the Diocesan Inclusion Adviser, who is also a member of the Diocesan Formation Team.

Please contact Caroline Kelly to book a place at this event or if you have any queries (ben_a_kid@yahoo.co.uk).

Events at Worth Abbey

TIME OUT Individual retreats: 18-22 July

Arriving on Monday 18th July, spend a few days at Worth Abbey enjoying the rhythm of the monastic prayer and liturgy, time in reflection and the peace of the Sussex countryside.

Finding Stillness: 20-23 September

'Be still and know that I am God' (Psalm 46). Come to Worth Abbey and encounter this refreshing and empowering stillness.

To book go to: www.worth.co.uk. For further information, contact us on 01342 710318 or email retreats@worth.org.uk.