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Divine Mercy & St Michael the Archangel Day Retreat Saturday 15th June, 10am — 5pm, St Peter's, Shoreham, BN43 5WG

With first class relic of St Faustina and Investiture of the Scapular of St Michael the Archangel. Led by Fr Peter Prusakiewicz CSMA, Poland.

Fr Peter Prusakiewicz CSMA is the chief editor of The Angels, messengers from a loving God, a quarterly publication dedicated to the topic of Holy Angels and the Divine Mercy (<u>www.stmichaelthearchangel.info</u>).

He is a well-travelled international speaker. Since 2005, he has been spiritual director on English speaking Divine Mercy pilgrimages to Krakow, Warsaw, Vilnius, Rome, including the Shrine of St Michael the Archangel in Mont

Sant Angelo, Italy, and has spoken at many conferences, retreats, and parish missions all over the world. Bring your own lunch; refreshments available. Email: <u>adurvalley@abdiocese.org.uk</u> for more information. Or telephone 01273 452654.



2nd June 2024: Corpus Christi, Year B Weekdays: Week 9 of Ordinary Time, Year 2

Fr Tony Writes

The period following Pentecost is marked with feasts and solemnities whose times of celebration are defined in relation to Pentecost (P). We have already had *Mary Mother of the Church* (Monday after P), *Jesus Christ Eternal High Priest* (Thursday after P)* and *Trinity Sunday* (Sunday after P). This weekend we celebrate *Corpus Christi*, then on Friday we celebrate the *Sacred Heart*. Finally, on Saturday, we celebrate the *Immaculate Heart of Mary*. These feasts seek to unpack some of the themes of Holy Week and Easter, and this weekend's feast provides a deeper reflection on one of the themes of Holy Thursday, namely the reality of the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

This weekend's feast actually changed its name. It used to be *Corpus Christi* (The Body of Christ), and is still commonly known as that. There used to be a separate, less prominent, feast of the Blood of Christ on the 1st of July. Yet it made little sense to separate the two, so they were united into the one *Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ* to give it its full title.

Interestingly, the readings this weekend focus on the Blood of Christ. This reminds us of two things. First, the reality of Jesus sacrifice, the shedding of his blood for our salvation. But it is also a reminder that Jesus is equally present at Mass in the Precious Blood as in the Sacred Host. We could reflect on that that as we approach Holy Communion.

* if you haven't heard of these first two, it is because they are new!

Calling All Bakers! 📁

The parish will be running the café at the summer fete and we need baked goodies! If you would like to make and donate any Biscuits, Brownies, Buns, Cakes, Cookies, Muffins, Pasties, Pies, Sausage rolls, Scones, or anything else yummy for us to sell, please let the office know what you can contribute. *NB. All baked goods must be nut free please*.

SVP and CAFOD working together in the run up to the General Election

As Catholics, we know that tackling poverty and injustice are among the most important issues politicians should act on. St Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD have produced a guide for Catholics for the General Election, with suggested questions to ask candidates. Please see <u>cafod.org.uk/encounter</u> or <u>svp.org.uk/</u> <u>encounter</u> for more information.

Below is our prayer for this initiative.

Mary, model of encounter, you heard God's call. Teach us to listen deeply in our polarised world. Mary, woman of courage, you sang joyfully of God's justice. Inspire us to challenge inequality and call for fulness of life for all. Mary, seeker of sanctuary, you fled violence and persecution. Be with us as we seek peace and respect for human dignity. Mary, mother of community, you joined the disciples at Pentecost. Pray that the Spirit will empower us as we act together for the common good. **Amen.**

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

Please Pray For...

All who are sick in the parish, particularly:

Chris Neale, Boni Rodrigues, Mark Kinsella, Cheryl Evans and Winifred Wilde.

Those on our regular prayer list including: Maria Parente, Marion Shannon, Paddy Dixon, Sandra Yelbeck, Terry Phipps and Tom Hulse.

Those who have died recently especially:

Eileen McLoughlin, Brian Sheed and Julie Laker.

As well as those whose anniversaries occur this month.

A full list of sick parishioners and anniversaries can be found on the parish website.

Sanctuary of Prayer in the Heart of our City St Mary Magdalen's, Brighton, BN1 3FH

An invitation to share in an exciting mission of prayer intercession for our diocese, deanery and city!

From Corpus Christi Sunday 2nd June, St Mary Magdalen's will be open on two afternoons of the week - Sunday and Friday - welcoming people to spend time in prayer, adoration and quite reflection.

In the Pastoral Plan, Bishop Richard has presented to us, he specifically asked all our communities to spend time before the Blessed Sacrament, to pray for the future of our diocese and its mission of evangelisation.



We are also aware of the many needs within our city and personal lives for the healing and peace of the Lord.

A group of representatives from parishes across our deanery have been exploring a vision to open St Mary Magdalen's as a Sanctuary of Prayer within the heart of our city. Our aspiration is that in time the church will be open all week, uniting parishioners from across the city in prayer.

We are inviting parishioners inspired by this vision, to come on 'pilgrimage' and to spend a little time praying for our communities and city.

If you would like to hear more about how you could get involved please speak with Jadzia or contact St Mary Magdalen's:

brightonstmarymag@abdiocese.org.uk 01273 326793.

Alternatively, Fr Rod can be contacted directly: rod.jones@abdiocese.org.uk.

Monk Talks

This season explores the monastic vows of stability and obedience and what they offer.

Tuesday 11th June 'Growing in the Freedom of Obedience', Given by **Abbot Xavier Perrin**, **Abbot of Quarr Abbey**.

Join the monks for Evening Prayer at **6pm in St John the Baptist Church**, followed by soup and bread supper at **6:30pm** in the **Fitzherbert Community Hub**, with a talk at **7pm**.



Weekly Timetable		
Sat 1st June	6pm Mass, St Peter's, Hove	
Sunday 2nd June Corpus Christi	9am Mass, St Theresa's	Christopher McDermott RIP
	11am Mass, St George's	All Parishioners
	3pm Healing Service, St Mary Magdalen's, Brighton, BN1 3FH	
Tues 4th June	10am Mass, St George's	Joseph Cripps RIP
	7pm Mass St Theresa's (Fr Celestine)	
Wed 5th June St Boniface	7pm Mass, St Theresa's	Theresa Stanleick RIP
Thurs 6th June St Norbert	10am Mass, St George's followed by Adoration	Vocations
	7pm Mass St Theresa's (Fr Celestine)	
Fri 7th June Sacred Heart of Jesus	10 am Mass, St Theresa's followed by Adoration	Chris Neal Ints
	7pm Mass St Theresa's (Fr Celestine)	
Sat 8th June Immaculate Heart of Mary	6pm Mass, St Peter's, Hove	
	9am Mass, St Theresa's	Agnelo Rato RIP
Sunday 9th June 10th Sunday of Ordinary Time	11am Mass, St George's FHC Celebration Mass and Certificate Giving followed by shared Lunch in the hall	All Parishioners

Upcoming Events

Sun 9th June: FHC Celebration Mass and Certificate Giving St George's, 11am, followed by shared Lunch. Sunday 30th June: Deanery Confirmations Arundel Cathedral, 3pm.

Sunday 7th July: School and Parish Celebration Mass and Fete St Mary's School, Portslade, starting with Mass at 10:30am. We need: Bottles for the tombola, empty jars to fill with sweets, and raffle prizes. There are boxes for these at both churches. We also need people to help set things up and help with the stalls. Contact the office if you can be a helper.

Minibus Driver Needed

The SVP need a new minibus driver at Tower House (Tower House is a community day centre that welcomes older people in Brighton and surrounding areas). For the guests to get to Tower House by 12noon, pick up on Fridays is between 11am

and 12noon and they usually leave about 2pm, so would need lifts home too. If this is something you can help with, please email the parish office.



Special Collections Sunday 2nd June: EVC Uganda Appeal