

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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Second Sunday of Advent (Year B)

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 9th	6 pm	Portslade	People of the Parish
Sunday 10th <i>Bible Sunday</i>	9.30 am	Southwick	Mary Walsh RIP & Joseph Mitchell RIP
	11 am	St George's	Ints of Brian and Cora Owen
Monday 11th	10 am	Southwick	NO MASS
Tuesday 12th	10 am	Portslade	Denis & Catherine Broderick RIP
Wednesday 13th	10 am	St George's	Ints of the Delvard Family
Thursday 14th	7.30 pm	Southwick	In Thanksgiving (DP)
Friday 15th	10 am	Portslade	NO MASS
Saturday 16th	6 pm	Portslade	People of the Parish
Sunday 17th <i>Bambinelli Sunday</i>	9.30 am	Southwick	Intentions of Marian Shannon
	11 am	St George's	Intentions of Alex & Aimee Brett and Joe Robinson

~ 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

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2018

Bishop Richard invites families to join him on a pilgrimage to Dublin for the World Meeting of families 22nd – 26th August 2018. This event includes: a three day congress exploring themes from *Amoris Laetitia*. Wonderful international speakers will lead sessions for adults and there are age appropriate activities for children and young people. This is followed by a concert style "Festival of Families" on the Saturday and the event concludes with Sunday Mass concelebrated by Pope Francis. For further details please see flyers in the porch or contact wmaf2018@dabnet.org

FAITH EDUCATION

Do you support Catholic schools and the right of Catholics to send their children to them? Then we need you to make your voice heard.

The Government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which prevents Catholic schools from allowing all Catholic pupils to attend. They have acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and promised to abandon it, now we need you to tell them not to U-turn on their promise to Catholics.

Visit <http://catholicnews.org.uk/education-cap> or search for Catholic Education in your search engine to write to the Government and urge them to drop their policy which bans new Catholic schools.

Carol singing at The Martlets

Thank you to everybody who put their name down to take part in this. The day which worked for the greatest number of people was **Wednesday 20 December**. Please meet just inside the main entrance of The Martlets by 6.25 p.m. for a 6:30 start.

The car park at The Martlets is closed off at present because of work being done, so you may need to allow a bit of extra time to find a space in the adjacent roads. There is a marked footpath from the road to the hospice entrance.

Gifts for the Homeless

Have you remembered to bring gifts for the homeless? (A list of suggested items is on the yellow Advent/Christmas leaflet.) These will be passed on to local charities working with homeless people in Brighton & Hove.

Hangleton & West Blatchington Foodbank

December is upon us! Thinking of doing a Reverse Advent Calendar this year instead of gorging on chocolate? Below is a list of items we most need. You can drop any of the items off on Sunday 17th December between 2-4 pm or on Wednesday 20th December from 9.30 am-5 pm. Outside of this time is difficult for us to accommodate as we are only open on a Wednesday.

Reverse Advent Calendar!

December...

- 1st Small coffee
- 2nd Small (250g) sugar
- 3rd Shampoo
- 4th Conditioner
- 5th Shower gel
- 6th Deodorant (men's, women's)
- 7th Vegetable oil
- 8th UHT milk
- 9th Long life juice
- 10th Tinned vegetarian food
- 11th Noodles
- 12th Washing up liquid
- 13th Shaving foam
- 14th Toothbrushes
- 15th Toothpaste
- 16th Toilet roll
- 17th Washing powder



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 (Bible Sunday 10 December) - The theme this year is "Welcome the Word". As part of our celebration of Mass today **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 today.*

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

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

Friday 15 December - *DEANERY PARISH CLUSTER RECONCILIATION SERVICE*, 7 pm, Sacred Heart Church, Norton Road.

Friday 22 December - *CAROL SINGING on Portslade Village Green*, 6.30 pm. Bring a torch or lantern and wrap up well. (If wet, in the Parish Centre.) Followed by mince pies and mulled wine.

SACRAMENTS

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Monday 21 January 2018, 3 - 4 pm:

First Holy Communion Tea Party at the Mass Centre.

Wednesday 31 January 2018, 7.30 pm:

First Holy Communion Parents' Meeting at the Mass Centre.

CONFIRMATION

Thursday 11 January 2018, 7 - 9 pm:

The next session for candidates, in the Parish Room Meeting at St Theresa's.

Saturday 13 January 2018, 6 pm:

Confirmation Commitment Mass at the Mass Centre.

NOTICES

THE SVP are holding regular Tuesday evening prayer meetings, 7 pm for 7.15 pm start in St George's Church. All welcome. If you need transport, please contact Colm Lennon on 07717 842966 about lifts.



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

at St Theresa's

We are grateful to Andrea Richardson and Caroline Pusey for kindly organising the Christmas flowers at St Theresa's.

We would like to ask parishioners again for some fresh arrangements of green, white, red and gold (any combination doesn't have to be all). Any design or type of flower / foliage will be appreciated.

We will have the trays prepared at the back of the church to take with you on 17th December, and to bring back on the morning of 23rd December between 10 am - 12 noon, please. Thank you.

DICK WHITTINGTON, *The Family Pantomime Adventure*, The Parish Centre, South Street, Portslade. Tickets £5: contact agb.75@hotmail.com or 01273 410044. 28th, 29th & 30th December at 7 pm. 31st December at 4 pm.

Intentional Marriage - Reflection Day: All marriages, no matter how wonderful, can always be enriched. Christian marriage is a vocation, a calling from God to live our lives in a certain way to bring him glory by imitating the love he has for us. For people interested in exploring how they can invest more into their marriage please join us at Worth Abbey on 10 February at 1.30 pm for inspiration from organisations that support marriage, followed by Mass with Bishop Richard. For further information or to book please contact Katherine Bergin on katherine.bergin@dabnet.org or mobile no. 0129365115.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

The offertory collections for the month of November are:
St Theresa's / Mass Centre: £1,431
St George's: £1,475
Thank you for your generosity.

ADVENT SMALL GROUPS

Wednesday evenings:
(7.30 pm, the Parish Room, St Theresa's)
13th and 20th December

Friday afternoons:
(2 pm, the Mass Centre, Portslade)
15th and 22nd December.

New Year's Eve Bring and Share Lunch

You are invited to celebrate New Year's Eve on December 31st with a 'Bring and Share Lunch' in **St George's Hall** after the 11 am Mass. Soft drinks will be provided, please bring a dish of food to share. Everyone from across the two parishes is welcome.

If you require a lift please let the Parish Office know. Thank you.

Christmas decorations at St George's

A few people have come forward to help with this – thank you – but there's scope for more! If you'd like to help, please contact Indika on 01273 560737 as soon as possible.

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 all whose anniversaries occur about this time:

St Theresa's and The Mass Centre:

Horace Alderton, Danny Dancocks, Maria Freeman, Dot McPherson, Jim Stibbs, Rose Willson, Thomas Short, Bertha Fenn, Rhoda Collins and Roman Jan Menzyk.

St George's:

Alfred George Ayliffe, John Harold Dias and Hugh Leigh.