

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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Third Sunday of Advent (Year B)

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MASS INTENTIONS

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
Monday 18th	10 am	Southwick	NO MASS
Tuesday 19th	10 am	Portslade	Karen Hale RIP
Wednesday 20th	10 am	St George's	Anna Aloisia Lientscher RIP
Thursday 21st	7.30 pm	Southwick	Michael Simmons RIP
Friday 22nd	10 am	Portslade	NO MASS
Saturday 23rd	6 pm	Portslade	People of the Parish
<i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>	9.30 am	Southwick	Martin Grennan RIP
	11 am	St George's	Joseph Francis Moonjappilly RIP
Sunday 24th <i>Christmas Eve</i>	6 pm	St George's	<i>Carols before Mass</i>
	6.30 pm		People of the Parish
	11 pm	Southwick	<i>Readings & Song before Mass</i>
	11.30 pm		Pat Pusey RIP
Monday 25th <i>Christmas Day</i>	10 am	Southwick	People of the Parish
	10 am	St George's	People of the Parish

~ 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

Future Planning for our Diocese - an update

Fr Alistair and Deacon Richard, together with representatives from each of our three places of worship, attended a meeting to look further at the task that Bishop Richard has set. We were challenged to identify some of the factors affecting our ability to promote the Gospel in our parishes and to come up with an action plan. Thankfully, it didn't need to be completed in one evening! Working on the plan will involve all of us in some way. Initially, the existing small group (Fr Alistair, Deacon Richard, Sally Harvey, Hillu Martin, Gill Sajnog and Helen Granger-Bevan) will be expanded to include more parishioners. The aim is to have equitable representation from our three places and from the different facets of parish life. After Christmas, the weekend of 6th/7th January, we will show you a video message from Bishop Richard and tell you more about what is happening.

CHRISTMAS GARDEN NATIVITY COMPETITION

Make a homemade nativity scene in your garden (or on a window sill).

SEE WHO CAN BE THE MOST CREATIVE

£2 entry - Place entry fee in envelope with your name and address, boxes will be in St. Mary's school, St Theresa's, Mass Centre and St. Georges.

Send pictures to gardennativity@gmail.com with your name and contact number. Closing date 22nd December.

Top 10 entries will be displayed at all Parish Churches weekend of 6th Jan.

WINNER will receive a £50 voucher for Pinocchio's.

ALL FUNDS RAISED WILL GO TOWARDS FUTURE PARISH PROJECTS

Decorating our churches for Christmas

Thank you to those who have volunteered to help with the Christmas decorations at St George's. We are planning to decorate the church on Thursday 21st December from 10 am to 1 pm. If you cannot stay for the whole session, please feel free to drop in, every little helps!

Gifts for the Homeless

Thank you to everybody who donated items. We were able to take a generous supply of things to Off the Fence which will be really helpful to them as they work with homeless people.

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 (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.

Wednesday 20 December - *CAROL SINGING AT THE MARTLETS*. Thank you to everybody who put their name down to take part in this. Please meet just inside the main entrance of The Martlets Hospice, Wayfield Ave, Hove BN3 7LW by 6.25 pm 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.

Wednesday 20 December - *ADVENT SMALL GROUP*, 7.30 pm, The Meeting Room at St Theresa's

Friday 22 December

- *ADVENT SMALL GROUP*, 2pm in the Mass Centre, Portslade
- *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.

Sunday 31 December - *NEW YEAR'S EVE BRING & 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 parishes is welcome. If you require a lift please let the Parish Office know.

Tuesday 9 January - *TEA AND CHAT*, 10 am to 12 noon in St George's Hall. All very welcome.

Sunday 14 January 2018 - this will be *RECOMMITMENT SUNDAY* at St George's, postponed from the autumn.

Saturday 27 January 2018 - *DEANERY MARRIAGE PREPARATION*, a follow-up session at St John the Baptist, Kemptown, at 2.30 pm to meet with Mandy from St Peter's, Brighton, to hear about their Marriage Preparation Course. We are still looking for more couples who would consider becoming course leaders or couple accompaniers in the deanery and in our parishes. If you are interested in going along contact the Parish Office.

SACRAMENTS

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Monday 21 January 2018, 3 - 4 pm:
First Holy Communion Tea Party 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.

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 life in a certain way by imitating the love he has for us. For people interested in exploring how to 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 information or to book contact Katherine Bergin on katherine.bergin@dabnet.org or mobile no. 0129365115.

RED BOXES

Thank you to everyone in the Parishes who has contributed so well this year. We appreciate all that you have donated. Portslade with Southwick collected over £1,300 from the red boxes and St Georges collected £735 over this year.



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS at St Theresa's

Parishioners are invited again this year to make 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.

Prepared trays are available this weekend at the back of St Theresa's to take with you and to bring back on the morning of 23rd December between 10 am -12 noon, please. Thank you.

READERS

Thank you to all those readers who were commissioned last weekend to serve our worship communities through this important liturgical ministry. For those who missed out we will endeavour to offer another commissioning date during Lent so that you can then return to the Readers' Rota.

ROTAS FOR ST THERESA'S AND THE MASS CENTRE

Rotas for St Theresa's and the Mass Centre have been prepared for January to March 2018. Would all volunteers please collect their allocated copy/ies from the back of the church/Mass Centre. Thank you to the two parishioners who kindly volunteered to go on St Theresa's Reserve Cleaning Rota. Thank you all for your continued support.

Rotas for Christmas Masses

Sign-up sheets for the Christmas Masses are available at all three parishes this weekend. Thank you.

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, Balavendra, Claire, Celia, Maria, Compton, Vince, Ina, Sheilagh, Gwenda, Sandra and Fr David.

... for Patrick Gibbons and Rev Andrew Edwards both of whom died recently, and all whose anniversaries occur about this time:

St Theresa's and The Mass Centre:

Elizabeth Reed, Raie Balding, John Green, Patricia Farrell, Thomas Johnson, William Storrow, Freda Hamilton, Eileen Roughan, Ellen Phipps, Herbert Phipps, Peter Mitchell, Muriel Askey, Annie Askey, Marion Williams, Anne Le Brasseur and Alice Mary Gates.

St George's:

Violet (Vicky) Hogg, Sabino Rato, Margaret Chandler, Hubert Tierney, Maura Smith, Hazel Barnes and Mary Richardson.