

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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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 27th	6 pm	Portslade	People of the Parish
Sunday 28th	9.30 am	Southwick	Eric Cripps RIP
	11 am	St George's	Patrick Gibbons RIP
Monday 29th	10 am	Southwick	Requiem Mass - Bertha Wilson RIP
Tuesday 30th	10 am	Portslade	Axel Cabellero RIP
Wednesday 31st	10 am	St George's	Fr David Weston RIP
Thursday 1st	7 pm	Southwick	Intentions of CMR
Friday 2nd <i>Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas)</i>	12 noon	Portslade	Elizabeth Lee RIP & Mary Millar RIP
Saturday 3rd	6 pm	Portslade	Maeve Campbell RIP
Sunday 4th	9.30 am	Southwick	People of the Parish
	11 am	St George's	Intentions of the Harvey family

~ 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

LENT 2018

The season of Lent begins in less than a month - Ash Wednesday is 14th February.

This weekend there are sign-up sheets out for the two six-week Lent Prayer Groups which will be running in the Parish: Wednesday evenings in the Meeting Room at St Theresa's, Southwick, and Friday afternoons at the Mass Centre, Portslade. Please add your name to the list as soon as you can so that we can provide participants with course booklets before the sessions begin.

Our Lenten Day of Recollection / Retreat Day will be held on Saturday 17 March, 10 am to 4 pm at the Sellwood Centre, Dalesdown, Dial Post. (We used the same venue for the 2016 Advent Retreat Day).

There is a sign-up sheet - please indicate if you require, or can offer, a lift. A sheet detailing the opportunities for prayer and the times and venues of various services during Lent and Holy Week 2018. Please take a copy.

MISSION - FORMATION - PRAYER

These three words have in some sense become a diocesan "mantra" for us, repeated as they often have been by Bishop Richard on various occasions since he was installed as Bishop of Arundel and Brighton.

In issuing the *CHALLENGE OF THE TALENTS* towards the end of last year, I was hoping that through the drive, interests, skills and initiative of individual parishioners we as the parish family might experience a sense of renewal and belonging within our own community and begin to attract and bring in others - in other words, we would benefit from a missionary impulse.

So now I'd like to turn to the idea of *PRAYER*, and issue another challenge which may appeal to a different group of people. I would like us to try and produce our own set of Stations of the Cross, so that we can come together as one community to pray these special Stations towards the end of Lent.

I'm inviting four people to volunteer from each of our places of worship to write and prepare just one of the Stations. I'll be distributing the individual Stations this weekend and next. Four from each place of worship would give us twelve of the fourteen Stations and Deacon Richard and I will each prepare one of the other two, to complete the set of fourteen. Preparing an individual Station will be the fruit of your own personal prayer which will then become part of our corporate experience of prayer. The range of individuals involved should offer a great richness of reflection and variety of approach. We could produce something quite wonderful.

We're called to be *people of prayer*, so don't be shy about volunteering!

ASH WEDNESDAY ↔ PALM SUNDAY



If you have any unwanted, blessed palm crosses at home from previous celebrations of Palm Sunday, why not bring them back to church over the next couples of weeks so they can be burnt to provide the ashes for Ash Wednesday on 14th February?

VOLUNTEER BOOK-KEEPER

The Finance Committee for St Theresa's (Southwick with Portslade) is looking for a volunteer with computerised book-keeping experience to assist with data input and record keeping. The diocese currently uses a Data Development software program, Finance Co-ordinator, version 2. If you may be able to help, please contact the Parish Office (01273 708227) and leave your details.

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

NEXT SUNDAY, 4 January - we will mark the Feast of St Blaise (3 February) with the Blessing of Throats after all weekend Masses.

Sunday 11 January - is World Day of Prayer for the Sick and there will be a retiring collection after all Masses for the Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage Trust.

Friday 23 February - CAFOD Lent Fast Day (there will be a retiring collection after Masses on the weekend of 24/25 February)

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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.

SACRAMENTS

CONFIRMATION

Thursday 1 February - next candidates' session in the Parish Meeting Room at St Theresa's, 7 - 9 pm

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Saturday 24 February, 9.30 - 11 am: The next preparation session for the children at St Theresa's, Southwick.

NOTICES

The SVP (St. Vincent de Paul Society) is an international Christian charity providing practical help to those in need. They want to employ a development worker for the Brighton region 20k. For application pack

email thomasg@svp.org.uk

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.

Called by Name Retreat is a vocation retreat for young adults (aged 18-35) being held 9 - 11th February at Worth Abbey, Crawley. It offers an opportunity for you to tune-in more deeply to the call of Christ in your life, to discern His will for you, discover deeper meaning and direction in your life, and to grow in the trust and freedom to respond generously to the Gospel.

The cost is £63 for students/unwaged, £105 waged, and includes meals and accommodation. To book, or for more information, please contact Katrina on TOC@worth.org.uk / 01342 710318.

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.

Cost of flight and accommodation around £700. 100 places have been booked by our Diocese with accommodation at Dublin University. For further information contact wmof2018@dabnet.org

Recommitment at St George's

Thank you to those who have already handed in their form saying how they will be involved with our Sunday Mass over the coming year.

If you've not yet done so, it's not too late! If you need more information, see Helen after Mass or email rota@stgeorges-hove.org.uk.

THANK YOU

A big thank you to everyone who helped in any way with Father David's funeral on Friday. The Weston family are very appreciative of all that you did.

Parish 100 Challenge Draw

Winner of the first draw at St Theresa's: Yellow ticket No. 22 - Sharon Dowds won £100, drawn by Fr David.

Thank you for your support. Ticket sale for the next draw starts today (28th January). Good luck!

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 all whose anniversaries occur about this time:

St Theresa's and The Mass Centre:

Charles Allwright, David Nash, Janet Loney, Eric Cripps, Elizabeth Garrett, Alexander Campbell, Pat-John Carroll, Mary Sheridan, Mary Gardiner, Anthony Browning, Thomas Murphy, Polly White, William Coles, Hazel Herbert, Henry Browning, Eugene Pointet, Carmel Harrison, Louis Pirolli, Gwendoline Jupp, Sharon Green, John Conway and Margaret Rome.

St George's:

Eleanor Holmes, Lawrence Osbourne, Frank McLoughlin, Robert (Bob) A. Williams, Stephen Hollis, Douglas Worgan, Nathalie (Pickle) Rowland, Ronald Haycox, Pat Jusko, Ethel Sinclair, John Fitzpatrick, John Woodland and Josephine Weston.