



Parish of Our Lady Star of the Sea

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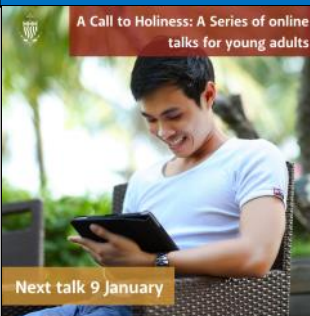
Also serving the parishes:

Cottesmore: www.cottesmore.brighton-hove.sch.uk

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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/



A Call to Holiness: A Series of online talks for young adults

Next talk 9 January

Charisms, gifts or talents? An Online Talk for Young Adults

9th January, 7:30pm

The Diocese are delighted to welcome Sr Margaret Atkins, an Augustinian Sister from Boarbank Hall in Cumbria to

discuss Gifts & Charisms. What can the Holy Spirit do? What can he not do? What are the ordinary gifts of the Spirit and how might they lead us into a particular state of life and/or apostolate.

This is part of a series of talks designed to take you on a journey exploring God's call on your life. We all desire to do God's will, but sometimes it can be tricky to discern what that is! Don't worry if you missed the previous talks - you are still extremely welcome!

We look forward to you joining us for this interactive, informative and enjoyable session. To book go to:
abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/yhkte17e

8th January 2023: Baptism of the Lord Weekdays: 1st week of the Year, cycle I



Fr Tony Writes

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord marks the end of Christmastide and the return to 'Ordinary Time'. Indeed this week is the 'First Week in Ordinary Time'. This is reflected in the readings both on Sundays and weekdays. On Sundays, following today's story of Jesus' Baptism, we hear about the beginnings of Jesus' public ministry.

Why is Jesus baptised? He does not need forgiveness of sins. But baptism is about more than that. For Jesus this is clearly the point at which he begins his public ministry. So it is a kind of commissioning. This is most clearly expressed in the coming down of the Spirit and the words of God: "This is my Son, the beloved".

For us, too, baptism is a commissioning. It is the starting point of our Christian lives. For those baptised as infants, the fullness of baptism comes with us receiving Confirmation and Eucharist. For those baptised as adults, all three Sacraments are given in the one service. Indeed the descent of the Holy Spirit on Jesus can be seen as a foreshadowing of Confirmation.

What are we commissioned to do? To proclaim the Gospel, the good news of Jesus Christ! Just as Jesus' baptism led to his mission, so too we are called to live our lives knowing we are beloved sons and daughters of the Father. And in that knowledge we are called to proclaim the love and mercy of God in our lives and in our words. Indeed, if our lives do not witness to that truth, any words of ours will be useless. We need to be a people who live the words of Isaiah:

*I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right;
I have taken you by the hand and formed you;
I have appointed you as covenant of the people
and light of the nations!*






Sharing the Church's Story,

11 Feb, 10am-5pm, QEII Centre, SW1P 3EE

[Catholic Voices](http://CatholicVoices) and [Word on Fire](http://WordonFire) are hosting a one-day conference with dynamic speakers, including the internationally renowned Bishop Robert Barron. Whether you are a volunteer, parent, catechist, clergy, or just want a boost for your faith life, this conference is for you! To register go to:

www.sharingthechurchsstory.com

<p style="text-align: center;">Please Pray For:</p> <p>All who are sick in the parish, particularly those on our regular prayer list, including Jean Ryan, Marion Shannon, and Elizabeth Smith.</p> <p>Please also pray for those who have died recently, including Kathleen Bull, Pope Benedict, Gulio Porfirio, Kevin Lloyd, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time.</p> <p>A full list of sick parishioners can be found on the parish website, as well as those whose anniversaries occur this month.</p>	Weekly Timetable		
<p style="text-align: center;">Day of Reflection for Ministers of the Word led by Bishop Richard</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> 21st January, 11am-4pm St Bernadette's Church Crawley</p> <p>The day will include talks on the Scriptures, the Lectionary and its use in the Liturgy, the Liturgy of the Word, preparing to read, using microphones, Lectio Divina, and Mass. To register your free place contact our Liturgy & Music Adviser:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">catherine.christmas@abdiocese.org.uk</p>	<p>Saturday 7th Jan</p> <p>4:45- 5:15pm Confessions 5:30pm Mass, St Theresa's</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Cosme & Conception Rodrigues RIP</i></p>		
<p style="text-align: center;">Annual Diocesan Justice & Peace Assembly, 'Hungry for Change'</p> <p style="text-align: center;">28th January, 9.30am-1.30pm The St Philip Howard Centre, RH10 6RP</p> <p>Our annual Justice & Peace Assembly will explore how war contributes to world hunger with speakers from CAFOD, Pax Christi, and the Ecological Conversion Group. For information about booking email: tessa.ricketts@abdiocese.org.uk</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday 8th Jan Baptism of the Lord</p> <p>9am Mass, St Theresa's <i>With Children's Liturgy</i> 11am Mass, St George's</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Joan & Brian Whatley & Family</i> <i>All Parishioners</i></p>		
<p style="text-align: center;">Day of Reflection for Ministers of the Eucharist led by Bishop Richard</p> <p style="text-align: center;">18th February, 11am-4pm Christ the Prince of Peace, Weybridge</p> <p>The day will include theological and practical talks, Eucharistic Adoration, and Mass. For further info or to book contact: formation@abdiocese.org.uk</p> <p style="text-align: right;"></p>	<p>Tuesday 10th Jan</p> <p>10am Mass, St George's followed by Tea & Chat</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Mary Barry & Martin Camps RIP</i></p>		
<p style="text-align: center;">Choir Practice will resume in February</p> <p>After the success of Christmas Eve, we hope more people will be encouraged to join our fledgling choir when rehearsals resume on Thursday the 2nd February, to prepare for Lent and Easter!</p>	<p>Wed 11th Jan</p> <p>9:30am Ecumenical Prayer 7:30pm Mass, St Theresa's Adoration to 9pm</p> <p style="text-align: right;">St Michael's, Southwick</p>		
<p style="text-align: center;">Upcoming Parish Events</p> <p>Sunday 12th Feb: Mass for the sick, with anointing 2pm, St Georges. This will be followed by a light tea. We will endeavour to find transport for those who need it.</p> <p>Saturday 18th Feb: Mass to celebrate Wedding Anniversaries 5:30pm, St Theresa's, followed by bubbly and nibbles.</p> <p>Friday 3rd March: World Day of Prayer A women led, global, ecumenical movement. This year, we are hosting this at St Theresa's. More details to follow.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Peace Sunday 2023</p> <p>Next Sunday, 15th Jan, is PEACE SUNDAY and this year the message from Pope Francis tells us: 'No one can be saved alone. Combatting Covid-19 together, embarking together on paths of peace'. He asks us: 'What did we learn from the pandemic? What new paths should we follow to cast off the shackles of our old habits, to be better prepared, to dare new things? What signs of life and hope can we see, to help us move forward and try to make our world a better place?' A vaccine has been found for Covid-19, says the Holy Father, but we still need to tackle the virus of war, and of inequality, and this can only be done together. In this country we have an active Catholic peace movement in Pax Christi, which aims at working together to promote peace through parishes, schools and social media. Their website suggests ways we can all become better peacemakers. https://paxchristi.org.uk/peace-sunday-2023 Pax Christi needs our support to keep going. There will be a second collection for them next weekend. Or you can make a donation online; here is the link: https://tinyurl.com/yxfcw67x</p> <p style="text-align: right;"></p>	<p>Thursday 12th Jan</p> <p>10am Mass, St George's <i>NB no Choir Practice</i></p>		
	<p>Friday 13th Jan</p> <p>10am Mass, St Theresa's</p>		
	<p>Saturday 14th Jan</p> <p>10am, First Communion Preparation, St Theresa's 4:45- 5:15pm Confessions 5:30pm Mass, St Theresa's</p>		
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