

# 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 in Ordinary Time (Year B)

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## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 13th	6 pm	Portslade	People of the Parish
Sunday 14th	9.30 am	Southwick	Intentions of Suzanne Mugeridge & family
	11 am	St George's	In Thanksgiving (CBO)
Monday 15th	10 am	Southwick	<b>NO MASS</b>
Tuesday 16th	10 am	Portslade	In Thanksgiving
Wednesday 17th	10 am	St George's	Fr David Weston RIP
Thursday 18th	7.30 pm	Southwick	Intentions of MD
Friday 19th	10 am	Portslade	<b>NO MASS</b>
Saturday 20th	6 pm	Portslade	Intentions of Maggie Wares
Sunday 21st	9.30 am	Southwick	Barry Mugeridge 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

## Recommitment Sunday

At St George's, today is Recommitment Sunday, when you are invited to say how you will be involved with our Sunday Mass over the coming year.

Everybody is very welcome to take on a 'job' of some sort, and we'd encourage you to do so. It's a good way of getting to know people and to feel a part of the parish. Where necessary, you'll be given training, but most jobs are quite straightforward. There's a rota, so you won't be asked to do something every Sunday.

What's on offer? Take a look at the list:

- Preparing the church for Mass
- Welcoming people as they arrive
- Serving on the sanctuary (altar servers)
- Helping with the children's liturgy
- Reading from the scriptures or bidding prayers
- Collecting offertory donations
- Taking offertory gifts to the altar
- Tidying the church after Mass
- Serving refreshments

Please fill in one of the forms, available at St George's, or email [rota@stgeorges-hove.org.uk](mailto:rota@stgeorges-hove.org.uk). If you need more information, just ask!

## 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 Avenue, Hove, BN3 7NH

## FR DAVID WESTON R.I.P.

As many parishioners of St George's will have heard already, Fr David Weston, former parish priest at St George's, died this week. He had been suffering from Alzheimer's and had been in a care home since 2014.

Fr David will be remembered with gratitude by the many who were helped by him, whether spiritually or practically. His door was always open (often literally) to anyone in need of pastoral support. He took particular care of the sick and the housebound in the parish, whom he would visit regularly.

There were many changes during Fr David's 34 years at St George's, the most visible being the many paintings and other artworks in the church. These were his inspiration; he had studied Fine Art before becoming a priest and worked closely with the artists. He saw the artwork as an aid to understanding the Gospel message.

Fr David had a keen interest in ecumenism and he greatly valued his friendships with other clergy across the denominations.

Please pray for the repose of Fr David's soul, for his family, particularly his brother Val and for all who mourn his passing.

At the time of printing arrangements for Fr David's funeral were not known.



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

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 (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).

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**Thursday 18 January - CAFOD** invites you to join them at the Sacred Heart Church Hall, Hove, 7.30 - 9 pm. Martin Brown from CAFOD will be sharing an update on news with a special focus on their upcoming Family Fast Day. This year the focus story is from Zimbabwe. All are welcome to hear about CAFOD's work, the updates and how you might like to get involved. Contact [mbrown@cafod.org.uk](mailto:mbrown@cafod.org.uk) or 01483 898 866 for more information.

**Tuesday 23 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.

**also 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](mailto:ruth.gerun@dabnet.org) or 01293 651164 or [www.dabnet.org/courses](http://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](mailto:katherine.bergin@dabnet.org) or 01293 651152.

**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 - 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

*Congratulations to our candidates who, on Saturday during the 6pm Mass in front of their parents and members of the Mass Centre community, made their personal commitment to continue with their formal preparation towards the celebration of the Sacrament with Bishop Richard on Friday 25 May. Please keep them in your prayers.*

### Thursday 1 February

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

## NOTICES

### JOHN BRYANT RIP

The funeral of John Bryant (husband of the late Ena Bryant RIP of St Theresa's) will take place at the South Chapel, Woodvale Crematorium, Lewes Road, Brighton BN2 3QB on Friday 19th January 3.30 pm.

### BERTHA WILSON RIP

The funeral of Bertha Wilson RIP will take place at St Theresa's at 10 am on Monday 29th January followed by interment in Portslade Cemetery, Vale Road, Portslade, at 11.30 am

**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.

## Primary School Applications

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

## OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

The offertory collection totals for the month of December are:  
St Theresa's / Mass Centre: £2,056  
St George's: £2,014  
Thank you for your generosity.

### Please pray ...

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

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

Stephen, Olive, Christopher, 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 and Sandra.

... for Fr David Weston and John Bryant who died recently, and for all whose anniversaries occur about this time:

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

Paul Howard, Marie Watts, Gerard Kiely, Mary Corry, Peggy Eames, Peggy Thomas, Doreen Walsh, Shirley King, Marion Roche, Martin Graysmark, Sylvia Dowie, Joan Terry, Hebe Greed, Frank Pond, William (Bill) Reginald Cope, Jose Miguel Araya, Maria Grennan, Fr. Thomas Ruane, Catherine Larkcombe, Mary Campbell, Winefride Storrow, Agnes McMahon, Mary Wallace, Veronica Joyce, Janice Johnson and Margaret Prendergast.

### St George's:

Madliene Coggins, Lucille Moore, Marguerite Vandersteen and Mary Pollock.