



## 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](http://www.stmarys.brighton-hove.sch.uk)

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**Catholics West Hove**

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## Monks in the City

**St John the Baptist's, 2 Bristol Rd, Kemptown, BN2 1AP**  
**Phone 07444 802368**

The monks of Worth Abbey living in the city invite you to  
join them.

### PRAY WITH US

Join the monks for Prayer in

**St John the Baptist's Church:**

**Lauds** (Morning Prayer): Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat - **9am**

**Vespers** (Evening Prayer): Mon, Tues, Wed - **6pm**

### Special Vespers:

In the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**  
(18 -25 January), we invite you to join us for a  
celebration of Vespers on **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January at 4pm**,  
to which we have invited other churches in Brighton.

**Vespers for the Feast of St Benedict**  
**Wed 20<sup>th</sup> March 6pm**

**14th January 2024: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Weekdays: 2nd Week in Ordinary Time, Year II**

## Fr Tony Writes:



John's account of Jesus meeting Simon Peter and Andrew is rather different to Mark's story. John tells us that Andrew was first a follower of John the Baptist, and after meeting Jesus he brings Peter to him. In Mark's story (which we hear next Sunday), Jesus sees the two of them in their boat and calls them. It is entirely possible that the events of today's Gospel precede those narrated by Mark, and though the two disciples had already met Jesus, they had yet to be asked to leave fishing behind them. This might help to explain why they responded so quickly to his call by the lakeside.

But 'harmonising' the gospels in this way is not really necessary. What matters more is discerning what each evangelist is saying to us through their telling of the story.

John's account shows us how people are led to Jesus. John points Jesus out to two of his disciples. They then go and encounter Jesus for themselves. We are told they spent 'the rest of the day' with him, given that it was the 10<sup>th</sup> hour, that was about two hours. Andrew, having encountered Jesus, then tells his brother and brings him to Jesus.

Another theme of John's story is that of 'seeing deeply'. John 'stares hard' at Jesus and recognises him as the Lamb of God. Jesus 'looks hard' at Peter and sees in him the rock on which, according to Matthew, he will build the Church. In both cases they 'see' something which is beyond the visible and superficial.

To 'see' in this way, to perceive the deeper reality of things, is something we too must strive for. Bishop Richard has spent a great deal of time, consultation and prayer to 'see' the way forward for the diocese, which he has set out in the Pastoral Plan.



And what we 'see' is that the way forward is to follow the Lamb of God, the Messiah, the Word who is Life. As Bishop Richard puts it: "We are called to be ever more closely conformed to Christ, that as His disciples we may bring the Good News to our brothers and sisters".

If you were not at the bishop's webinar last Wednesday, I would encourage you to watch it online at [www.abdiocese.org.uk/  
diocese/pastoral-plan](http://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/pastoral-plan). You will also find the Pastoral Plan itself there, both the full document and an abridged version. Printed copies are available in our churches.

*Lord, The Word who is Life. May all the people of our Diocese grow in openness to the power of the Holy Spirit, so that through a growth in understanding and courage, and truly open to your call, we may bear powerful witness to all around us, for you are Lord for ever and ever, Amen.*

## First Holy Communion Prayer Sponsors

If you would like to be a prayer sponsor for one of our young people making their First Holy Communion in May 2024, please email the office or speak to Fr Tony.

## Please Pray For...

### All who are sick in the parish particularly:

Cheryl Evans, Colette, Elizabeth Hopkins, Julie Laker, Terry Phipps, Tom Hulse and Winifred Wilde.

### Those on our regular prayer list including:

Marion Shannon, Elizabeth Smith, Winifred Wilde, Sandra Yelbeck, Hanorah & Mat Smith.

### Those who have died recently especially:

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



If you would like to donate to the food bank this week we are most in need of:

**Breakfast Cereal; Chocolate Spread; Cooking Oil; Crisps; Long Life Orange Juice; Loo Rolls; Meat Soup (chunky soups are ideal); Shampoo with matching Conditioner; Sugar; Tinned Custard; Tinned Fruit; Tinned Meat (especially curry, chilli, corned beef, chicken or ham); Tinned Plum Tomatoes; Tinned Spaghetti**

Donations may be dropped into the boxes at the back of either of our churches. *Thank you for your support.*

## CAFOD Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal

Donate to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at [cafod.org.uk/ipc](http://cafod.org.uk/ipc) or call 0303 303 3030.

Your donation will help support aid workers providing urgent humanitarian aid including food, water and emergency shelter to those in need. *Thank you for your prayers.*



## reMarkable

### A series of talks on the Gospel of Mark

Wednesdays, 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> Jan & 7<sup>th</sup> Feb, St Theresa's, 7:45pm. (Mass 7pm, followed by refreshments.)

This year on Sundays we will be hearing the Gospel of Mark. It is the shortest and most dynamic of Gospels. It was probably written in Rome, for a small Church community that had known St Peter, and was now enduring persecution and seeing people falling away.

What was it like to hear the Gospel for the first time, possibly hidden secretly in a room in the city? The first session on the 17th January, will be a 'read through' of the whole Gospel, after a brief 'scene setting' to try to 'capture' its atmosphere. Then on the 24th January and the 7th February we will look more closely at key features and themes of Mark's story of Jesus.

## Weekly Timetable

<b>Saturday 13th Jan</b> <i>St Hilary</i>	10am First Communion Preparation, St Theresa's  5:15– 5:45pm Confessions St Peters, Hove  6pm Mass, St Peters, Hove	(St Peter's, Portland Road, Hove, BN3 5GD)
<b>Sunday 14th Jan</b> <b>2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time</b> <i>Peace Sunday</i>	9am Mass, St Theresa's 11am Mass, St George's	All Parishioners
<b>Tuesday 16th Jan</b>	10am Mass, St George's	Frank Delvard RIP Lorna Delvard ints
<b>Wed 17th January</b> <i>St Anthony</i>	7pm Mass, St Theresa's <i>Followed by reMarkable</i>	
<b>Thursday 18th Jan</b>	10am Mass, St George's <i>Adoration to 10:45</i>	
<b>Friday 19th Jan</b>	10am Mass, St Theresa's <i>Adoration to 10:45</i>	Elizabeth Lee RIP Mary Miller RIP
<b>Saturday 20th Jan</b> <i>St Sebastian</i>	5:15– 5:45pm Confessions St Peters, Hove  6pm Mass, St Peters, Hove	(St Peter's, Portland Road, Hove, BN3 5GD)
<b>Sunday 21st Jan</b> <b>3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time</b> <i>Word of God Sunday</i>	9am Mass, St Theresa's 11am Mass, St George's	Family Theobalds RIP All Parishioners

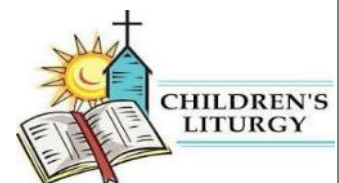
## Mass Changes

There have been some changes to Masses in the area. The principle change for us is the amalgamation of the Saturday evening Masses at St Theresa's and St Peter's. **There is no longer a 5:30 Saturday Mass at St Theresa's. Fr Tony now celebrates the 6pm vigil Mass at St Peter's, Hove.** Confessions will be 5:15 — 5:45 at St Peter's. **St Peter's, Portland Road, Hove, BN3 5GD**

## Children's Liturgy Group

This takes place during the 9am Mass at St Theresa's (in the side chapel), during term time. Children from Reception Class to Year 3, are welcome to join the group. Our upcoming themes this half term are:

- 14th January; 2nd Sunday in ordinary time; **Lamb of God**
- 21st January; 3rd Sunday in ordinary time; **Follow Me**
- 28th January; 4th Sunday in ordinary time; **The Power of Jesus**
- 4th February; 5th Sunday in ordinary time; **Jesus Cures the Sick**
- 11th February; 6th Sunday in ordinary time; **Jesus Cures the Leper**



**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/)