



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

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Catholics West Hove

www.facebook.com/groups/1510048742698794/

Special Collections 2024

**CAFOD Family Fast Day
Friday 23 February 2024**



This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal will help hardworking people like James the fisherman in Liberia with resources, tools and training to feed their families for good. Give today using the envelopes provided, or online at cafod.org.uk and please join us in praying with James that our sisters and brothers around the world have what they need to feed their families.

There are gift aid envelopes in both our churches. You can also donate via our Digital Collection Plate (the contactless device) or scan the QR code.



**18th February 2024: 1st Sunday of Lent, Year B
Weekdays: Lent Week 1**

Fr Tony Writes:

We understand Lent to be 40 days long, although there are 46 days from Ash Wednesday to Holy Saturday. There are 40 days of 'fasting' because the six Sundays are not considered fast days.

But what is the significance of the number 40? In the first instance it is the number of days Jesus spent in the desert, as we hear in this Sunday's Gospel. But that figure also reminds us of other biblical forties. This Sunday's readings also speak of the story of the flood. According to Genesis it rained for '40 days and 40 nights'. And before receiving the Law, Moses was on the mountain '40 days and 40 nights'. Then there is the 40 years the Israelites spent in the wilderness.

The number 40 seems to mean 'quite a long time' or, perhaps, 'a generation' when referring to years. But in many places it seems also to carry the deeper meaning of 'a time of preparation'. Combining these two, we get the sense of Lent being 'a good length of time to prepare to celebrate Easter'. We are blessed with these days to be given the chance to focus on the greatest truth of our faith – that Jesus died and rose for us to free us from sin and lead us to eternal life. And we should remind ourselves of this on every day of Lent, however many days there are!

St George's Temporary Closure

St George's Church and Parish Hall needs to close for a week from Monday 11th March until Friday 15th March, due to extensive electrical work. The works are essential, and closure is unavoidable. Therefore there will be no Mass on Tuesday 12th or Thursday 14th March and no activities in the Hall this week also. We hope this does not cause too much inconvenience and appreciate your understanding.

World Day of Prayer 2024

Friday 1st March 2024

- ◇ Hove — Central United Reform Church, Ventnor Villas, BN3 3YF at 10:30am.
- ◇ Southwick — St Michaels Church, Church Lane, Southwick at 2pm.

This year's theme is: **"I beg you, bear with one another in love"**.
The service has been prepared by the women of Palestine.
All are welcome.



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.

We need another four sponsors please 🙏🙏🙏🙏

St Vincent de Paul Society

The next SVP meeting will be on Thursday 22nd February at 6:30pm at St Theresa's, in the parish meeting room at the back of the church, via the back door. Anyone who is interested in getting involved is welcome to come to the meeting. For more information, please contact the parish office or email:

presidenta0105@svp.org.uk

Please Pray For...

All who are sick in the parish particularly:

Cheryl Evans, Deacon Richard Harvey, Vince Neal and Winifred Wilde.

Those on our regular prayer list including:

Maria Parente, Marion Shannon, Paddy Dixon, Sandra Yelbeck, Terry Phipps and Tom Hulse.

Those who have died recently especially:

Colette, and Fr Stephen Ortiger OSB.

As well as those whose anniversaries occur this month.

A full list of sick parishioners and anniversaries can be found on the parish website.

Missio Volunteer required for St Theresa's

Our Local Secretaries are the 'engine room' of the work of Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Each parish/church benefits from having a dedicated volunteer to take care of the Red Boxes. Missio is proud to be the Pope's own charity for overseas mission. Missio helps God's love to be shared by supporting local missionaries to work alongside global communities that are poor or in need, regardless of background or belief, and works in partnership with the Mill Hill Missionaries, Britain's own missionary society. Local Secretaries look after the Red Box members in their parish, ensuring that boxes are emptied and organising the distribution of the free quarterly magazine, *Mission Today*. The Red Box can be found in 200,000 homes across England and Wales and plays a vital role in the universal mission of the Church. Remember you are not alone! Our volunteers have the full support of the Missio team who will support you at every stage and answer all queries.

More information at missio.org.uk.

Please make yourself known to Fr Tony who will contact Missio to get you started.



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Catholic School Vacancy

Head of School – St Richard's Catholic Primary School, Chichester.

Governors of St Richard's Catholic Primary School are looking to appoint an exceptional individual to become our Head of School, from September 2024. We are seeking an inspirational leader to drive the school forward, in collaboration with our Executive Headteacher, as it continues its journey to excellence.

The successful candidate will be a committed Catholic with positive, dynamic and ambitious vision who has the ability to inspire those around them. The school achieved 'Good' in all areas in Ofsted 2022 and also enjoys an 'Outstanding' Section 48 inspection grade. We can offer you a committed staff, amazing pupils and supportive parents and governors. If you would like to find out more about the post or book a tour, please contact Mrs Hannah Farrands on 01243 784549.

CLOSING DATE: MONDAY 18th MARCH 2024

SHORTLISTING: THURSDAY 21st MARCH 2024

INTERVIEWS: WEDNESDAY 27th MARCH 2024

Weekly Timetable

Saturday 17th Feb <i>7 Holy Founders of the Servite Order</i>	5:15– 5:45pm Confessions, St Peters 6pm Mass, St Peters	
Sunday 18th Feb 1st Sunday of Lent	9am Mass, St Theresa's 11am Mass, St George's	Lucy Hindley RIP & Isabella Horton RIP Guilo Pires RIP
Tuesday 20th Feb	10am Mass, St George's 7pm Mass, St Theresa's*	
Wed 21st Feb <i>St Peter Damian</i>	7pm Mass, St Theresa's 7:45pm: Talk: <i>On Care for our Common Home</i> (see below)	Fr Stephen Ortiger OSB RIP
Thurs 22nd Feb <i>St Peter's Chair</i>	10am Mass, St George's <i>Adoration to 10:45</i> 7pm Mass, St Theresa's*	
Friday 23rd Feb <i>St Polycarp</i>	10am Mass, St Theresa's <i>Adoration to 10:45</i> 7pm Mass, St Theresa's*	
Saturday 24th Feb	5:15– 5:45pm Confessions, St Peters 6pm Mass, St Peters	
Sunday 25th Feb 2nd Sunday of Lent	9am Mass, St Theresa's <i>With Children's Liturgy</i> 11am Mass, St George's	Denis & Betty Evans RIP

ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

19:45-20:15 Weds 21st February 2024



A talk exploring Care for Creation with John Paul de Quay of the Ecological Conversion Group. For the Parishes of the Brighton deanery hosted by St George's Church, Hove.



Use the QR code to register or sign up at:
<http://tinyurl.com/theecg>



The talk will be online. Please register using the link above if you want to watch at home. Alternatively you join us in St Theresa's after the 7pm Mass where we will stream the talk.

Then on Saturday 2nd March 10am-1pm, St George's 'Let us Dream' Deanery Activity Workshop

Are you concerned about: Climate change? Society? Local poverty issues? The destruction of nature? Come and join our discussion. What would you like our community to look like in the year 2030? Register at:

<https://journeyto2030.org/events/>

*Fr Celestine Nnolim, the hospital chaplain, who is currently living at St Theresa's presbytery, will normally celebrate Mass at St Theresa's on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday evenings at 7pm. He is happy for others to come and join him.