

Sick Parishioners.

Please pray for Jim McFarlane, Caroline Audy, Margaret Chapman, Vincent O'Rourke, Jim and Valerie Lee, Eileen Banks, Matthew Garcia, Sonia Wall, Dennis Tribe, Rosemary Kilcourse, Liz Perkins, Richard Martin, Sheila Coldicott, Charlotte Essex, Maria Knight.

Congratulations to our parishioners

who have received the vaccine.

Continued prayers for all those of us who are waiting for it, and well done to all who are involved in its administration.

Please note the Parish Office is now closed to visitors during Lockdown and will only be able to answer any queries by phone or email during our usual Office hours (noted at the top of this Newsletter).

We are still collecting donations for the Food Bank. Many thanks for all your donations over Christmas. Please leave your donation in the tub inside the door of the Outer Sacristy. If locked, by the door. A list of most needed items is on the porch noticeboard or on the Parish Facebook page.

Forthcoming events:

Monday 11 January, 7.30pm: Meeting of the Finance Committee

Tuesday 2 February, 10am: Feast of the Presentation, Candlemas.

Wednesday 17 February: Ash Wednesday, Lent begins.

Sunday 25 April, 11.15am: Mass of Thanksgiving for 25 years of priesthood.

2021 Diocesan Directories now available please contact the Parish Office.

Those Covid Rules:

□ The capacity of the church is 100 people: two people per bench, spaced at one metre apart, and one person per chair. (Families can sit together.)

□ Please check in for track and trace purposes, either electronically or in writing.

□ Please sanitise your hands on entry and exit.

□ Please observe the one way system: up the middle, down the sides, especially at Holy Communion.

□ If you take a newsletter, please take it home with you.

□ There is STILL no congregational singing.

□ The Church doors are to remain open to ventilate the building.

□ Mass is shorter than usual.

□ There is no procession of the Gifts to the altar and no passing around of the collection

baskets. Your offering will be taken as you leave the Church.

□ There is no sign of peace.

□ Holy Communion will be received under one kind only.

□ Communion must be given silently, avoiding any physical contact.

□ Please remove your mask (if wearing one) to receive Holy Communion.

□ As you leave do not to linger in doorways or other 'choke points'.

□ Once Mass is over the Church will be closed and cleaned.

□ People are urged not to come to the sacristy before and after Mass, unless they are servers or sacristans.

□ Face coverings are mandatory for all who are not exempt.

□ The Bishops also urge readers to wear disposable gloves.

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Please visit our website which is constantly being updated..

This Sunday is the feast of the

Baptism of the Lord. This feast marks the beginning of Jesus' public ministry and the end of the hidden years, when, at the age of about thirty, Jesus was baptised in the River Jordan by John the Baptist. His baptism was marked by the voice of the Father's approval and the appearance of the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove, teaching us that Jesus is the Son of God, and the Anointed One, or Messiah (in Hebrew) or Christ (in Greek), specially chosen and sent to bring about the salvation of the world. Today is a good day for thinking about our own baptism, and our own vocation to do the work of God in the world.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 9 January 6pm GE Patricia James

Sunday 10 January 8.30am For all Parishioners

Sunday 10 January 10am George Baskerville RIP

Sunday 10 January 11.15am For Benefactors

Monday 11 January 10am GE Maureen Monaghan

Tuesday 12 January 10am Edith Ming RIP

Wednesday 13 January 10am GE David Gibbons

Thursday 14 January No Mass

Friday 15 January 10am GE Leonidas Christides

Saturday 16 January 10am Fr Alexander's intention

Saturday 16 January 6pm Private Intention (MB)

Sunday 17 January 8.30am For all parishioners

Sunday 17 January 10am Sophie Rose Johnstone RIP

Sunday 17 January 11.15am Bridie Fitzgerald RIP

Liturgical Notes.

This Sunday, the feast of the Baptism, concludes the Christmas season and marks the beginning of Ordinary Time, when the vestments will be green. You will notice that the statue of the Baby Jesus has been put away, and the Christmas trees removed; however, the Crib is still with us, and the Three Kings are there adoring the Baby Jesus, and have been since Epiphany. The Crib will remain up this year until February 2,

which is forty days after Christmas, and the feast of the Presentation of the Child Jesus in the Temple, known as Candlemas, the day on which candles are blessed as we celebrate Jesus as the Light of the World, and which coincides with the lengthening of the days. This Candlemas, Kris is going to be baptised, so it will be a doubly joyful feast. Please pray for him as he prepares to become a Christian.

January is dedicated to the Holy

Name of Jesus. This ancient devotion reminds us that Jesus received his name a week after he was born, as was the custom, that is on 1 January. It reminds us that the name Jesus means 'God saves' and the teaching of Saint Paul that "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." (Romans 10:13) Whenever there is no feast, we shall endeavour to celebrate a Votive Mass of the Holy Name of Jesus.

On Monday 18 January the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity begins and lasts until 25 January, the feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul. During the Octave we shall endeavour to celebrate the Mass for Christian Unity when there is no feast.

It is true that Christmas is only just over, but early warning. Brace yourselves! Lent this year begins on 17 February. Avoid 'dry January' and 'Veganuary', be traditional, and save the fasting for Lent. Start thinking now about what you can give up.

Tuesday is the feast of Saint Aelred of Rievaulx, abbot.

Wednesday is the feast of Saint Hilary, bishop and doctor of the Church.

You will have heard that we are now in Lockdown 3.0. This does not affect public worship; in other words, all Masses are as scheduled and the Church is open as normal. Many will of course not want to come out, but you are allowed, if you wish, to come to Mass and to visit the Church. All precautions are in place to make the Church 'Covid-secure', and many thanks to all those who are working away to maintain this. Moreover, our Church is large and very well ventilated, which greatly diminishes the chances of catching Covid in Church. (To date there have been no cases of anyone contracting Covid thanks to a visit to any church, as far as we know.) Lockdown will be dull, most human activities are curtailed, so please do come to Church to break up the boredom. Because of Lockdown 3.0, the Hall is shut, and all activities that would have taken place there suspended, including all sacramental preparation. Cardinal Nichols has said: "The regular practice of our faith in God is a well-established source of both personal resilience and dedicated service to those in need. Such resilience and enduring service are vital in these difficult circumstances. I am glad that no measures have been introduced that would obstruct or curtail this essential source of energy for the common good. Catholic parishes will continue to serve the needs of their local community. In one parish, for example, the provision of food for the needy has increased by 400% since March last year." Wise words!

Please note the following: Because the Church is cold thanks to the doors being open, woolly and other hats may be worn by men and boys, dispensing from the ancient law about men uncovering their heads in Church. Please try and sit

somewhere as far away from everyone else as possible!

This year is dedicated to Saint

Joseph. Fact Three about Saint Joseph: He is best described as Jesus' foster father, the man into whose care Jesus was entrusted by God when the Son of God was growing up. Joseph was not Jesus' father in the biological sense as Mary remained a virgin and Jesus had no earthly father. However, according to Jewish law, as the husband of Mary, Joseph was legally Jesus' father, and so through Joseph, Jesus had the right to be called a Son of David. The perpetual virginity of Mary and the Virgin Birth are both dogmas of the Catholic Church.

The Blessed Carlo Acutis said:

"Sadness is looking at ourselves, happiness is looking towards God."

One of our parishioners is currently

facing a health crisis, and would certainly appreciate prayers. I thought it would be good if we could all do the Blessed Carlo Acutis novena for them as a community effort, starting on Monday. You can get the leaflet at the back of Church; details will be posted day by day on our facebook group, from Monday. Right now the Blessed Carlo 'needs' a second miracle to be canonised, so this is a fruitful time to ask for graces, favours and indeed miracles through his intercession, and many are doing this all over the world, so let us too join in! Many too are the reports of favours granted through the novena. The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" And the Lord said, "If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. (Luke 17:5-6)

Sacristy Notes: Our local locksmith

recently opened the door to one of the former confessionals on the south side of the Church, which was like Tutankhamun's tomb inside. The lock has been changed and the handle replaced. This means we now have more storage space. Found there were two brass candlesticks which have now been polished up, and which can be used instead of the very broken torches. These candlesticks are a gift in memory of Catherine Duggan, and were used when the Church foundation stone was laid in 1914, as the photograph hanging in the sacristy shows (as was our processional cross).

The Compendium of the Catechism of

the Catholic Church is a handbook of the Catholic faith in manageable form. We are looking at what it says about Prayer in the Christian Life, a very important subject. These extracts are for you to take away with you and ponder over.

567. What times are more suitable for prayer? Any time is suitable for prayer but the Church proposes to the faithful certain rhythms of praying intended to nourish continual prayer: morning and evening prayer, prayer before and after meals, the Liturgy of the Hours, Sunday Eucharist, the Rosary, and feasts of the liturgical year. "We must remember God more often than we draw breath." (Saint Gregory of Nazianzus)

568. What are the expressions of the life of prayer? Christian tradition has preserved three forms for expressing and living prayer: vocal prayer, meditation, and contemplative prayer. The feature common to all of them is the recollection of the heart.

Offertory : Offertory 3 Jan 2021: £1,588.47

Parish Notice Board

We are getting lots of passport forms and other forms to sign. Aisling has kindly taken this on. Please note that forms should be dropped off in office hours only, and all the details need to be filled in before submission for signature or counter-signature and stamping. They will then be handed back to you also during office hours, within a reasonable time. It is not possible to offer a while you wait service. Neither is it possible to countersign identity papers for people who one does not know. With regard to baptism and confirmation certificates, requests are best submitted in writing, with a stamped addressed envelope. Please remember to include as much information as possible, as this makes tracking down the records easier. Dealing with forms does take time, and the parish does not charge for this service, but craves your patience.

Thinking of driving lessons? Please contact Phil Harris (Bartholomews Driving School) on 07711 688147.

Music Tuition

Are you interested in learning to play the piano? Then contact **John Byrne** on 07989 413459. Theory, GCSE, etc.

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Fun friendly lessons. Full CRB
Visit www.learnuitarbrighton.com
07855169344

Financial Adviser - Nick Lee

He would be delighted to help anyone with their Mortgage, Pension and Investment needs. You can contact him on 07500 660492 nicklee@pebble-financial.co.uk

Caroline's Kitchen – Tel 595922
Caterers for Baptisms, etc. Tel 595922 or carolineriley@carolines-kitchen.co.uk

Small Group maths tuition for children 7 to 11. Experienced primary school teacher. Call Katie Jackson 07776 098522

Host Families needed

All year round. Single/twin room accommodation required. Ring Maureen 01273 778918 or 07801827323
Studenthomes.me@hotmail.com

Guitar Lessons- all styles.

Dr James Westbrook Dip. Mus., FLCM, PhD (Music, Cambridge).
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Seagull Delivery - they deliver newspapers all over Brighton and Hove. If you want your paper delivered contact raj@seagulldelivery.co.uk

Marriage Preparation Course

You will need to contact Esther Lyon 01273 698182. 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.

Counselling Service

Contact Lara who is experienced with counselling people with substance abuse, sexual abuse, bereavement, couple counselling.
Tel 07787 555168
<http://www.larasmith.co.uk>

Cottesmore Reception intake September 2021 Note from Headteacher.

Please visit our Admissions page, via the school website, in order to see what the children, staff, parents and I have to say. Our promotional video also offers a visual flavour of all that we have to offer. For quick access, you can click on the following link <https://player.vimeo.com/video/482774309>

Our Admissions page also has a range of other relevant and supportive information to help prospective parents through their decision-making process. For quick access, you can click on the following link <http://www.cottesmore.brighton-hove.sch.uk/page/admissions/>
For further information, or to arrange a Zoom / potential visit, please do get in touch.

Website - www.cottesmore.brighton-hove.sch.uk

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We hope that you enjoy watching our video and look forward to hearing from you. We are here to do all that we can to support you and look forward to potentially welcoming you to becoming part of our school family.

Many thanks

Rachel Breen, Headteacher