

Message from Fr Richard

When I first visited the parish it took me a long time to find Saint Teresa's, partly because I started looking in Northiam, I guess I would have missed it had it not been for the single sign post. Like a hidden gem, it is worth the finding, not just the church building and the beautiful setting, but here I have found a priceless community. One Sunday morning I was listening to the radio and it was being presented from Northiam, the piece was summer from Vivaldi's Four Seasons, and the presenter was imagining the community of Northiam celebrating. Last Sunday as I was driving away the sun had come out and Vaughan Williams fantasia on a theme of Thomas Tallis was playing on the radio, I felt a deep sense of 'Shalom', upon arrival at Battle someone commented on the smile I have after returning from Saint Teresa's. The rural nature of the church means that we all must make a journey to be there we are taken out of our everyday world to gather in Christ. We journey with our cares and joys and place them in the hands of Christ and are sent out strengthened by the body of Christ both in the sacramental form of communion and in the community.

Fr Richard

Readers and Cleaners: Felicity is currently preparing the rota for the first four months of 2023. If you have any dates you would rather avoid during this period, please let her know by e-mail: (fyoulten@aol.com) or telephone: 01797 224045, or speak to her at church. If anyone else would like to help with the reading and/or cleaning, please contact Felicity.

St Teresa of Lisieux, Northiam

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The amount donated for Lima in October came to £73.20 and the grand total since 1999 is £18,656.56 (*Thanks to Brian O'Donnell for this information.*)

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Rota of Sunday Mass and other Church Duties December 2022

Date	4 December 2022	11 December 2022	18 December 2022	25 December 2022
Sunday /Feast	2 nd of Advent	3 rd of Advent	4 th of Advent	Christmas Day
Reader	Sally Chaplin	Joanna Black	Martin Mooney	Peter Murphy
Eucharistic Minister (tbc)				
Gift Bearers				
Flowers				
Cleaning – Church Kitchen	Sally Chaplin	Joanna Black	Vincent Murphy	Martin Mooney
Coffee/Tea Organiser Helper(s)				

Please pray for the Sick and Housebound: Please remember in your prayers: Timothy O’Sullivan, Maureen Webster, Ann Driver, Brian O’Connell, Eileen O’Shaughnessy, Anne Meade,

Anniversaries in December: Please remember in your prayers: Josephine Bailey, Florence Freeman Jackson, Leslie Atkinson, Bishop William Brown, Tabitha Youtlen, Norah Pillans, Doreen Foster, Etelka Bertha Dodds, Gaston Cardon, Sister Mary Gabriel Sutherland OP, Margaret Youtlen, Michael Bishop

