

# The Parish of Southwick with Portslade (St Theresa's and Mass Centre) and The Parish of West Blatchington with Hangleton (St George's)

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## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 18th	6 pm	Portslade	In Thanksgiving (CA)
Sunday 19th	9.30 am	Southwick	In Thanksgiving (F&MG)
	11 am	St George's	People of the Parish
Monday 20th	9.30 am	Southwick	<b>NO MASS</b>
Tuesday 21st	10 am	Portslade	Ints of Giuseppe Cincinelli on his 90th birthday
Wednesday 22nd	10 am	St George's	Intentions of the Neal family
Thursday 23rd	7.30 pm	Southwick	Private Intention (SM)
Friday 24th	9.30 am	Portslade	<b>NO MASS</b>
Saturday 25th	6 pm	Portslade	People of the Parish
Sunday 26th	9.30 am	Southwick	Deceased members of the Rato & Rodrigues families RIP
	11 am	St George's	Kathleen "Kitty" McKenzie RIP

## ~ MORNING PRAYER ~

Tuesday & Friday, 9.15 am

## ~ EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION ~

as announced

## ~ CONFESSIONS ~

Saturdays 5.30 pm (Mass Centre) *by arrangement*,  
Sundays following 11 am Mass (St George's) *on request*,  
& at call

## A LITURGICAL CLARIFICATION

Every year the date of the 24th of December serves to fulfil two separate liturgical days: 24 December as part of the last week of Advent, and 24 December as Christmas Eve, with the Christmas Eve aspect - as for most liturgical days - deemed to begin from about 6 pm.

This year, however, things seem more complicated as the 24th of December is both the Fourth Sunday of Advent (Year B) and Christmas Eve.

The Church asks us to fulfil the Sunday obligation by participating at a Sunday Mass; we are also asked to fulfil another obligation by attending Holy Day Masses. The feast of Christmas is a Holy Day. We should therefore be planning to attend both a Sunday Mass **and** a Christmas Mass to fulfil these two, separate obligations. A Sunday Mass will not fulfil the Holy Day obligation; a Christmas Mass will not fulfil the Sunday obligation.

## ADVENT SMALL GROUPS

Wednesday evenings: (7.30 pm in the Parish Room, St Theresa's)

**28th** November (**Tuesday**), 6th, 13th and 20th December (Wednesdays)

Friday afternoons: (2 pm in the Mass Centre, Portslade)

1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd December.

## BIBLE SUNDAY 2017 - 10 December 2017

The theme this year for Catholic Bible Sunday on the second Sunday of Advent, is "Welcome the Word".

As part of our celebration of Mass that day **all** those who currently exercise the liturgical ministry of reader in our parishes will be invited make a formal renewal of their commitment. *If you wish to continue reading at Mass and appearing on the readers' rotas, please make every effort to be at one of the parish Masses on that particular Sunday.*

## SVP (St Vincent de Paul Society)

### SVP Welcome New Members

The parishes' St Vincent de Paul (SVP) Conference would welcome new members. If you would like to find out more about the SVP, please contact Colm Lennon on 07717 842966. (*Have you read the four-page spread in the November edition of the A & B News all about SVP?*)

### Prayer Meetings

The SVP are now holding prayer meetings every Tuesday evening, meeting at 7 pm for a 7.15 pm start in St George's Church. All welcome.

If you would like to attend but have no transport, please contact Colm Lennon on 07717 842966 about lifts.

## TIMES OF CHRISTMAS MASSES

As every priest would wish to celebrate a Midnight Mass for Christmas and a Vigil Mass for Easter, had I been on my own this year there would be only two Christmas Masses: the Midnight Mass, and one on Christmas Day. Thanks, however, to the availability of Fr David Russell we are able to cover a programme of four Christmas Masses: two on Christmas Eve and two on Christmas Day. (What may happen next year is another question.) Despite this, following the announcement I made after all Masses on the weekend of 5/6 November, it has been extremely disappointing to receive a number of the most unhelpful and negative comments. For many of us it seems we are still at the stage of "**my** Mass at the time and place that is most convenient for **me**". I hesitate to remind you but just a few months ago it was quite possible that your own priest might not even have been here to celebrate any Christmas Masses with you. PLEASE let us be more supportive of one another and show the gratitude proper to the coming season.

Emergency Sick Calls: The Parish Office

If no reply, try Fr Jerry O'Brien at St Peter's, Hove: 01273 733840

Information for the next newsletter to Wai-Fan

at the Parish Office no later than Wednesday 10 am please.

## DIARY DATES

### TODAY (19 November)

- retiring collection after all Masses for The Cathedral Maintenance Fund
- SVP GAMES AFTERNOON, St George's Hall, 12 noon - 2.45 pm.

**NEXT SUNDAY (26 November)** - Solemnity of Christ the King (National Youth Sunday), the Confirmation Group will be leading the 11 am Mass at St George's

**ADVENT SUNDAY (3 December)** - A SERVICE FOR ADVENT (*Churches Together in Portslade*), 3 pm at the Mass Centre, Vale Gardens. Followed by refreshments. All welcome.

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**Tuesday 28 November** - TEA AND CHAT, 10 am to 12 noon in St George's Hall. All very welcome.

**Friday 1 December** - CHRISTMAS FAIR, St Mary's School Portslade, 3 - 5 pm. The PTA are looking for raffle prizes and people who can donate baked items for the school Christmas Fair. Further information from Kristy Braswell [kristybraswell@gmail.com](mailto:kristybraswell@gmail.com)

**Saturday 2 December** - PARISH ADVENT DAY OF RECOLLECTION, from 10 am to 4 pm, using the facilities of Compass House, at Worth Abbey. Tea, coffee and biscuits provided. You are invited to bring a plate of food so that we can have a shared lunch.

**10 December (Second Sunday of Advent)** - CATHOLIC BIBLE SUNDAY. All those who currently exercise the liturgical ministry of reader in our parishes will be invited make a formal renewal of their commitment. *If you wish to continue reading at Mass and appearing on the readers' rotas, please make every effort to be at one of the parish Masses on that particular Sunday.*

**Sunday 17 December (Gaudete)** - is the Third Sunday of Advent and we will celebrate BAMBINELLI SUNDAY when you are invited to bring the Baby Jesus / Bambino / Christ Child from your own crib or nativity at home and have them blessed.

## SACRAMENTS

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

**Saturday 25 November, 9.30 - 11 am:** The next preparation session for the children at The Mass Centre (Portslade).

## CONFIRMATION

**Sunday 26 November:** The Confirmation Group will be leading the 11 am Mass (Solemnity of Christ the King) at St George's.

## NOTICES

**Cottesmore St Mary Catholic Primary School** will be holding tours for parents with children starting school in September 2018. The dates are 21st and 23rd November at 9 am, and an evening tour on 30th November at 7 pm. Please contact the school office on 01273 555811 to book your place.

**St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Portslade** are holding Open Mornings Wednesdays at 9.15 am until 10th January for prospective parents with children starting school in September 2018. Please contact the school 01273 418416 for more information.

**Sunday 19 November 2 pm to 5.30 pm** - HOPE 2017: The Diocese is running a festival day for young people aged 11-14 at Arundel Cathedral. This coincides with the first World Day for the Poor, and will challenge us to think about how we live Christ's call to serve those in need, includes Mass, drama and input. Contact [Jack.Regan@dabnet.org](mailto:Jack.Regan@dabnet.org) to book and for more information. We expect those attending to be part of organised groups. Young people wanting to attend without accompanying adults must contact Jack Regan for a consent form.

**Wednesday 29 November - Saturday 2 December:** CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2017 at St Peter's, West Blatchington Hove Weds 29th Nov 11 am - 7 pm, Thurs 30th Nov 11 am - 7 pm, Fri 1st Dec 11 am - 4 pm, Sat 2nd Dec 10 am - 2 pm. For more information please visit [www.stpeterswestblatchington.org.uk](http://www.stpeterswestblatchington.org.uk)

**Icon Painting Group at St Mary's:** If you are interested in learning to paint / write icons, or already have experience in painting them, and would like to do so with other people in a prayerful and mutually supportive group, call Rosie Bradshaw for details on 01273 708092. We will meet on the first and third Fridays of the month, 3-6 pm, in the Cassidy Centre at St Mary's.

## Hangleton & West Blatchington Foodbank

At the Foodbank we are in need of :

Long life (UHT) milk, tinned fish, tinned meat, sugar, biscuits, snacks and washing up liquid. We are fully stocked and unable to store any more pasta.

Please help us to continue to support members of our local community who find themselves in crisis or urgent situations. Thank you!



## Reserve Cleaners Needed at St Theresa's

Are there a few parishioners who would be willing to form a "reserve-rotas" to help clean St Theresa's from time to time if one of the regular volunteers is unable to do so. Please speak to Mary Barry or call the Parish Office 01273 708227.

Please pray ...

... for all the sick and / or housebound:

### St Theresa's and The Mass Centre:

Stephen, Olive, Christopher, John, Roy, Giuseppe & Ester, Connie, Jean, Tom, Ena, Cheryl, Mark, Mary, Sheila, Elizabeth, Audrey, Mary, Stephen, Robert, Joan, Mac, Jean, Padriag, May, Heather, Christine, Ana, Keith and Anna.

### St George's:

Lavinia, Elizabeth, Flo, Rev Andrew, Balavendra, Claire, Celia, Patrick, Maria, Compton, Vince, Ina, Sheilagh, Gwenda, Sandra and Fr David.

... for Teresa Simmonds who died this week, and all whose anniversaries occur about this time:

### St Theresa's and The Mass Centre:

Christine Forsdyke, Priscilla Oakley, Michael Galvin, Mary Hanrahan, Sylvia Doyle, Leah Mary Souden and Flora Barry.

### St George's:

Ivy Stone, Barbara Harris, Mark Diaper, Vic Thatcher, Charles Spencer, Kathleen (Kitty) McKenzie, Victoriano Velarde Jr, Richard Brew and Peggy Wood.