

Parish of Our Lady Star of the Sea

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CAFOD Family Fast Day – Harvest Appeal

Daniel, a young man in Democratic Republic of the Congo, is carving a better future for his family with carpentry skills he learned in a CAFOD-funded training centre. Give to CAFOD today and you will fund training, tools, equipment and safe spaces so more people like Daniel can learn new skills and fulfil their God-given potential. Use the envelope in church or give online.



6th October 2024: 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Yr B Weekdays: 27th Week of Year II

Bishop Richard Writes:

On Wednesday 2nd October, at the Mass to mark to the opening of the Synod, the Holy Father called for a renewed proclamation of the Gospel in the face of conflict:

Brothers and sisters, we begin anew our synodal path with an eye toward the world, since the Christian community is always at the service of humanity in order to announce the joy of the Gospel. In such a dramatic time in our history, when the winds of war and the flames of violence continue to devastate entire peoples and nations, there is need for this message.

In order to invoke the intercession of Mary Most Holy for the gift of peace, I will recite the holy rosary and make a heartfelt plea to the Virgin in the Basilica of Saint Mary Major this coming Sunday. If possible, I ask all members of

the Synod to join me for this occasion.

The following day, 7th October, I ask everyone to participate in a day of prayer and fasting for peace in the world.

Let us walk together. Let us listen to the Lord and allow him to guide us by the "breath" of the Spirit.

During the month of October, I ask that whenever the Rosary is prayed publicly, please offer one decade for Peace and one decade for the work of the Synod and encourage the same in private recitation of the Rosary.

Preparation for Baptism

Our next preparation course for families who wish to have an infant (under 6) baptised, starts next **Thursday, 10th October, 7pm, at St Theresa's**. The second session will be the following Thursday, 17th October, same time and place. No need to book, just turn up! The sessions are one hour and refreshments are provided. NB. You can attend the course before the baby is born—indeed that can sometimes be easier!

First Holy Communion Helpers Needed!

The preparation sessions are centred around the parents teaching their children, using support material provided, and with input and guidance from catechists. We have a good team of catechists, but we need a couple more people to help with things like setting up, welcoming, clearing away and, most importantly, helping with refreshments at the break. There are six sessions, Saturdays 10am—12:15pm, once a month, starting in November. **Could you offer your time?** The only qualifications are the ability to smile and be friendly, make tea, coffee and squash, (all necessary ingredients provided), and to not be fazed by children (and sometimes their parents!) making a lot of noise.

Grandparents Morning

We would love parishioners to come and visit us at St Mary's Catholic Primary School for our special Grandparents Morning. We are inviting members of our parish family to be an honorary grandparent for the morning to a child who doesn't have a grandparent of their own. You would be very welcome to join us for stories, singing and cake! Wednesday 9th October, 9 — 11am. Please call the school office on 01273 418416.

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: Helen, Maria Parente, Marion Shannon, Paddy Dixon, Sandra Yelbeck, Terry Phipps and Tom Hulse.

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 our website.

Prayer Bags

A huge thank you to Pauline, who made some beautiful prayer bags for St Mary's school. She made one for each class so that children can take them home weekly and have opportunities to pray in different ways with their families.



Weekly Timetable		
Sat 5th October	6pm Mass, St Peter's, Hove	
Sunday 6th Oct 27th Sunday	9am Mass, St Theresa's Feast of St Therese with Children's Liturgy	Eileen S Pedro RIP
	11am Mass, St George's	All Parishioners
Tues 8th October	10am Mass, St George's Followed by Tea & Chat	Ester & Giuseppe Cincinelli RIP
	7pm Mass, St Theresa's Fr Celestine	
Wed 9th October St John Henry Newman	7pm Mass, St Theresa's	Michael Milner RIP
Thurs 10th Oct St Denis & Companions	10am Mass, St George's followed by Adoration	Luis Arujo RIP
	6:30 pm Mass, St Theresa's Fr Celestine	
	7pm Baptism Preparation, St Theresa's	
Fri 11th October	10am Mass, St Theresa's followed by Adoration	
St John XXIII	7pm Mass, St Theresa's Fr Celestine	
Sat 12th October	6pm Mass, St Peter's, Hove	
Sunday 13th Oct	9am Mass, St Theresa's School Welcome Mass	Mary Baker RIP & Miss K Nelson RIP
28th Sunday	11am Mass, St George's	Mr & Mrs Waters ints

Eucharistic Healing Service

Sunday 6th October, 3pm – 4:15pm, St Peter's church, Hove A time of prayer, reflection and music. Praying for the healing of our families, for those we know in need, and for ourselves. All are welcome.

