

### Sick Parishioners

Please pray for; Jim McFarlane, Caroline Audy, Margaret Chapman, Vincent O' Rourke, Jim and Valerie Lee, Eileen Banks, Matthew Garcia, Beverley Coughlan, Sonia Wall, Dennis Tribe, Rosemary Kilcourse, Adrian Van Twest, Liz Perkins.

### Parish Events

Monday 2 March, 6.30pm: Meeting about Adoration, Upper Room.
Monday 2 March, 8pm: Reading St Matthew's Passion.
Monday 2nd March at 8pm FHC Parents meeting in the church hall on the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
Tuesday 3 March, 10.30am: meeting of the Care Group.
Tuesday 3 March, 7.30pm: Praying Saint Matthew's Passion.
Friday 6 March, 7.30pm: Stations of the Cross.
Saturday 7 March, 10.30am-4pm: Adoration and Confessions.
Saturday 7 March; FHC childrens classes 9am onwards in the hall.
Sunday 8 March, after 10am/11.15am Mass: Cake Sale for stained glass appeal.
Friday 13 March, 7.30pm: Taizé Service.
Tuesday 17 March: feast of Saint Patrick
Tuesday 17 March, noon: Burial of the ashes of Michael Cook, RIP.
Thursday 19 March: feast of Saint Joseph.
Tuesday 17 March, 2pm: Funeral of Donald Hancock, Woodvale Crematorium.
Wednesday 25 March: feast of the Annunciation of the Lord.
Tuesday 21 April, 8pm: Baptism course, Upper Room.
Friday 24 April, 8pm: Quiz Night for stained glass appeal.
Sunday 10 May, after 10am/11.15am Mass: Bring and Buy for stained glass appeal.

### From the Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church:

314. What is the significance of Jesus' compassion for the sick? The compassion of Jesus toward the sick and his many healings of the infirm were a clear sign that with him had come the Kingdom of God and therefore victory over sin, over suffering, and over death. By his own passion and death, he gave new meaning to our suffering which, when united with his own, can become a means of purification and of salvation for us and for others.

315. What is the attitude of the Church toward the sick? Having received from the Lord the charge to heal the sick, the Church strives to carry it out by taking care of the sick and accompanying them with her prayer of intercession. Above all, the Church possesses a sacrament specifically intended for the benefit of the sick. This sacrament was instituted by Christ and is attested by Saint James: "Is anyone among you sick? Let him call in the presbyters of the Church and let them pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord" (James 5:14-15).

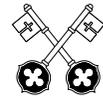
**Hall Events:** below is a schedule of activities taking place in term time, if you are interested in finding out more or wish to hire the hall, please use the contact email below, Jo Chamberlain our Hall Manager will be happy to help you.

<b>Hall Events for information email</b> <b>stpetershallbn3@gmail.com</b>
<b>Monday</b> Cubs 18.00 – 19.30
<b>Tuesday</b> Brownies 17.30 – 19.00
<b>Tuesday</b> Guides 19.15 – 21.00
<b>Wednesday</b> Junior Choir 18.00 – 19.00
<b>Wednesday</b> Union of Catholic Mothers 19.30 – 21.00
<b>Thursday</b> Rainbows 16.45 -18.00
<b>Thursday</b> Brownies 18.00 – 19.30
<b>Thursday</b> Social Dancing 20.00 – 21.30
<b>Friday</b> Apostle Lunch Club 13.30 – 15.30

**Collection** Sunday 16 February, £1, 385.

### St. Peter's Catholic Church Portland Road Hove

BN3 5GD



1 March 2020



### First Sunday of the Lent.

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### Mass intentions this week:

Sat 29 Feb 6pm Holy Souls

Sun 1 Mar 8.30am For all parishioners

Sun 1 Mar 10am Giuliana Sussex RIP

Sun 1 Mar 11.15am Michael Green RIP

Monday 2 Mar 10am Peter Spencer RIP

Tues 3 Mar 10am Vincenta Maryan

Irena RIP

Wed 4 March 10am Terry Hall RIP

Thurs 5 March No Mass

Fri 6 Mar 10am Holy Souls

Sat 7 Mar 10am Peter Spencer RIP

Sat 7 Mar 6pm DM Hunt family

Sun 8 Mar 8.30am Holy Souls

Sun 8 Mar 10am For all parishioners

Sun 8 Mar 11.15am Rosemary

Sheppard RIP

### Today is the first Sunday of Lent.

The vestments are purple, there is no Gloria, and the organ will only be used to sustain the singing. There are no flowers in Church. All this is meant to underline the sobriety and austerity of the season, as a way of turning out minds and hearts more profoundly

towards God. Today we are having a brief talk from a representative of Lepra, a charity which helps those suffering from leprosy, for which there will be a retiring collection: this will be one chance of many to come to give Lenten alms. The appeal will happen after Holy Communion. There will be a sermon but it will be shorter than usual.

Both the first reading and today's Gospel are linked by the idea of temptation. In the first reading Adam and Eve are tempted by Satan and eat the forbidden fruit, thus disobeying God and rupturing their relationship with Him. But in the Gospel, Jesus stands up to Satan and puts him to flight, showing us the way we should take. Jesus resists the temptations to materialism, to vainglory and to power, and we should do the same. At the start of Lent we are shown two contrasting paths, that of Satan, and that of Jesus, and as we start our 40 day pilgrimage towards Easter, we know the path we should take. The choice is ours.

Also today, Bishop Richard will be visiting our Confirmation candidates in the evening, and leading the session from 7-8.15pm.

This Monday at 6.30pm in the Upper Room, we shall be meeting with Sean Duggan who was here last week speaking about Adoration, in order to organise the parish's response. We will be looking at the cards you filled out; if you are interested in being part of this organising, please come. Thanks for the very encouraging response so far!

This Monday, following the exhortation of our Bishop, and because this is supposed to be the Year of the Bible, we will be reading the Passion account of Saint Matthew, that is the chapters 26 onwards of Saint Matthew's Gospel. The

format will be a simple Bible study, led by Father Alexander – please bring the text with you - and there will be plenty of time for questions and discussion. It will start at 8pm in the Upper Room and end by 9.30pm, sharp. All are invited to come. You do not need any particular expertise to study the Bible or to enjoy its contents. We are in Year A for readings, which is the year of Saint Matthew, and these chapters will be read out on Palm Sunday, which is why they have been chosen.

This Tuesday, at 7.30pm, Kate Williamson will be leading lectio divina, also based on the Saint Matthew passion account. All are welcome. This will take place in the Upper Room and will end by 8.15pm. Lectio divina is different to Bible study, being a form of prayer rather than discussion, and it is hoped that the Monday session and the Tuesday session will compliment each other.

This Friday, as on all Fridays in Lent (except when we have the Taizé service on March 13), we shall have Stations of the Cross in Church at 7.30pm. This lasts less than half an hour and is a great way to mediate on the Passion of the Lord. This Friday we shall be considering Stations I, II, III and IV. That is: Jesus is condemned to death, Jesus carries His cross, Jesus falls for the first time, and Jesus meets His mother, Mary.

This Saturday we are continuing our weekly Adoration after Mass at 10.30am, which will last until 4pm when we close with Benediction. Please come for part of the day! If you would like to watch for an hour, then please sign up in the sacristy where there is a list. Canon Heaney will be coming to hear confessions at 11am, and be staying for an hour. Fr Alexander will be available for confessions at the

usual times, and will be present at other times as well.

Next Sunday is the Second Sunday of Lent. On this day we are having another appeal, this time from the youth of the parish, who will talk about the CAFOD family fast day. Envelopes for this will be available in which you can place the money you have saved by not eating and donate it to CAFOD. This concerns fasting and almsgiving in one, along with an important awareness-raising of those for whom involuntary hunger is a daily challenge. It will also be good to see our young people getting involved with this important issue.

On a totally different note, on the same day, Sunday 8 March, we are holding a **cake sale** after the 10am and 11.15am Masses. Make sure you come through to the Hall and see what is on offer. Please note the date and think of all the delicious things you can bake/make and bring along. The stained glass debt stands at £13, 037. The debt is falling rapidly, and one very much hopes that it will be wiped out by summer!

**Defibrillator Training – Wed 4 March 7.30pm in the hall.** We are looking for 3-4 volunteers from each Mass to be able to use the machine in the case of an emergency during Mass. Please contact the office if you wish to volunteer or please just turn up on the night.

Great news! The plans have arrived from our architect, Mark Anderson, for the refurbishment of the Hall. They are in display in the hall, so you can familiarise yourself with them and see what the parish funds are going to be spent on. The main points are a new kitchen, new loos (accessible from the corridor), the removal of the gallery,

new windows, new lights, and some fixed seating with storage along one wall, work to cure the damp, plus painting and decorating and floor polishing. We also need to choose whether we want to have a partition that can divide the Hall into two separate rooms, so two functions can happen at the same time. Do please have a look and make your feelings known. You can do this verbally, of course, but if you have suggestions and/or reservations, it is a good idea to put them in writing.

A kind parishioner has given us a picture of Saint Josephine Bakhita. This wonderful saint, who died in 1947, and was canonised in 1992, was, as a child, enslaved in her native land, Sudan, and eventually brought to Italy where she was freed and baptised. She became a nun, and was famed for her devotion to those in need, and her forgiveness and charity to her former tormentors. She is now invoked as an intercessor for all victims of human trafficking. May her image bless our parish!

The next baptism course is going to be after Easter and will take place on Tuesday 21 April at 8pm in the Upper Room. (Note the change of venue.) Parents who have a child to baptise need to see Fr Alexander in advance, so he can come round and see you at home beforehand.

We still have some copies of the Infant and Junior 'My Day by Day', which take you through the 40 days of Lent. They are at the back of the Church, on the magazine rack – please help yourself and please use them. We also have some copies of the Simple Prayer Book. This excellent resource contains all the prayers a Catholic should know. Everyone should have a copy, and they make excellent presents for the young.

If you want a copy please ask in the Sacristy. They cost the parish £3.50 each. If you want to donate, just put what you can afford as an 'extra' donation into the Sunday collection, rather than leaving sums of money in the sacristy.

Our Social Club meets in the Hall this Friday at 1.30pm for games, tea, coffee and cake. On Friday 13, Fr Alexander will be talking about his time in Africa, and how different the Church and society is in the African continent.

Your Lenten check list:

- Fasting
- Prayer
- Almsgiving
- Confession

Our Care Group consists of Fr Alexander, Sue Hollow, Trish Longley, Claire Gwynn, Wendy Wallis and Josie Staunton. If there is anyone else who you think might like to be visited at home, for whatever reason, please mention it to a member of the group. We would particularly like to hear about those who are housebound. Currently there are about sixty people on our 'list', and it is growing. If you are an Extraordinary Minister and wish to take Holy Communion to people at home or in nursing homes, we would like to hear from you! Or if you would simply like to befriend those who are housebound, we would love your collaboration. Care of the sick is part of the God-given mission of the Church. The Care Group meets on Tuesday, 3 March.

#### First Holy Communion Reminder:

Parents' Meeting on Monday 2nd March at 8pm in the church hall on the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The children's classes on Saturday 7th March.

**Gift Aid Notice:** Could the owner of GA number 505 please contact the office.

### **World day of prayer 2020**

Friday 6th March, 10.30 at St Georges Church, Hove. The theme this year is 'Rise, take your mat and walk' Please come and join us praying with and for the people of Zimbabwe. All welcome, refreshments in the hall afterwards. See poster in the porch.

### **Thursday mornings Scripture**

**Reflection:** 10am all welcome.

**Social Dancing** in the hall this Thursday. All are welcome!

### **Marriage Preparation Course**

You will need to contact Esther Lyon 01273 698182.  
[www.stpetersbrighton.org](http://www.stpetersbrighton.org)

**Curious about Catholics?** To learn more and talk in an unpressured and confidential environment, please contact Sue Hollow on 0755 730 1796 or Fr Alexander.

**CAFOD** is looking for volunteers who have a passion for, and experience of, working with young people. CAFOD will provide training and support, and expenses will be paid. For further information contact CAFOD on 01483 898866.

**Mini Walking Pilgrimage** 'The God Who Speaks' 7 to 10 May: Arundel, Dunton, Chiddingfold, Guildford. Walk over a long weekend. Costs £50 total. Details and booking forms at [www.thepilgrims.org.uk](http://www.thepilgrims.org.uk)

**Annual Day for Those who Support the Bereaved in Parishes:** This Year on Wednesday 20 May, at St Bernadette's, Crawley.

### **Diocesan Ecumenical Walking**

**Pilgrimage:** The St Thomas Way Pilgrimage: 'Walking in a Spirit of Thankfulness'. 15– 30 August, from Swansea to Hereford, via Cardiff and Abergavenny. More information at [www.thepilgrims.org.uk](http://www.thepilgrims.org.uk)

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### **Financial Adviser - Nick Lee**

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