

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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The Epiphany of the Lord (Year B)

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 6th	6 pm	Portslade	Percival Clement Dmonte RIP
Sunday 7th <i>The Epiphany</i>	9.30 am	Southwick	Maureen O'Driscoll RIP
	10 am	St George's	People of the Parish
Monday 8th	10 am	Southwick	Ingmar Hernandez RIP
Tuesday 9th	10 am	Portslade	Karen Hale RIP
Wednesday 10th	10 am	St George's	Intentions of Mary Barry
Thursday 11th	7 pm	Southwick	Julia Sexton RIP
Friday 12th	10 am	Portslade	Sr Mary Murphy, I.J., RIP
Saturday 13th	6 pm	Portslade	People of the Parish
Sunday 14th	9.30 am	Southwick	Intentions of Suzanne Muggeridge & family
	11 am	St George's	In Thanksgiving (CBO)

~ 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 wmo2018@dabnet.org

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 18th to 25th January

The theme this year, chosen by churches in the Caribbean region, is "That All May Be Free" and uses the scriptural passage Exodus 15.

Churches Together in Portslade

Friday 19 January - 12.30 pm, Frugal Lunch (soup and rolls) at the Mass Centre, Vale Gardens, Portslade

Saturday 20 January - 10.30 am to 12 noon, Coffee Morning at St Nicolas Parish Centre

Tuesday 23 January - 7.30 to 8.30 pm, Quiet Hour of Prayer, City Coast Church, North Street, Portslade

Hangleton Churches Together

Thursday 18 January - 11 am, Bishop Hannington Church, Nevill Road, Hove, BN3 7NH

You are most welcome to come along to any or all of these events. We look forward to seeing you there.



A lamp burns at the Lady Altar for
the repose of the soul of
Jim Carroll RIP,
deceased family members
and
the intentions of the Carroll family

FAITH INCENSE

HOPE GOLD

LOVE MYRRH

Incense is faith and gold is hope, because faith believes that all things are and ought to be of God, and hope accepts and sustains what faith believes. Myrrh is love. Faith takes us from ourselves, that we should refer everything to God with praise and gratitude. Hope fills us with the concerns of others, that we may endure all in patience without resentment. Love reduces us to that nothing which we were in the beginning, so that we desire neither goods nor anything outside of God, but simply that we should commit ourselves truly to his good pleasure. This is the way of the cross by which we come most speedily into life.
(Martin Luther)

WELL DONE! & CONGRATULATIONS

... to Jadzia Paine, who raised the sum of **£65** from the sale of her beautiful Christmas floral displays.

... to Sacramenta Rodrigues who, having made a delicious cake, raised **£19** in a "Guess the Weight of the Cake Competition". We got to taste some of the cake last weekend thanks to the generosity of Jackie Stonor who was the competition winner with an answer of 8 lbs 2 oz.

Thank you to both of you for using your talents to raise funds for the parish. Thank you, too, to all those who supported Jadzia and Sacramenta.

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 (7 January 2018) - is the transferred Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord.

NEXT SUNDAY (14 January 2018)

- is *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.

Sunday 28 January - *RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY*, with a retiring collection at all Masses for the work of CARJ (Catholic Association for Racial Justice).

Monday 8 January - *THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD*, marks the end of the Christmas season and the beginning of Ordinary Time. There will be a 10 am Mass at St Theresa's.

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

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.

Wednesday 14 February - *ASH WEDNESDAY*, start of Lent, a day of Fasting and Abstinence. 10 am Mass at St George's; 7.30 pm Mass at St Theresa's: both with the imposition of ashes.

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.

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.

Saturday 27 January 2018 - *JUSTICE & PEACE ASSEMBLY 2018*, "HOPE overcoming FEAR: the Church in the Modern World - The Glory of God is the human person fully alive" at DABCEC 10 am - 4 pm. Speakers include Jack Valero, coordinator and co-founder of Catholic Voices and Dr Anthony Towey, Director of the Aquinas Centre for Theological Literacy at St Mary's University. To book contact ruth.gerun@dabnet.org or 01293 651164 or www.dabnet.org/courses - **car-sharing is possible, please contact the Parish Office by 23 January.**

Saturday 10 February 2018 - *INTENTIONS MARRIAGE: Reflection Day*, Worth Abbey, 1.30 pm. All marriages, however wonderful, can always be enriched. Christian marriage is a vocation, a calling from God to live life in a certain way, imitating the love he has for us. For people wanting to invest more in their marriage, join us for inspiration from organisations supporting marriage followed by Mass with Bishop Richard. Contact katherine.bergin@dabnet.org or 01293 651152.

Parish Challenge Draw at St Theresa's

Michael Dixon will be starting the Parish 100 Challenge Draw by selling tickets TODAY (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.

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.

Hangleton & West Blatchington Foodbank

A big thank you to everyone at St George's, St Theresa's and the Mass Centre for your generous donations during the festive season and throughout 2017.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL!



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.

... Fr Kevin Pelham and Bertha Wilson, both of whom died recently, and for all whose anniversaries occur about this time:

St Theresa's and The Mass Centre:

Patricia Pusey, Joe McCarthy, Frank Hutchin, Jane McCarthy, Margaret Colvin, Edward Harman, Gwen Mercer, Olga King, Philip King, Winifred Gray, Christopher Dooley, Joanna Pyefinch, Sr Mary Murphy JJ and David Locke.

St George's:

Cosme Rodrigues, Esme Osbourne, Danny Hegarty, Eileen Patching, Catherine O'Brien, Rodney Surcouf, Royston Roberts, David While, Maria McLoughlin, Sheila Buckley and Richard Jenkins.