

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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St George's Parish Hall Bookings

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Feast of the Holy Family (Year B)

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 30th	6 pm	Portslade	Ints of Sheila & Alan Hooper
Sunday 31st <i>The Holy Family</i>	9.30 am	Southwick	Itar Hernandez RIP
	11 am	St George's	People of the Parish
Monday 1st	10 am	Southwick	Minerva Araujo RIP
Tuesday 2nd	10 am	Portslade	Giovanna Iacono RIP
Wednesday 3rd	10 am	St George's	Intentions of Irene Anderson
Thursday 4th	7.30 pm	Southwick	Zambito Vincenzo RIP & family
Friday 5th	12 noon	Portslade	Jose Araujo RIP
Saturday 6th	6 pm	Portslade	Percival Clement Dmonte RIP
Sunday 7th <i>The Epiphany</i>	9.30 am	Southwick	Maureen O'Driscoll RIP
	11 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

As we stand at the threshold of the New Year 2018, I would like to remind you of some of the lines from the poem by Brendan Kennelly to which I referred in my Christmas homilies, reflecting on the importance of keeping alive the true story of Christmas and allowing its truths to live in our hearts:

"It was the story / Made Christmas real. / When it was done / The new year ran in, / Made authentic by the story. / The old year was dead, / Buried by the story."

"The Story" is for us both anchor point and compass throughout each successive year, our whole lives long. This last year has seen the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. Martin Luther coined a powerful, seasonal analogy between the Nativity and the Bible: *"The Scripture is only the manger in which lay the baby Jesus, the Word."* Keep that image in your head whenever you pick up a copy of the scriptures during the coming year.

There will be plenty of anniversaries to be marked during 2018. Of particular church interest will be the fiftieth anniversary on 25 July of the encyclical *Humanae vitae*. Of wider world interest will be the fiftieth anniversary of the assassination of Martin Luther King on 4 April. We will of course commemorate the centenary of the ending of the First World War on 11 November, and the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, the courageous act of Jewish resistance towards the Nazis in German-occupied Poland during World War Two.

Pope Francis has a busy start to the New Year with Apostolic Journeys to both Chile (15-18 January) and Peru (18-21 January). He will also be remembering St Pio (*Padre Pio*) when he makes a Pastoral Visit to Pietrelcina and San Giovanni Rotondo on 17 March.

Our own Bishops of England and Wales, too, will be making their own journey. 2018 is the year for their *Ad Limina Apostolorum* visit to the Holy Father. May God bless all our journeying in 2018, spiritual, emotional and physical, and so bring us safely to our destinations and safely home again. Happy New Year.

Fr Alistair

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

WELCOMED ... into God's family

St George's		
ZIRO-WALLACE – Bluebell Freya Lucia	06.05.17	
WILSON – Elliot Mark Patrick	19.11.17	
St Theresa's		
SIMMONS – Declan David John	27.08.17	

ENTRUSTED ... to God's keeping

St George's		
ALLAN – Brigid Mary Bernadette (Maureen)	05.04.17	funeral: 02.05.17
SMITH – Norah Frances	13.10.17	funeral: 27.10.17
SIMMONDS – Teresa Ann	16.11.17	funeral: 04.12.17
St Theresa's		
AYLIFFE – Dorothy (Dot) Alice Frances	29.12.16	funeral: 18.01.17
PACKER – Maria Patricia	24.12.16	funeral: 23.01.17
GRENNAN – Martin Francis	17.03.17	funeral: 30.03.17
WATKINSON – Laura Anne	21.04.17	funeral: 04.05.17
HALE – Karen	14.10.17	funeral: 27.11.17

UNITED ... in God's love

BURCHETT – Mark Michael & WALLS – Rebecca Elizabeth	11.08.17 (St Theresa's)
FOKOU – Rigobel & TATSA – Keubeng Agnes	09.09.17 (St George's)

STRENGTHENED ... by the Holy Spirit

(all at St George's – 16.06.17)

ALPHONSO – Leona Catherine ("Bernadette")
HOLLAND – Daniella Teresa ("Cecilia")
WIGGS – Patrick ("Christopher")
ZENTNER – Emilia ("Joan")

DIARY DATES

TODAY (31 December) - is the Feast of the Holy Family

- Pastoral Letter at all Masses from Bishop Richard, copies of which will be available to take home.
- New Year's Eve bring-and-share lunch after the 11 am Mass at St George's. All welcome!

Next Sunday 7 January 2018

- The transferred Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord.
- Video message from Bishop Richard on future planning for our diocese.

Tuesday 9 January 2018 - TEA AND CHAT, 10 am to 12 noon in St George's Hall. All very welcome.

Sunday 14 January 2018

- Today we celebrate PEACE SUNDAY and the theme for this year is "Migrants and Refugees - Seekers of Peace". There will be a retiring collection after all Masses for Pax Christi
- Today 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, Kempton, 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

Sunday 21 January 2018

First Holy Communion Tea Party at the Mass Centre, 3 - 4 pm. All prayer partners please come along to support the child for whom you are praying.

CONFIRMATION

Thursday 11 January 2018

The next candidates' session in the Parish Room Meeting at St Theresa's, 7 - 9 pm

Saturday 13 January 2018

Confirmation Commitment Mass at the Mass Centre, 6 pm.

NOTICES

2018 DIOCESAN DIRECTORY & ORDO - copies now available: priced £5 each. Please ask at the Sacristy.

A & B NEWS - the January 2018 edition of the free diocesan newspaper is now available. Do, please, take a copy.

CRIB COLLECTION - this year for the Catholic Children's Society Arundel & Brighton Crisis Fund. Cheque donations should be payable to "Catholic Children's Society" with "A & B Crisis Fund" written on the reverse.

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.

Fr Alistair writes ...

THANK YOU ...

... very much for your kind generosity, and all the many seasonal greetings, cards, gifts and good wishes. I do hope that all of you enjoyed a good celebration with family and friends.

Thank you, too, to those who contributed time and talents in so many different ways to make our church buildings welcoming and our liturgies uplifting.

Primary School Applications

If you are applying for a place at our any of our local Catholic Primary schools, please remember the closing date for applications is 15th January 2018.

Bollywood Dancing

Many of you may be aware that this takes place every Friday at St. George's Church hall since 2013. Led by Lucy Alphonso (a parishioner of St George's) 07790743075. Every Friday 6-7 pm, 'drop-in' sessions. All welcome to a taster session on Friday, 5th of January 2018.

Happy New Year and keeeep dancing!

Parish Challenge Draw at St Theresa's

Michael Dixon will be starting the Parish 100 Challenge Draw by selling tickets on Sunday 7 January at St Theresa's. Tickets £2 each, as many as you like! As soon as 100 tickets are sold, a draw for £100 will take place.

LET US PRAY ...

... that Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practise their faith in full freedom.

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for Evangelisation January 2018

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

... for those who all died recently, and all whose anniversaries occur about this time:

St Theresa's and The Mass Centre:

Denis William Davy, Marie Kirk, Louise Thorpe, Kathleen Byford, Edward Stropek, Doris Osbourne, George Scholey, LJ M Bonner, Ann Leroy, William Toohey, Eliza Salvatore, Brother Conrad CFX, Bill Young, Adrian Webber, Greg Monis, John McArdle, Philomena Gaines, Amy Coggins, Giacinto (George) de Marco, Mickey Randrop, Joseph Smith, Kathleen Bamber, Mrs Kerigan. Peter Kelly, Martha McGlynn and Mary McGlynn.

St George's:

Barbara Parker, Willie Whelan, Ethel Harris, Mary Beach, Mabel Osbourne, Alfred Doutré, Patrick Delaney, Ellen Ford, Sheila Noonan, Thomas Bonner Jnr, Brigid Clifton, Anna May Durkin and Barbara Fielding.

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.

St Theresa of Lisieux
Old Shoreham Road, Southwick

Mass Centre
Vale Gardens, Portslade

St George's
Court Farm Road, Hove