



Parish of Our Lady Star of the Sea

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Kathleen Bull — 1925 to 2023

Kathleen's family will be gathering at Portslade Cemetery to bury her ashes on Friday 5th April at 2:30pm. You would be welcome to join them if you remember her.

3rd March 2024: 3rd Sunday of Lent, Year B
Weekdays: Lent Week 3

Fr Tony Writes:

The Temple in Jerusalem was a magnificent building. According to those arguing with Jesus in today's Gospel, it had taken 46 years to build. And yet at least the outer precincts (the Court of the Gentiles, where foreigners were permitted to enter) had been turned into a market, selling the animals needed for sacrifice, other offerings, and changing Roman coins (which were stamped with an idolatrous image) into the Jewish currency acceptable in the temple.

The temple was destroyed by the Romans in 70 AD, so what is the relevance of this to us? At the most superficial level, it reminds us to keep our places of worship as places 'set apart' for the things of God and the work of the Church.

More profoundly, the Court of the Gentiles was supposed to be a place of welcome for outsiders. But the people were so caught up in their own religious needs that they had effectively closed themselves off to others. So it reminds us that our churches should be places where outsiders feel welcome, rather than alienated or put off.

Taking it one step further, Jesus speaks of the 'temple' that is his body. That can be taken to mean his physical body, which was 'rebuilt' in three days in the resurrection. But with that rebuilding comes the building of his body in another sense, the Body of Christ. The Church.

For the Church is not primarily the building we go to for worship. It is all of us. So the call to keep that 'temple' holy applies not just to the respect we pay to our churches, but to the very way we lead our lives.

And sometimes that temple needs cleansing. Lent is a good time for that 'spring clean', asking the Lord to 'drive out' from us all that is not worthy of being part of his body!

Musicians and Singers Needed!

Easter is only four weeks away, and we have no James to plan and organise the music, so we are a bit 'behind the curve'.

If you can sing in tune, or if you play any sort of instrument to a moderate standard, we need you!

There will be a meeting to look at the music for Holy Week and Easter this Tuesday, 5th March at 7pm, at St George's.

If you can't come on Tuesday but are willing to help anyway, please contact Fr Tony, preferably by email.



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 at St George's 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.

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

Please Pray For...

All who are sick in the parish, particularly:
Cheryl Evans, Deacon Richard Harvey, Winifred Wilde and Canon Colin.

Those on our regular prayer list including:
Florence Davis, Hanorah & Mat Smith, Jean Ryan, Julie Laker, Kathleen Davis and Margaret Gilligan.

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.

Welcomers

We are in need of a few more welcomers at the 9am Mass at St Theresa's please. We are more than happy for families to do it together, so if you have little ones, don't let that put you off! Equally, if you would like to put yourself forward to be paired up with another volunteer, that would be great too! Please speak to Fr Tony or email the office.

Liturgy: Why We Do What We Do

**St Theresa's Church, Southwick
Wednesdays, 6th 13th & 20th March at 7:45pm,
after 7pm Mass and refreshments**

We will be exploring:

What is Liturgy? (Session 1),

Pancakes and Ash: The Liturgy of Lent (Session 2), and
Palms to Easter Eggs: The Liturgy of Holy Week (Session 3)
The way we in the Church celebrate Lent and Holy Week is part of a story which has spanned more than two thousand years of history. In the course of these sessions we will explore why we do what we do and how it can help us engage with the most important events of human history. **These sessions will be led by Fr Paul**, all are welcome.

Reflection & Formation for Ministers of Communion St George's, Sat 23 March, 3pm- 4:45pm

This will include a short talk, a period of adoration, a session looking at how things are going so far, sorting out any difficulties, guidance on purifying the vessels, and on how to expose and repose the Blessed Sacrament for Adoration. Led by Fr Tony.



Weekly Timetable

Saturday 2nd March	5:15– 5:45pm Confessions, St Peters 6pm Mass, St Peters	
Sunday 3rd March 3rd Sunday of Lent	9am Mass, St Theresa's <i>With Children's Liturgy</i> 11am Mass, St George's	<i>All parishioners</i>
Tuesday 5th March	10am Mass, St George's 7pm: Music meeting, St George's	
Wednesday 6th March	7pm Mass, St Theresa's 7:45pm: Talk: <i>Fr Paul</i>	
Thurs 7th March <i>Sts Perpetua & Felicity</i>	10am Mass, St George's 7pm Mass, St Theresa's*	
Friday 8th March <i>St John of God</i>	11am Funeral Mass, Martin Siney 7pm Mass, St Theresa's* 7pm Stations of the Cross, St George's	Funeral at St Peter's: No morning Mass at St Theresa's
Sat 9th March <i>St Frances of Rome</i>	5:15– 5:45pm Confessions, St Peters 6pm Mass, St Peters	
Sun 10th March 4th Sunday of Lent Laetare Sunday	9am Mass, St Theresa's <i>With Children's Liturgy</i> 11am Mass, St George's	<i>Glen & Michelle Evans RIP</i> <i>All parishioners</i>

* Fr Celestine - No Mass on Tuesday evening

Parish Penitential Service

There will be a parish penitential service, with a number of confessors, at St Theresa's, Palm Sunday, 24th March, 3pm.

The Easter Triduum will be held at St George's this year

Thu 28th March	Mass of the Lord's Supper <i>Watching until midnight</i>	8pm
Fri 29th March	Commemoration of the Passion	3pm
Sat 30th March	The Easter Vigil	8pm

There will also be a Good Friday Ecumenical Walk of Witness in Southwick, starting at 11:30am at St Theresa's.

And we will be offering a children's Stations of the Cross at some point. Watch this space!

Parish Giving

The offertory collection each week provides the income to run our parish. It covers costs such as:

- Resources used for the liturgy, for faith-based programmes and outreach;
- Building costs such as energy bills and maintenance;
- Administrative costs, personnel costs and insurance;
- Household costs for our priest (but not a salary);
- A contribution to Diocesan costs;
- On-going projects or provision for future projects.

Ways to Give

- By setting up a standing order using these details:
Account name: RCD Arundel and Brighton Our Lady Star of the Sea. Sort Code: 40-05-20.
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