

## 'Let Us Dream' activity workshop

In response to the cries of the earth and the cries of the poor, The Catholic Deanery of Brighton invites you to its 'Let Us Dream' workshop. This event is for surrounding parishes, schools and communities of Brighton, Hove, Sussex and Brighton Universities, Patcham, Preston Park, Rottingdean, Woodingdean and Southwick. Are you concerned about climate change? Local poverty issues? Come and join the discussion: 'What would you like your community to look like in the year 2030?'

From 10am to 1pm, on Saturday 2 March 2024, at St George's RC Church, Court Farm Road, Hove BN3 7QR.

## Have you considered becoming a

Governor at a Catholic School?

All governors are able to contribute their experience, values and views to enhance and promote the school's ethos and vision. Real and exciting opportunities exist for regular discussions and debate across numerous aspects of school life and provision.

The governor plays a key role in the direction of and accountability for the school but is also part of a network of relationships which includes children and young people, parents, staff, priests, religious, the diocese, local authority, DfE, and the wider community.

Governors need to be able to commit interest, enthusiasm and time to the tasks that being a governor means. Further details may be obtained from the Diocesan Education Service,

[gill.sajnog@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:gill.sajnog@abdiocese.org.uk)

Or Tel 01293 651144.

## 200 Club winners

November draw:  
£200 – Linda Mabbott  
£90 – Mary Reeve  
£50 – Ivor O'Mahony

December bonus draw:  
£200 – Nicola Austin  
£90 – John Sellen  
£50 – Peter Fishenden

## School volunteers required.

Do you enjoy working with children and young people? Could you help to inspire and empower children and young people in our catholic schools and churches to bring alive their sense of global justice?

Could you give an assembly or a workshop in a local school? Supported by CAFOD with training and resources, you will discuss issues of global justice, add to parish and school life whilst complementing the work of teachers, priests and catechists. Contact the CAFOD A&B office at:- St Pius X Church, Laustan Close, Merrow, Guildford, Surrey GU2 2TS  
Tel: 01483 573273 07710 094448  
Email: [arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk](mailto:arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk)  
Website: [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk)

## 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.

Victoria Myall, [Victoriamyall@hotmail.com](mailto:Victoriamyall@hotmail.com)  
or Tel 07788673097

**Offertory Sunday 4 February £1427.59.**

## St Peter's Catholic Church

Diocesan Shrine of the Blessed

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11 February 2024

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## Mass intentions

Sat 10 Feb, 6pm: For all parishioners
Sun 11 Feb, 8.30am: For all parishioners
Sun 11 Feb, 10am: Angela Fitzgerald RIP
Sun 11 Feb, 11.30am: Krystyna Szczerbiak RIP
Mon 12 Feb, 10am: For the Dearly Departed Norizorzan & Perry Families RIP
Tue 13 Feb, 10am: Bernard Gallagher RIP
Wed 14 Feb, 10am: Kitty Fitzgerald.
Thu 15 Feb, no mass.
Fri 16 Feb, 10am: For all parishioners
Sat 17 Feb, 6pm: For all parishioners
Sun 18 Feb, 8.30am: Louis Side RIP
Sun 18 Feb, 10am: Margaret Heffernan RIP
Sun 18 Feb, 11.30am: Jadwiga Mackowiak

## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

What are you giving up for Lent?

This is a question catholics often ask each other at this time of year. Maybe you have already decided. The practice of giving things up for Lent is a good tradition, but perhaps we need to think of what we are trying to achieve by it. If the aim is to show off your six-pack or drop a dress size, then maybe a re-think is needed!

Giving up something relates to one of the three things we are encouraged to do for Lent, that is, fasting. It can be from food or drink, but screen time or social media are other possible areas where we could give ourselves a break, or at least cut down!

What is the purpose of fasting? Part of it is self-discipline. Fasting helps us strengthen our wills not to always seek to satisfy our desires. This then opens us to look more deeply at what God desires for us, which will always be more fulfilling than just following our immediate wants.

Further, if we cut back on something that uses up our time, that gives us time we could use in other ways, which leads us to the other two Lenten practices: mercy and prayer. Mercy is sometimes reduced to a narrow understanding of almsgiving, that is giving money to good causes. This is, of course, a good thing. But it is perhaps more fruitful for us to give of our time and talents in the service of others in some way.

But, most importantly, giving more time or focus to our prayer needs to underpin these other things. For ultimately it is not so much what we do, but what we let God do in and through us, that will bear the most fruit. Taking time to acknowledge the presence of God and to listen more carefully to what God is asking of us must be the foundation of our Lenten activities. Without that, we are unlikely to profit much

spiritually from our keeping of Lent, even if we do lose a kilo or two!

### Message from Fr Rod Jones.

As the parish awaits the arrival of Canon David Parmiter, I would like to express my thanks for your understanding. This 'interregnum' does present various challenges – and opportunities - for us all! I would in particular, like to thank Aisling Brombley (parish secretary) and Carmel Johnstone (parish treasurer) for their dedication and generosity in ensuring that the parish continues to run as smoothly as possible. I know you will be both supportive and considerate towards them. There will certainly be opportunities for parishioners to generously offer their time and skills in the weeks ahead. Please do contact the parish office if you would like to be involved in supporting the work of the parish.

The priests of the deanery will continue to celebrate the Sunday masses at St Peter's. I know they have appreciated your welcome and support!

We will also cover weekday masses where this is possible but there may be occasions at short notice where a priest is not available.

There are some adjustments to the times that the church will be open during the day. Please see this newsletter or website for details.

You may be aware that a new arrangement for access to keys has had to be introduced because of security concerns regarding both the church and presbytery. Please contact the parish secretary if you do need access.

Unfortunately, refreshments after mass will need to be temporarily halted, but it is planned to re-introduce them once concerns have been addressed. On behalf

of you all I would like to sincerely thank Sylvia for all the work she has done in providing the refreshments each Sunday. This has been a ministry of generous service to the parish. Once again, I thank you for your understanding and support in this situation. We look towards the coming season of Lent with hope and anticipation. May the blessing of the Lord Jesus be upon us all in these days of grace. Fr Rod Jones OSB  
Dean of Brighton and Hove

**Lent begins on Ash Wednesday 14 February.** On Ash Wednesday mass will be at 10am, and the ashes will be imposed at that mass. There will be mass at St Mary Magdalen's with the imposition of ashes at 7.30pm. Sacred Heart masses are at 8am and 10am, St George's at 10am, St Theresa's at 7pm.

**Mass intentions are being managed by** the office and our team of priests. Please do make requests using the envelopes at the back of the church or by email.

**Special Collection 11 February 2024** this weekend is for the Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund. There are gift aid envelopes available on the benches.

**Confessions are held on Saturdays** from 5.15 to 5.45pm followed by mass at 6pm.



### Reminder of church opening times

Please see changes as follows:

- Monday, open after 10am mass until 12.00pm
- Tuesday, open after 10am mass until 3.30pm
- Wednesday, open after 10am mass until 3.30pm
- Thursday, closed all day.
- Friday, open from 10am mass until 11.00am.
- Saturday, open for 6pm mass only.
- Sunday, open for all masses then closed after 11.30am mass.

(Times subject to alteration.)

**The Social Club is held on Fridays from** 1.30pm in the hall. Agnes and Jenny will be there to welcome you all. New members are welcome.

**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.

**Spring Sale in support of Aid to the Church in Need.** Gifts and Pretty Things will be on sale with coffee after 10.00 and 11.30 Masses on Sunday 25 February and Sunday 3 March. Lots of bargains for Mother's Day and Easter. Come along even if you have been to a different Mass. Donations of new goods in the basket by the main door, please.

**The Royal Sussex County Hospital** chaplain is Fr Celestine, who can be reached by phone on 01273 696955 ext. 64122 or [celestine.nnolim@nhs.net](mailto:celestine.nnolim@nhs.net) Fr Celestine is in the hospital from 8.30am to 4.30pm every weekday.



**The National Board of Catholic Women** brings together women from many different backgrounds. They work nationally and internationally to challenge discrimination and promote the right of women to gender justice. They actively promote the presence, participation and responsibilities of catholic women in the church and society. They work ecumenically with women of other faiths and secular groups.

**'INSPIRING WOMEN: Women and Synodality.'** The National Board of Catholic Women invites you to a webinar, organised by the Women in the Church committee. Saturday 16 March 2024, 11.00am - 12.45pm

**Avril Baigent and Helen Burgess** Avril is the pastoral ministry advisor and synod co-lead for the Diocese of Northampton. She is also a doctoral student at Durham University, developing the notion of Lived Catholicism and exploring the reality of the lives of catholic teenagers in the UK. Avril is co-director of the School for Synodality. She is committed to a synodal vision of the whole church journeying together, of a pastoral encounter that draws us into an encounter with the living Lord.

Helen is a NBCW diocesan link for the Northampton Diocese. She convenes the Women in the Church committee and has led the women's working party in her diocesan assembly. She is lead chaplain at the University of Bedfordshire. Email: [nbcw@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:nbcw@abdiocese.org.uk) to register your interest. For other events and information go to <https://www.nbcw.co.uk/>

### Care for our Common Home

A Zoom talk introduction to ecological conversion and care for Creation. Wednesday 21 February from 7:45 to 8:15pm. A talk exploring 'Care for Creation' with John Paul de Quay of the Ecological Conversion Group. For the parishes of the Brighton deanery hosted by St George's Church, Hove.

**Join CAFOD's Big Lent Walk:** Put your faith into action this Lent by connecting with your local and global community in a meaningful way. Sign up for CAFOD's Big Lent Walk and challenge yourself to walk 200km in 40 days. You'll be joining a big team all over England, Wales and Scotland walking, raising money and helping people around the world as they overcome poverty. You can sign up as an individual, parish or school here: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/>. Thank you so much for all your support in your parish this Lent.

**Message from the Hall Manager, Jo Chamberlain. The thermostat has been moved again please do not adjust it under any circumstances one of our hall users endured a chilly class one morning this week.** It has been set to accommodate all hall users. Any changes may stop the heating from actually coming on which causes problems for various users. All our regular private hires have also been notified. Thanks to our builder the leak in the hall roof has been repaired & the lights are now all working again. Any questions, please contact Jo at [stpetershallbn3@gmail.com](mailto:stpetershallbn3@gmail.com)

### Pilgrimage to Westport, Knock & Co. Mayo.

Escorted tour 3 March 2024. £899.00 pps. Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, five nights' in 4\* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on three days. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick & Ashford Castle. Single supplement on enquiry. Contact Patricia or Natali on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com)

**Children's Liturgy takes place at the 10am mass.** It is for children from year minus 1 to First Holy Communion age. Children and parents who wish to take part will be called up after the Gloria and Opening Prayer, and will then process into the hall. They will return for the Offertory. Children's Liturgy is every Sunday, irrespective of school holidays, except in the months of April, August and December. Thank you to the liturgy team who keep this running for the parish.

**Please remember, if you need a baptism certificate, a confirmation certificate, or a marriage certificate, the email address you need to use is as follows:** [SaintPeterArchives@gmail.com](mailto:SaintPeterArchives@gmail.com)

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

### Thank you for your offertory donations via the Dona device.

If you are an existing Gift Aid donor, you still need to opt-in for Gift Aid on this system – it is not linked to the envelope or standing order system. You can also donate directly to St Peter's via the Dona donations webpage on our website at <http://www.stpeters-hove.org.uk/donations/> Or just click on the Donate button on the home page and follow the instructions.

### The Diocesan Education Service is seeking to recruit a part time Buildings Officer - School Buildings and Finance.

The successful applicant will ensure that public capital funding provided to the Diocese is spent appropriately and that the Diocese can provide assurance to the DfE and auditors as to compliance with the conditions of funding. Key areas of responsibility include ensuring that the diocesan education estate is safe and well maintained, prioritising school building projects, planning the maintenance and development of new and existing school stock and being the first point of contact in the Diocese for schools' capital issues.

Based in Crawley - with travel around Sussex and Surrey  
Salary £27,000 (FTE £45,000)  
Application form available via

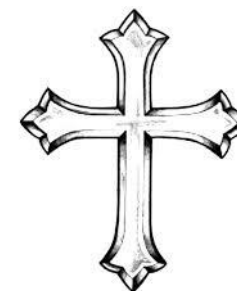
The details can be found on the Diocesan website, in the careers section <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/careers>. [www.abdiocese.org.uk/careers/bosf](https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/careers/bosf) Along with the application form which should be returned to The Director of Catholic Education, Julie Oldroyd, [julie.oldroyd@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:julie.oldroyd@abdiocese.org.uk)

**Thinking of driving lessons?** Please contact Phil Harris (Bartholomew's 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.

**We have a permanent Book Exchange** in the hall, which you will find by the windows above the cupboard to one side of the main entrance. Please help yourself to any books you like the look of, as they all need good and appreciative homes. We have lots of books in stock at present, so please help yourselves! We are not particularly soliciting donations for the moment.

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





## List of Events at St Peter's Hall

Day	Event	Contact
Mon 9.15 - 10.15	Yoga	lee.spearpoint@googlemail.com
Mon 10.15 - 11.30	Tai Chi	stpetershallbn3@gmail.com
Mon 16.40 - 17.00	Alta Dancing	info@altadance.co.uk
Mon 19.00 - 20.00	Paul Jukes Fitness	paul@pj-brands.co.uk
Tue 13.30	UCM Winter meetings. October - March	wendywallis@ntlworld.com
Tue 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>
Tue 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>
Wed 9.15–12.15	Baby Ballet	brightonwestandhove@babyballet.co.uk
Wed 14.15-19.15	Alta Academy of Dance	info@altadance.co.uk
Wed 19.00-21.00	UCM Summer meetings. April - September	wendywallis@ntlworld.com
Thu 09.30 - 12.00	Music with Mike	mike@musicwithmike.co.uk
Thu 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>
Thu 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>
Thu 20.00 – 22.00	Social Dancing	stpetershallbn3@gmail.com
Fri 9.30- 10.30	Pilates	nicolajhowarth@gmail.com
Fri 10.30.13.30	ESOL (English language lessons)	KWadham@wea.ac.uk
Fri 13.30- 15.30	Apostles Lunch Club	stpetershallbn3@gmail.com