

## Parish of Our Lady Star of the Sea Serving Southwick, Portslade, Hangleton and West Blatchington

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## **Missio Red Boxes**

If you have a red box that hasn't been emptied recently or you would like it emptied, please could you bring it to

Moira at St Theresa's or Paty at St George's. Please remember to make sure your name is on it and a contact number. Thank you.

Visit missio.org.uk to find out more.



### **Fire Safety Training** Wednesday 25th September, 7:30-8:30pm, **Parish Office, Southwick**

Please sign up for this short training session. We will watch the Diocesan Fire Marshal Training Video

(50mins) and conclude with a quick quiz (10mins). The emphasis is on remaining alert, guiding people to the nearest exits and ensuring there are no obstacles blocking any escape routes. We hope that you enjoy your training/ The Diocesan refresher training! Property Team.



# 15<sup>th</sup> Sept 2024: 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time, Yr B **Evangelii Gaudium Sunday** Weekdays: 24<sup>th</sup> Week of Year II

# **Bishop Richard Writes:**

Dear brothers and sisters,

Mark's Gospel gives a rather shorter account of Peter's profession of faith in the Lord. As with Matthew's text, it is after this profession of faith that Jesus begins to prepare His friends for the fact that He is to be put to death and, after three days, rise again. The thought of the Lord's death is too much for Peter. The one who had professed his faith so clearly, very guickly receives a rebuke from the Lord for his unwillingness to accept the whole message.

We cannot pick and choose in our response to Christ. The Cross must come before resurrection. If we are to be His disciples truly His disciples - we must take up the Cross. We must be willing to follow Him. Just as resurrection follows crucifixion, our renunciation and acceptance of the Cross, our following of Jesus, leads to life – life to the full, as Jesus reminds us in John's Gospel: "I have come that they may have life and have it to the full."

James, in the Second Reading this Sunday, addresses this question from the point of view of service of others. The giving of ourselves for others is a mark of our faith, a mark of our true discipleship.

Being a Christian, a Catholic, in our present times - as at any other time in history - is not a continually easy path. The greatest moments of joy and fulfilment come when we are doing what the Lord calls us to do - what the Lord calls us to be. They are not the moments when we pander to our perceived wants, the moments when we listen to ourselves.

The Lord calls us to be His disciples in every sense of that word. The way may seem very daunting at times, but it is the way that leads to life. Guided by the Holy Spirit, may we choose the way that leads to life, may we always take up the Cross and, in doing so, choose Christ. We need not fear in taking this step, for He is always for us; He is always with us.

With every blessing,

+ Richard

# This week the foodbank needs:

Biscuits, Chunky Soups; Coffee; Cooking Oil; Crisps; Jam; Laundry Pods/Tabs; Marmite; Pasta Sauce; Rice; Tinned Custard; Tinned Rice Pudding; **Tinned Tomatoes; UHT Juice.** 

We have so much pasta, tea and tins of baked beans at the moment, so please don't buy us any more! Donations may be dropped into the boxes at the back of either of our churches, these are delivered to the food bank weekly.

# HANGLETON EST BLATCHINGTON

### Thank you for your support.

**Special Collections 2024** 

15th September — Home Mission Sunday

We continue to pray for the people of Ukraine. More info: <u>cbcew.org.uk/category/cbcew/international/countries/ukraine/</u>

### **Please Pray For...**

All who are sick in the parish, particularly: Cheryl Evans, Chris Neale, Boni Rodrigues, Lucy and Winifred Wilde. Those on our regular prayer list including: Vince Neal, Deacon Richard Harvey, Eileen Kipling, Elizabeth Hopkins and Elizabeth Smith. Those who have died recently especially: Michael Milner, Mary Gibbons and Deborah Kerr; as well as those whose anniversaries occur this month. A full list of sick parishioners and anniversaries can be found on the parish website.

### First Holy Communion 2024/2025

Application forms are now available in our churches, please return them to the parish office. The deadline for applications is Tuesday 24th September 2024, any late application forms may not be considered for this year's programme. We will be co-ordinating our FHC Programme with our neighbouring parishes. Candidates will be able to choose their preferred church from, Sacred Heart (Hove); St George's (Hangleton); St Mary Magdalen's (Brighton); St Peter's (Hove) and St Theresa's (Southwick).



6pm Mass, St Peter's, Hove	
9am Mass, St Theresa's with Children's Liturgy	Michael Milner RIP All Parishioners
11am Mass, St George's 10am Mass, St George's 7pm Mass, St Theresa's <i>Fr Celestine</i>	
7pm Mass, St Theresa's	
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The SVP take a person-to-person approach to supporting people not just in our parish but the wider community. We extend the hand of friendship to the lonely and isolated by visiting them regularly and taking them out occasionally. The SVP run a furniture scheme to help those who have been homeless, now have a place to live, but no furniture. This scheme is also used to support families who are struggling to buy furniture. For families we visit, who are finding it hard to make ends meet, we can help by referring them to the foodbank. Through the SVP Small Project scheme we have been able to buy milking buffalos for three families in India. Recently we supported the Grenada disaster appeal by using the money we had raised from the Cash4Coins scheme. We work as a team and support each other. All visits are done in pairs. If anyone is interested and would like to learn more about the SVP, please come to our next meeting on Thursday 26th September at 6pm, in the meeting room at the back of St Theresa's.

### Cash4Coins\_

We can accept any old coins or bank notes from the UK or around the world. With parishioners returning from their summer holiday they may well have unused currency they wish to donate. There is a jar at the back of both churches where donations can be placed. Working with Cash4Coins, a currency service for charities, all the above can be converted into UK legal tender for

the benefit of the SVP.

