

Sick Parishioners.

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

Forthcoming events:

Sunday 11 April, all morning: Table top sale.
Monday 12 April, 7.15pm: Parish Team subcommittees meeting.
Monday 19 April, 10am: Funeral of Antoinette Maguire.
Monday 19 April, 8pm: Baptism Course.
Sunday 18 April, 7pm-8.30pm: First Session of Confirmation preparation.
Sunday 25 April, 11.15am: Mass of Thanksgiving for 25 years of priesthood
Sunday 9 May, 7pm-8.30pm: Second Session of Confirmation preparation.
Monday 10 May: Hall refurbishment starts.
Sunday 13 June, 7pm-8.30pm: Third Session of Confirmation preparation.
Sunday 4 July, 7pm-8.30pm: Fourth Session of Confirmation preparation.
Sunday 18 July, 7pm-8.30pm: Fifth Session of Confirmation preparation.
Sunday 5 September, 7pm-8.30pm: Sixth Session of Confirmation preparation.
Sunday 10 October, 7pm-8.30pm: Seventh Session of Confirmation preparation.
Sunday 14 November, 7pm, Confirmation rehearsal
Saturday 20 November, 3pm Confirmation Mass

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 spread out as widely as possible and do not bunch 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) and gloves 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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Find our YouTube channel: search for 'Alexander Lucie-Smith'. Please visit our website which is constantly being updated.

Do take a copy of this newsletter and give it to someone who is staying at home!

This Sunday is Low Sunday, the Octave Day of Easter, and also Divine Mercy Sunday. It is called Low Sunday because the ceremonies are a little muted after the many ceremonies of Holy Week and Easter, in order to give the faithful, the musicians and the clergy a break. It concludes the Easter Octave, the week of celebrations of the Resurrection of the Lord, though the Easter season continues until the feast of the Ascension on 13 May and Pentecost which falls on 23 May. Today is a day of devotion to the Divine Mercy, as

popularised by Saint Faustina. (We have a picture in the Sacred Heart chapel.) Today is also a special day for the Catholics of India, as the gospel is about the faith of Saint Thomas, who was the apostle of India.

The Gospel today recounts Saint

Thomas's confession of faith in Jesus as the Son of God, Risen from the dead, after his original profession of doubt. We are also told of Jesus' commission to the apostles to forgive sins. In the first reading we are told that the early Christians were united in heart and soul. All of these things – the forgiveness of sins, the profession of faith and the living of community – are very important to us today.

Today we are holding a table top sale, for the Hall refurbishment fund, outside in the street, keeping our social distance and enjoying the fresh air, and hoping for nice weather. Goods can be dropped at any time. The sale will run from 9.15 until after the 11.15am Mass.

This coming Sunday at the parish in Shoreham, there is a Divine Mercy service as follows: 3pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Divine Mercy Chaplet with Confessions available. 3.15pm Brief homily on Divine Mercy, followed by silent prayer and Rosary. Confessions continue until 4pm. No later than 4.30pm Benediction. Visitors are welcome. Please note that this is at Saint Peter's in Shoreham, not here.

We have heard the sad news of the death of **Michelle Evans**, which occurred in hospital on Monday 29 March. Michelle's mother, Cheryl, is one of our parishioners, and Michelle also leaves a

teenage son to mourn her loss. Let us pray for the repose of her soul and for her family at this very difficult time. Father Alistair will be conducting her funeral.

We have also heard the sad news of the death of **Antoinette Maguire**, aged 74, who went to the Lord on the morning of Holy Saturday, 3 April, at the Lindridge Nursing Home, where she lived. Let us pray for the repose of her soul and the comfort of her family. Her funeral Mass will be celebrated here at 10am on Monday 19 April, to be followed by committal at Woodvale Crematorium.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 10 April 6pm For all Parishioners
Sunday 11 April 8.30am For Benefactors
Sunday 11 April 10am GE Plumaj family.
Sunday 11 April 11.15am Fr Alexander's intention.
Monday 12 April 10am Marguerite Crewe RIP
Tuesday 13 April 10am GE Maureen Forde
Wednesday 14 April 10am GE Maureen Forde
Thursday 15 April No Mass
Friday 16 April 10am Mahfouz Fawaz RIP
Saturday 16 April 10am A Private Intention
Saturday 17 April 6pm For all Parishioners
Sunday 18 April 8.30am Yet Ming RIP
Sunday 18 April 10am For Benefactors
Sunday 18 April 11.15am Fr Alexander's intention.

Liturgical notes

Tuesday is the feast of Saint Martin, Pope and martyr. He was martyred in the year 655, being harassed to death by heretics and their supporters, chiefly the Eastern Roman emperor Constans II.

Many thanks to all who made the Easter ceremonies the success they were, by singing, playing, serving, reading and stewarding. And many thanks to Bernie Harvey for our wonderful flowers, and the Mireille for the impressive arrangement on Good Friday. Next year we very much hope that we will have everything as normal as possible. In the meantime, let us remember to bring our own greenery in future on Palm Sunday, given that palms, olives and laurels all grow here in abundance.

These are, perhaps, preferable to the dried palms, and we also save a huge amount of money by not buying dried palms. If anyone has access to palm fronds, please earmark them for next year.

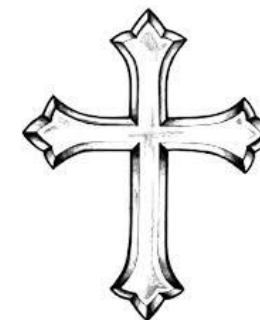
Fr Alexander writes: Many thanks to all the kind people who have inundated me with cards, bottles of wine, cakes, other delicious things to eat and above all their good wishes this Easter. Many thanks indeed. You will all be remembered in our periodic Masses for benefactors.

Our raffle of the model ship, USS Alert, raised the welcome sum of £181.60 for the Hall restoration fund. The winning ticket was 461, and was bought by Howard Bentley.

Congratulations to him, and many thanks to the donor of the ship. Has anyone else got something rare and beautiful they would like to raffle off for the Hall? In addition, a kind donor has given us £30. On top of all this, Mary and Mary, senior and junior, organised an Easter sale of goodies after all Masses on Easter Sunday which generated an impressive £202.35. Many thanks to them and all who bought cupcakes and other delicious things from them. This means that of our target of £30,000 for the Hall restoration fund, we have raised £5,221.04 so far. Many thanks to all who have contributed. The Mass that we say regularly for benefactors is for those who have helped out in cash or in kind for the appeal. In further Hall news: Work is starting on Monday 10 May and is scheduled to last 12 weeks. This means we shall have our refurbished Hall in use for the month of August when we plan several community events. The Hall will be open for bookings from 1 September. Please speak to Jo our Hall manager to book your event. The Hall has a piano in it which is out of tune and hardly ever used which we are willing to give away to anyone who wants it. Any takers?

Our next Baptism Course, for parents with children to baptise, will take place on Monday 19 April at 8pm. Please note this date if it is of interest. Before being enrolled on the course you need to make contact with Fr Alexander and arrange for him to visit you at home.

Offertory Collection Totals:
Offertory Sunday 28 Mar 2021 = £1,162.20
Collection for Holy Places = £154.74



Parish Notice Board

Guitar Lessons- all styles.
Dr James Westbrook Dip. Mus.,
FLCM, PhD (Music, Cambridge).
jrw84@cam.ac.uk or: 07836 550210

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.

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

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>

Caroline's Kitchen – Tel 595922

Caterers for Baptisms, etc. Tel 595922
or carolineriley@carolines-kitchen.co.uk

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

Host Families needed

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

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

Music Tuition

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

Guitar Lessons

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

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

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.