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World Mission Sunday 2024

This Sunday, the Holy Father invites all Catholics to support Missio, his charity for world mission, through a special collection. This day of prayer, solidarity, and giving, unites Catholics worldwide to share the Good News of God's love which has the power to transform lives and heal our world. To donate, use the **Missio envelopes** in your church, call 020 7821 9755, or visit missio.org.uk, to give a gift, set up a Direct Debit, and Gift Aid your donation if possible.

Missio Red Boxes

Just a reminder, if you have a red box that has not been emptied recently, or you would like it to be emptied, please could you bring it to Moira at St Theresa's, or Paty at St George's. Please remember to make sure your name is on it and a contact number. Thank you.

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20th October 2024: 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Yr B

Weekdays: 29th Week of Year II

World Mission Sunday

Fr Tony Writes

This Sunday all the readings focus on one key aspect of our Christian faith.* That is the doctrine of the Atonement. All three readings speak of a person who suffers in order to bring salvation. In Isaiah it is an unnamed character who 'offers his life in atonement', and this points forwards to Jesus, who will 'give his life as a ransom for many'. And Jesus in the Letter to the Hebrews is the High Priest who offers his very self in sacrifice.

This is our faith, it is something that is referred to many times in the Mass liturgy. It is implied by every crucifix we see, or wear. Yet is it not also a bit strange? Why was it 'necessary that the Christ should suffer' as St Luke says Jesus taught his disciples on the road to Emmaus?

Down the centuries many have sought to understand this. It is an act of supreme love. It is a paying of our debts. It is ransoming us from slavery. It is victory over sin and death. It is an example for us to follow. All these are valid ways of looking at it, but none of them capture the full meaning.

What is clear from the accounts in the New Testament is that this was not merely an idea, a theory. It was an experience. Through Jesus' death and Resurrection, and the subsequent gift of the Spirit, those early disciples knew everything had changed. They experienced the reconciliation—the at-one-ment—that Christ had won/given himself/bought for them. That same gift is ours. We will never fully understand it, but we give thanks for it. And that is what Eucharist means: thanksgiving!

** The Sunday readings are not always so 'synchronised'. If you want to find out more about why, come to the Lectionary talks in November!*

Helpers Needed!

First Holy Communion Catechists

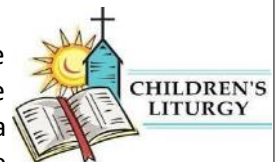
The preparation sessions are centred around the parents teaching their children, using support material provided, and with input and guidance from catechists. We have a good team of catechists, but we need a couple more people to help with things like setting up, welcoming, clearing away and, most importantly, helping with refreshments.



There are six sessions, Saturdays 10am — 12:15pm, once a month, starting in November. **Could you offer your time?** The only qualifications are the ability to smile and be friendly, make tea, coffee and squash, (all necessary ingredients provided), and to not be fazed by children (and sometimes their parents!) making a lot of noise.

Children's Liturgy Group Leaders

Our children's liturgy group takes place during the 9am Mass at St Theresa's (in the side chapel), during term time. We need a few more adult volunteers to lead the sessions please. We generally have around six to ten children each week, between the ages of about 4 and 8 years old. **If you would like to get involved please speak to Juliette or Charlotte.**



Please Pray For...

All who are sick in the parish, particularly:

Rex Curd, Sally Harvey, and Lucy.

Those on our regular prayer list including:

**Elizabeth Hopkins, Tom Hulse, June Kelly, Eileen Kipling,
Chris & Vince Neal, Maria Parente, and Terry Phipps.**

Those who have died recently especially:

Mahen Fernando.

As well as those whose anniversaries occur this month.

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

This week the foodbank needs:

**Crisps; Curry Sauce (especially korma); Honey; Marmite;
Pasta Bakes (sauces); Peanut Butter; Tinned Custard;
Tinned Meat (e.g. tinned pies, ham, hot dogs);
Tinned Rice Pudding; and UHT Milk (semi-skimmed)**

We have so much pasta, tea, and tins of baked beans at the moment, so please don't buy us these.

Donations may be dropped into the boxes at the back of either of our churches, these are delivered to the food bank weekly. **Thank you.**



St Vincent de Paul Society

The SVP take a person-to-person approach to supporting people not just in our parish but the wider community. We extend the hand of friendship to the lonely and isolated by visiting them regularly and taking them out occasionally. The SVP run a furniture scheme to help those who have been homeless, now have a place to live, but have no furniture. This scheme is also used to support families who are struggling to buy furniture. For families we visit, who are finding it hard to make ends meet, we can help by referring them to the foodbank.

Through the SVP Small Project scheme we have been able to buy milking buffalos for three families in India. Recently we supported the Grenada disaster appeal by using the money we had raised from the Cash4Coins scheme.

We work as a team and support each other. All visits are done in pairs.

If anyone is interested and would like to learn more about the SVP, please come to **our next meeting on Thursday 31st October at 6pm**, in the meeting room at the back of St Theresa's.



Middle East Humanitarian Appeal

The DEC, of which CAFOD is a part, has launched an appeal because the "conflict in the Middle East is devastating lives. Millions of people across Gaza, Lebanon and the wider region, urgently need shelter, food and basic supplies."

You can donate via cafod.org.uk or dec.org.uk and there will also be a collection next weekend.

Weekly Timetable

Sat 26th October	6pm Mass, St Peter's, Hove	
Sunday 20th Oct <i>29th Sunday</i>	9am Mass, St Theresa's with Children's Liturgy 11am Mass, St George's	<i>All Parishioners</i> <i>Mahen Fernando RIP</i>
Tues 22nd Oct <i>St John Paul II</i>	10am Mass, St George's followed by Tea & Chat 7pm Mass, St Theresa's Fr Celestine	
Wed 23rd Oct	7pm Mass, St Theresa's	
Thurs 24th Oct <i>St Anthony Mary Claret</i>	10am Mass, St George's followed by Adoration 7pm Mass, St Theresa's Fr Celestine	
Fri 25th October	10am Mass, St Theresa's followed by Adoration 7pm Mass, St Theresa's Fr Celestine	
Sat 26th October	6pm Mass, St Peter's, Hove	
Sunday 27th Oct <i>30th Sunday</i>	9am Mass, St Theresa's 11am Mass, St George's	<i>All Parishioners</i> <i>Michael Milner RIP</i>

Special Collections 2024

Sunday 20th October — World Mission Sunday

Sunday 27th October — DEC Collection

Sunday 10th November — Retired Priests Fund

Monk Talks

Going deeper into Stillness – Praying with Meditation

A talk by Fr Peter who has been a monk of Worth for 30 years; currently he is responsible for the Worth retreat centre – St Bruno's. In his talk he will reflect on the prayer journey into silence and stillness.

Tuesday 22nd October, St John the Baptist church and Fitz hub, 2 Bristol Road, Brighton, BN2 1AP. 6pm Evening Prayer, 6:30pm simple supper, 7pm talk.

The New Lectionary: God's Word in the Liturgy

Wednesday 6th November: What is a Lectionary?

Fr Paul Wilkinson will explore the origins of the lectionary, and how the scriptures are now arranged in the Liturgy of the Word.

Wednesday 13th November: So What's New?

Fr Tony will look at how the scriptures are translated, and how this new translation can help us, focusing on the readings of the coming year.

St Theresa's Church

Mass: 7pm Followed by refreshments.

Talk: 7:45pm Followed by questions and discussion.

Night Prayer: 9pm.



The talks will also be shared over Zoom.

Contact tony.milner@abdiocese.org.uk for a link.

We continue to pray for the people of Ukraine. More info: cbcew.org.uk/category/cbcew/international/countries/ukraine/