

## Forthcoming Events

Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> September, 8pm: Meeting of the Hove parishes core teams.
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> September, 3.45-5.15pm: First Holy Communion.
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> September, 8pm: Social Dancing
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> September, 1.30pm: Social Club
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> September, 9.15-10.45am: First Holy Communion.
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> September: Mass count I
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> September, 11am: Requiem Mass for Peter Cloherty RIP.
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> September, 3.45-5.15pm: First Holy Communion.
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September, 9.15-10.45am: First Holy Communion.
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> September: Mass count II
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> September after the 11.30am Mass: Party to mark Vincent's retirement.
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> September, 3.45-5.15pm: First Holy Communion.
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> September, 9.15-10.45am: First Holy Communion.
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> October, after Mass: The Martlets Choir fundraiser. Mass count III.
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October, 3.45-5.15pm: First Holy Communion.
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> October, 9.15-10.45am: First Holy Communion.
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> October: Mass Count IV.
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> October: feast of Saint John Henry Newman. Mass at 10am, followed by a Power Breakfast.
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> October, 8pm: Baptism course.

Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October, 3.45-5.15pm: First Holy Communion.
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> October: feast of Blessed Carlo Acutis. Mass at 7pm with Bishop Richard, followed by a reception in the Hall.
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> October, 9.15-10.45am: First Holy Communion.
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> October: Table Top Sale in the Hall, all morning.
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October, no FHC meeting
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> / 24 <sup>th</sup> / 28 <sup>th</sup> October, Half term, no FHC meeting
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> October: 'Nearly New' Sale, all morning.
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October, 3.45-5.15pm: First Holy Communion.
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October, 7pm: Vigil Mass of All Saints.
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November: feast of All Saints, holy day of obligation.
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November: All Souls, the Day of the Dead. Mass for all those who have died in the past year at 7pm.
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> November, 9.15-10.45am: First Holy Communion.

**Social Dancing takes place in the Hall at 8pm this Thursday. All are welcome.**

**The Social Club meets this Friday**, in the Hall at 1.30pm. All are welcome.

## St Peter's Catholic Church

Diocesan Shrine of the Blessed

Carlo Acutis.

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Follow us on Twitter @HoveSaint Join us on Facebook: search for 'Saint Peter's, Hove'. Find our YouTube channel: search for 'Alexander Lucie-Smith'. We are doing a virtual Walking Tour Through the Bible in bite size chunks. We are currently in the midst of the prophet Ezekiel. Please visit our website which is constantly being updated.

**This Sunday is the Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time.** The prayers and readings are to be found in the yellow books on page 125. The first reading is from the prophecy of Ezekiel, in which the prophet is appointed as the sentry (or watchman or look-out) of the House of Israel, charged with warning the people of coming dangers, and admonishing them for their immoral behaviour. In the Gospel, from Saint Matthew, Jesus talks about the role of fraternal correction in the Church, and what we are to do if we see someone behaving in an immoral way. The ultimate penalty for those who refuse to accept correction is expulsion from the

community, what today is called excommunication.

**This Sunday, there is Children's Liturgy at the 10am Mass.**

**Mass intentions:**

Saturday 9 September, 6pm: WPLS intention
Sunday 10 September, 8.30am: WPLS intention
Sunday 10 September, 10am: For all parishioners
Sunday 10 September, 11.30am: Maria McCarthy RIP
Monday 11 September, 10am: Peter Cloherty RIP
Tuesday 12 September, 10am: Darby Hyland RIP
Wednesday 13 September, 10am: Holy Souls
Thursday 14 September, No Mass.
Friday 15 September, 10am: WPLS intention
Saturday 16 September, 6pm: Private intention
Sunday 17 September, 8.30am: GE the donor of the microphone
Sunday 17 September, 10am: For all parishioners
Sunday 17 September, 11.30am: GE Christopher Monaghan

**It is that time of year again!** On last two weekends in September and the first two in October the congregation will be counted at all Masses, and we will submit the figures to the diocese of the average attendance overall and at each Mass in particular. For these four week-ends we

will need 'clickers' at each and every Mass. As with previous years one cannot stress just how important it is to get an accurate count.

The following from last year's newsletter may be of interest:  
"Last Sunday [9 October 2022] the numbers were as follows, with the three previous Sunday in brackets: 6pm – 57 (71, 61, 90); 8.30am – 68 (53, 61, 68); 10am – 147 (117, 136, 112); 11.15am – 127 (83, 86, 93). This makes a total of 399 (324, 344, 363). The average attendance at each Mass, to be submitted to the diocese, is as follows: 6pm: 69.75; 8.30am: 62.5; 10am: 128; 11.15am 97.25. The average attendance over four Masses on Sunday is 357.5. This compares with the figures from 2021: 6pm 52, 50, 40, 61 (average 50.75). 8.30am 46, 48, 61, 47 (average 50.5). 10am 115, 116, 122, 138 (average 122.75). 11.15am 88, 120, 98, 126 (average 108). Overall average Sunday Mass attendance 332. "

**We now have a new priest's microphone.** These things are not cheap and they are difficult to install, so let us be grateful and pray for the anonymous benefactor who paid for it and helped to get it to work!

### Liturgical notes

The month of September is dedicated to the Seven Sorrows of Our Lady. The feast of Our Lady of Sorrows occurs on 15 September. We are in Ordinary Time, which continues until Advent. On days on which there is no feast we shall celebrate a Votive Mass of Our Lady.

The Seven Sorrows are:

1. The Prophecy of Simeon, in Luke 2.
2. The Flight into Egypt, in Matthew 2.
3. The Loss of the Child Jesus in the Temple of Jerusalem, also in Luke 2.
4. Mary meeting Jesus on the Via Dolorosa, the Fourth station of the Cross which is not found in Bible.
5. The Crucifixion of Jesus on Mount Calvary, the Eleventh Station of the Cross, in Matthew 27, Mark 15, Luke 23, and especially John 19.
6. Jesus's Descent from the Cross, the Thirteenth Station of the Cross, in Matthew 27, Mark 15, Luke 23, and John 19.
7. The Burial of Jesus by Joseph of Arimathea, the Fourteenth Station of the Cross, in Matthew 27, Mark 15, Luke 23, and John 19.

**Confessions are heard after Mass** on Friday morning, at 10.30am. On Saturday Confessions are heard before the evening Mass, at 5.15pm until 5.45pm.

- Tuesday is the feast of the Most Holy Name of Mary.
- Wednesday is the feast of Saint John Chrysostom, bishop and doctor.
- Friday is the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows.

**On Monday 11th September**, at 8pm in the hall at Saint George's, the Hove parishes core teams will be meeting.

The purpose of the meeting is to prepare for the unification of the Hove parishes. A report will be published in the next newsletter.

**The next baptism course** will take place in the Hall on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 8pm. If you have a baby to baptise, please get in touch with Fr Alexander via email before then.

**The funeral Mass of Peter Cloherty** will take place here on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 11am, to be followed by burial at Hove Cemetery. This will replace the 10am Mass on that day. Let us continue to pray for Shirley and his sons at this time of mourning for them, and let us pray for the repose of Peter's soul.

**The party to mark the retirement of Vincent as our long serving Treasurer** will be on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September after the 11.30am Mass. Please put this in your diaries now. Aisling, our parish secretary is organising it, and all offers of help should be addressed to her.

**On Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October the Martlets Choir will be joining us again and will serenade us in the Hall after the 10am Mass** and after the 11.30am Mass, so please come through and hear them sing! The bucket will be passed round. Naturally, we support the Martlets and its work of caring for the terminally sick, so this is a good chance for us to raise some money for them. In addition it is suggested that we have another Table Top Sale, as well as a 'Nearly New' sale of pre-loved goods. Both of these events will be to raise funds for Aid to the Church in

Need, the excellent charity that supports Christians in countries where they are persecuted and do not enjoy the protection of the rule of law. The Table Top Sale will be on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October, all morning. As before, small tables are £5, big ones are £7; please book by putting the correct sum in an envelope through the Presbytery letter box, with your name, marked 'Table Top Sale', and your contact details if you want an acknowledgement. The 'Nearly New' Sale will be on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October, all morning. Please think of what you can donate. Goods can be dropped off the night before, as on previous occasions.

### Wednesday Evening Faith

**Formation at St Theresa's:** We will be using the well-regarded Sycamore faith formation program to deepen our understanding of and commitment to our call to discipleship. Each Sycamore session involves a short film and time for discussion. Visit sycamore.fm for more information about the programme. Each Wednesday at St Theresa's, Old Shoreham Road, Southwick. There will be Mass at 7pm, followed by simple refreshments. The Sycamore session will begin at 7:45, and conclude at 9:15. There will then be a short 'night prayer' for those who wish to stay for that. All will finish by 9:30pm. We begin on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September, and continue through to the end of November. As part of the programme there will also be a 'retreat day' on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November. All are welcome! Why 'Sycamore'? Because Zacchaeus climbed a sycamore tree to be able to see Jesus better!

## Parish Notice Board

### Catering Services

Please contact Victoria for your catering needs, she will be happy to talk and guide you through her menus which she tailors to each individual's needs. Please contact me Victoria Myall, Victoriamyall@hotmail.com or Tel 07788673097

### 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

**Thinking of driving lessons?** Please contact Phil Harris (Bartholomew's Driving School) on 07711 688147.

**Seagull Delivery** - they deliver newspapers all over Brighton and Hove. If you want your paper delivered contact raj@seagulldelivery.co.uk

**Social Dancing takes place on Thursdays** in the Hall, starting at 8pm. Do come and join in the fun! Suitable for all ages, 19-99. The social Club meets in the Hall at 1.30pm on Fridays.

### Music Tuition

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

**Counselling Service.** Contact Lara who is experienced with counselling people with substance abuse, sexual abuse, bereavement, couple counselling. Tel 07787 555168.



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Or just click on the Donate button on the home page and follow the instructions.



## List of Hall Clubs at St Peter's

<b>Day</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Contact</b>
Monday 9.15 - 10.15	Yoga	lee.spearpoint@googlemail.com
Monday 10.15 - 11.30	Tai Chi	stpetershallbn3@gmail.com
Tuesday 17.00-19.00	Brownies	<a href="http://girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter">http://girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter</a>
Tuesday 19.15 – 21.00	Guides	<a href="http://girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter">http://girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter</a>
Tuesday 14.30	UCM	Winter meetings time January - 11 April
Wednesday 9.45–11.45	Baby Ballet	brightonwestandhove@babyballet.co.uk
Wednesday 14.15-19.00	Alta Academy of Dance	info@altadance.co.uk
Wednesday 19.00-21.00	Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM)	wendywallis@ntlworld.com
Wednesday 09.30-12.00	Music with Mike	mike@musicwithmike.co.uk
Thursday 15.30.-16.30	West Hove Dance Academy	Westhovedanceacademy@hotmail.com
Thursday 09.30 - 12.00	Music with Mike	mike@musicwithmike.co.uk
Thursday 15.30.-16.30	West Hove Dance Academy	Westhovedanceacademy@hotmail.com
Thursday 16.45 -18.00	Rainbows	<a href="http://girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter">http://girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter</a>
Thursday 18.00 – 19.45	Brownies	<a href="http://girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter">http://girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter</a>
Thursday 20.00 – 22.00	Social Dancing	stpetershallbn3@gmail.com
Friday 9.30- 10.30 P	Pilates	nicolajhowarth@gmail.com
Fridays 10.30.13.30	ESOL (English language lessons)	KWadham@wea.ac.uk
Friday 13.30- 15.30	Apostles Lunch Club	stpetershallbn3@gmail.com