

## Forthcoming events:

Tuesday 14 December, 7.30: Synod meeting.
Wednesday 15 December, 7am: Rorate Mass.
Wednesday 15 December, 10.30am: Synod meeting.
Thursday 16 December, 8pm: Social Dancing.
Friday 17 December: Social Club, 1.30: Christmas celebration.
Friday 17 December, 4pm: Funeral of Grace Ashton at Woodvale.
Saturday 18 December, 11am: Christmas Trees put up in Church.
Sunday 19 December, 6.30pm: Carol Service.
Wednesday 22 December, 7am: Rorate Mass.
Wednesday 22 December, 10.30am: Synod meeting.
Friday 24 December, 6pm: Vigil Mass of Christmas.
Friday 24 December, 12 midnight: Midnight Mass.
Saturday 25 December, 8.30am: Dawn Mass.
Saturday 25 December, 10am and 11.15am: Day Mass. Divine Liturgy (Oriental Orthodox) at 1pm. (NO evening Mass, and no Lusophone Mass)
Sunday 26 December: Mass at 8.30am, 10am, and 11.15am. Lusophone Mass at 5pm.
Friday 31 December, noon: Bereavement Mass.


Dona



**Dona contactless giving:** You may have noticed our digital collection plate / contactless machine in situ in the porch. It is now fully operational so please feel free to try using it should you wish. You can choose to gift aid your donation this way or you may find it easier to register for gift aid using our online platform on our website initially. Please note! 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. Parishes that are a similar size to St Peter's have raised between £400-£800 extra a month.

You can also donate directly to St Peter's via the Dona donations webpage on our website if you wish to donate that way, go to the following link <http://www.stpeters-hove.org.uk/donations/> Or just click on the Donate button on the home page.

Many other churches have started using Dona and have found it very successful.

## St Peter's Catholic Church

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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'. Right now we are doing a virtual Walking Tour Through the Bible, starting with the Book of Genesis, in bite size chunks. We are currently on the First Book of the Kings. Please visit our website which is constantly being updated. Do ask to join our WhatsApp group.

### This Sunday is the Third Sunday of Advent.

This Sunday is known as Gaudete Sunday from the first word of the entrance antiphon, 'Rejoice!' The vestments are rose, to reflect the joy we feel at the nearness of the coming of Our Saviour. The prayers and readings can be found in the purple Mass books on page 87. The first reading comes from the prophecy of Zephaniah, in which the word 'joy' is used again and again. In the Gospel, from Luke, we have an account of the preaching of John the Baptist, where he exhorts the people to keep the Law of God, and where

he announces the coming of the Lord who will bring Good News.

### This Sunday, we will be 'freecycling'

redundant children's toys, bicycles, and clothes, all in good condition. The same principle applies as with the book exchange last week, and no money need change hands.

**This Sunday, Debbie and her team** will be arranging our much-loved Crib. If you have brought in some greenery please leave it in a suitable place, such as the Narthex. This Saturday we aim to put up our Christmas trees, in time for the Carols next Sunday. This would be a great opportunity for those who love such things to help. Do come along at 11am.

**Next Sunday is our Carol Service**, to which all are invited. Please come along and bring all your family and friends. It starts at 6.30pm and afterwards there will be refreshments in the Hall, during which Saint Nicholas, patron saint of children, will be making an appearance and giving out treats to the young and young at heart.

**Well done to Josie and her collecting tin**, which raised £330.38 for the Hall refurbishment in the month of November. This is positively the last fundraising initiative to do with the Hall, as promised.

**The glass doors in the Hall have now been installed.** This represents the very last job to be done. Our new Hall is up and running! When the wooden door hooks are in place (and when the weather is better) we will be able to have the wooden doors pinned back, and the glass doors will enable people to look in as well as allow in a lot more light.

## Mass Intentions

Saturday 11 November 6pm GE Kasamaki family
Sunday 12 November 8.30am For all parishioners
Sunday 12 November 10am A Private Intention
Sunday 12 November 11.15am Ignacy Mackowiak
Monday 13 December 10am GE Geraldine Banon
Tuesday 14 December 10am Holy Souls
Wednesday 15 December 7am Holy Souls
Wednesday 15 December 10am Maxine Ainscough RIP (1 anniv)
Thursday 16 December No Mass
Friday 17 December 10am Beatus Kasenganya RIP
Saturday 18 December 10am Michael Rooney RIP
Saturday 18 December 6pm Eddie and Kathleen McMahan RIP
Sunday 19 December 8.30am Cecil Courtis Uiren RIP
Sunday 19 December 10am For all Parishioners
Sunday 19 December 11.15am Holy Souls

## Liturgical notes

This Advent we are celebrating a Rorate Mass once a week. You are all invited to come to Mass on Wednesdays in Advent at 7am, and bring candles in jam jars for light. After Mass we can, if desired, go out to breakfast.

Monday is the feast of Saint Lucy, virgin and martyr.

Tuesday is the feast of Saint John of the Cross.

**We have heard the sad news of the death of Louisa Grace Ashton (known as Grace)**, who died on 18 November 2021, aged 102 years. Mrs Ashton, born on 8 February 1919, was formerly of Carlton House Care Home, St Aubyn's, Hove, BN3 2TE and had no surviving family. The Cremation and funeral service is scheduled to take place at Woodvale Crematorium (North Chapel), on Friday 17 December 2021 at 4.00pm.

**The electrician has visited and will be back** in the new year to carry out various jobs that need doing. One thing that has been discovered is that the dimmer board that regulates the Church lighting is obsolete and needs replacement, and that this is a specialist job. The lighting in the Church has been challenging for the last three years, and one now hopes that we are on the way to at last finding a solution.

**A parishioner writes:** Film Night was back with a bang! Hairspray the Musical was the perfect choice of film to showcase the new big screen in the hall. The pizzas at half time were delicious and everyone from teenagers to the not-so-young seemed to chuckle non-stop from start to finish. Roll on the next production!

**Our Platinum Jubilee programme is taking shape.**

Thursday 2 June: Livestreaming of Trooping of the Colour in the Hall. Decoration of the Hall, and making of souvenir gift bags.

Friday 3 June: Tea Dance with retro Music.

Saturday 4 June: Lecture in the afternoon; International dinner in the evening, with livestreaming of the Jubilee Concert.

Sunday 5 June 2022: Mass of Thanksgiving with Te Deum. Evening Concert in the Church, followed by refreshments in the Hall.

**Do please, especially if you** have not thought about it before, come to either or both of the following activities. Social dancers meet in the Hall on Thursday at 8pm. The Social Club meets on Fridays at 1.30pm and meets for two hours. Both are meant to be fun social occasions. Do please bring all your friends with you. On Friday 17 December, before breaking for Christmas, we shall have a celebration of the festive season to which all are invited. Aidan Goodwin, our local PCSO, has had to put off his appearance and will join us to talk about the dangers of scams and how to avoid them on Friday 14 January.

**As is line with recent government** announcements please note the office will now not be open to visitors, please contact the office by phone or email. All visitors are now required to wear masks in the church unless you have an exemption.

## Synod news

We had about 20 people come to our meetings this week and lively discussions occurred. The notes from these meetings are on the parish website under Synod. Our meeting next week goes ahead as planned for Tuesday and Wednesday. The planned fourth meeting for Dec 21/22nd has been cancelled. Instead we will have meetings in the new year scheduled for Jan 18/19, 7.30 and 10.30 respectively. Please take a Synod booklet from the back and return it to the box in the

porch - or give it to someone else who might wish to contribute but not attend meetings.

**We are collecting donations for the Food Bank.** Please leave your donation in the tub inside the door of the Outer Sacristy. If locked, by the door. We have bought some new tubs and new boxes for donations.

**Gift Aid: to our envelope users** please do not use envelopes from previous tax years, feel free to recycle them. After our recent audit many people are now using different numbers and this only causes the office confusion. Many thanks.

**Message from the Diocese: School Governor Fair: We are holding a Governor Fair Evening in CNCS on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January at 6.30pm for anyone in BRIGHTON & HOVE deanery interested in this MINISTRY.**

Foundation governors are appointed by the Bishop to serve as his representatives on the governing body of diocesan schools to ensure the Church's mission is upheld. Governors have oversight of the curriculum and the appointment of staff and are accountable for the performance of the school. They have a strategic role to play as well as acting as a critical friend to the headteacher.

Governing bodies need people with a mixture of skills and experience Training is provided to help governors fulfil this very important role. MONDAY 17<sup>th</sup> JANUARY – 6.30pm Cardinal Newman Catholic School, The Upper Drive, Hove BN3 6ND.

## Parish Notice Board

**Carer required for young lady with Downs Syndrome.** India is 24 years old currently living in a private house in Brighton with two other girls with DS. She attends a cafe training course 4 days a week called Team Domenica. India's mother is looking for a carer to live in with India 4 days a week to assist in the mornings, get India to her course, collect her in the afternoon and care for her until she goes to bed. The wages are approximately £800 per week. Please contact Caroline on 07773 280623

**Professional Organiser & Photo Manager.** If you're looking for help decluttering and organising your home, business or photographs please contact Nicola Austin on 07747798858 or nicola@lifeofibra.com

**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

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

**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

## Music Tuition

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

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

## Host Families needed

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