

Forthcoming Events

Saturday/Sunday 11/12 February, all Masses: Collection for Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund.
Thursday 16 February, 8pm: Social Dancing.
Friday 17 February, 1.30pm: Social Club: The joys of bread making with Andrew Beasley Murray.
Wednesday 22 February: Ash Wednesday, Lent begins, Mass at 10am, Liturgy of the Word at 7pm.
Friday 24 February, 7pm: Stations of the Cross.
Saturday 25 February, 9.15am-10.45am: First Holy Communion
Sunday 26 February, after 10am/11.30am Mass: Martlets Choir in the Hall.
Wednesday 1 March: feast of Saint David.
Friday 3 March, 7pm: Stations of the Cross.
Sunday 5 March: Second collection for the poor of the parish.
Monday 6 March, 8pm: Baptism course.
Friday 10 March: Visit of Bishop Richard to the deanery.
Friday 10 March, 7pm: Stations of the Cross
Saturday 11 March, 9.15am-10.45am: First Holy Communion
Monday 13 March, 8pm: Meeting of the Acutis Group.
Friday 17 March: feast of Saint Patrick.
Friday 17 March, 7pm: Stations of the Cross
Saturday 18 March, 9.15am-10.45am: First Holy Communion
Saturday 18 March, 7pm: Choirs and musicians celebration.
Sunday March 19: Table Top Sale.
Monday 20 March: feast of Saint Joseph.
Friday 24 March, 7pm: Stations of the Cross
Saturday 25 March, 9.15am-10.45am: First Holy Communion
Friday 31 March, 7pm: Stations of the Cross

Saturday/ Sunday, 1 and 2 April: Palm Sunday Great Spring Book Exchange
Easter Sunday 9 April: First Holy Communions
Saturday/Sunday 15/16 April: Appeal by the Comboni Missionaries.
Friday 21 April, 7.30pm: Meeting of Deanery with Bishop Richard.
Tuesday 25 April: Meeting of the Finance Committee.
Saturday 6 May: Coronation Day.
Sunday 7 May: Mass of Thanksgiving with Te Deum followed by Syrian lunch in the Hall.
Monday 8 May: Coronation Tea Dance.

Great Spring Book Exchange. It is time for another clearout, and another opportunity to pick up some good pre-loved books. As with previous occasions, bring your books to the Hall and take whatever you like. Children's books are welcome too. We shall hold this on the Palm Sunday weekend, which is Saturday 1 April/ Sunday 2 April.

More Hall news: we are looking into having a Produce Market in the Hall, that is, an opportunity to sell plants, vegetables, and fruit, along with jams and chutneys. There is a demand for such a thing, that is, plenty of buyers, so let us see if we have any sellers. The date pencilled in for this is Sunday 23 April. Do please note the date. Do any of us know any farmers? If so, we would like to hear from them.

Please remember, if you have need of a baptism certificate, a confirmation certificate, or a marriage certificate, the email address you need to use is as follows: SaintPeterArchives@gmail.com

Offertory Collection Sun 5 Feb 2023 = £1,576.07.

St Peter's Catholic Church

Diocesan Shrine of the Blessed

Carlo Acutis.

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12 February 2023



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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, starting with the Book of Genesis, in bite size chunks. We are now at the prophet Isaiah. Please visit our website which is constantly being updated.



This Sunday is the Sixth Sunday of the Year. The prayers and readings for today can be found in the yellow books on page 136. The first reading is from the book of Ecclesiasticus, in which we are exhorted to keep the commandments of God. The Gospel is from Saint Matthew, and contains Jesus' exhortation to keep the commandments not just outwardly, but in our hearts as well. (We shall read the short version of the Gospel.) Both these readings emphasise the continuing importance of the Ten Commandments, the Law given by God on Mount Sinai.

- Eucharistic Prayer One is on page 18
- Eucharistic Prayer Two is on page 25
- Eucharistic Prayer Three is on page 28
- Eucharistic Prayer Four with its set preface is on page 32.

Last Sunday, after a very long pause, Children's Liturgy at the 10am Mass resumed. 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. Many thanks to the volunteers who have made this possible. Children's Liturgy is every Sunday, irrespective of school holidays, except in the months of April, August and December.

This Sunday is the collection for the Lourdes Fund, which subsidises those who wish to go on the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes. Please put your donation in an envelope and place it in the normal collection OR make a donation to the retiring collection as you leave the Church. We will have a collection on a future Sunday of the victims of the earthquake in Syria and Turkey. The needs of those affected by the earthquake will be felt for some time to come, sadly.

The Monday Tai Chi group that meets in the Hall has Raised £100 for Ukraine, which we have donated to the DEC Ukraine appeal. Well done to them! This brings our fundraising for Ukraine to £3,745.50.

The Lent Day by Day books have arrived. Please take your free copy. There are three versions, as usual, which take you through the season of Lent, adult, junior and infant.

Mass intentions

Saturday 11 February, 6pm: Andrew Smith RIP
Sunday 12 February, 8.30am: For all parishioners
Sunday 12 February, 10am: Jadwiga Mackowiak (birthday) RIP
Sunday 12 February, 11.30am: Angela Fitzgerald RIP
Monday 13 February, 10am: GE Sammy
Tuesday 14 February, 10am: Marie Murphy RIP
Wednesday 15 February, 10am: Bernard Gallagher RIP
Friday 19 February, 10am: Dick de Sousa RIP (Month's Mind Mass)
Saturday 18 February, 6pm: Louis Side RIP
Sunday 19 February, 8.30am: For all parishioners
Sunday 19 February, 10am: Margaret Heffernan RIP
Sunday 19 February, 11.30am: GE Fr Jerry O'Brien

Confessions are heard after Mass each Friday, that is, starting at 10.30am, and every Saturday before the evening Mass, from 5.15 to 5.45pm.

Liturgical notes

We are now in Ordinary Time, when the vestments are green, unless there is a feast. February is dedicated to the Holy Family. On days when there is no feast, we shall celebrate a Mass for the Sick.

- Tuesday is the feast of Saints Cyril, monk, and Methodius, bishop, patron saints of Europe.
- Friday is the feast of the Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order.

Brace yourselves! Lent is coming, and begins on Ash Wednesday, 22 February. Make sure you get those Ashes, so that you can have the best possible start to Lent. On Ash Wednesday Mass will be at 10am, and the Ashes will be imposed at that Mass. In order to enable as many people to get the Ashes as possible, there will be a Liturgy of the Word (not Mass) with the Imposition of Ashes at 7pm. This will last about 20 minutes maximum. In addition, there are going to be two Assemblies at Cottesmore, to enable every child in the school to have the Ashes. What do the Ashes mean? In Old Testament times, people would put ashes on their heads as a sign of penance and sorrow for their sins, and to show that they were fasting. The Ashes we use (made from the Palms used on Palm Sunday), are a sign that we wish to repent, to turn over a new leaf, and that we want to do this throughout Lent and in preparation for Easter.

Now is the time to be thinking of what to do for Lent. Traditionally, the faithful are called to fasting, almsgiving, prayer, and penance.

- Fasting: think of what food or drink you can give up. This is usually some sort of luxury (chocolate, cake, alcohol, etc). In addition, you can also renounce something that you spent too much time on, and choose to restrict television, the internet, screen time, or sleep.
- Almsgiving: you could donate to the foodbank, help some financially challenged people you know directly, or give to the collection for Lenten alms that we will hold one Sunday, which will be used to boost the parish poor fund or for some other charitable purpose. You can combine fasting with almsgiving by undertaking the Cafod Family Fast day on 3rd March.

- Prayer: the best prayer is attendance at Mass on Sundays and during the week. In addition, we will have the Stations of the Cross on Fridays. One can pray at home or privately, by saying the Rosary, and meditating on the Scriptures.
- Penance: Go to Confession. If you find this not your cup of tea, all the more reason to go. If you really really do not want to go to Confession, then that is a sign that you really really do need to go. Do not put it off. It is a bit like going to the dentist – highly beneficial.
- Note well: Lenten penances are not to be undertaken on Sundays, which do not count as days of Lent, being feast days. You can also undertake Lenten resolutions on certain days only, such as Fridays. Also note that Wednesday 1 March is Saint David's day, Friday 17 March is Saint Patrick's day, and Monday 20 March (transferred from the day before) is Saint Joseph's day. These days do not count as days of Lent either.

Good news! A kind and generous

parishioner has given us a cheque for £500 towards the new Saint Peter statue. Let us pray for our benefactress, who wishes to remain anonymous. This means that our fundraising for that particular project is now complete. The statue will be ready by Christmas 2023, we hope.

A Gap Year opportunity: Are you 18-30, or do you know someone who is? Do you want to develop a wide range of skills including leadership while learning about global justice and inspiring others to use their faith in action? CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, believes in equipping and inspiring young adults to contribute to a more just and peaceful world. Step into the Gap is a fully

funded year of volunteering, with food, accommodation, stipend and training within a UK placement plus a Rome and Assisi pilgrimage. Visit the CAFOD website for more information: cafod.org.uk/gap year

The next baptism preparation course for parents of babies to be baptised is on Monday 6 March at 8pm in the Hall. If you want to take part, please contact Father Alexander by email, and he will then arrange to meet up with you.

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. This Friday Andrew Beasley-Murray is going to talk about the joys of bread making.

On the First Sunday of Lent, 26 February, the Martlets Choir will be serenading us in the Hall after the 10am and 11.30am Masses. Once more a hat will be put out to raise money for the Hospice, a very worthy local charity.

On Sunday 19 March it is our Table Top Sale in the Hall; it runs from 8.30am to lunchtime. This is not a money making exercise, but an opportunity for willing buyers and willing sellers in the community to come together. Last time there were lots of lovely things on sale, so please put the date in your diary. If you want a table, it is £5 for a small one and £7 for a large one. Place the money in an envelope with your name on, and that it is for the Table Top sale, and place it through the letter box of the presbytery, with your contact details if you want receipt to be acknowledged. The table money will be donated to the appeal for the Syrian/Turkish earthquake.

Parish Notice Board

Confirmation: Easter Sunday falls on 9 April next year. Our confirmation course will be on Sunday nights starting on Low Sunday and lasting until half term. This is for those in Year Ten. The dates are 16, 23, 30 April and 7, 14, 21 May. Please note those dates and if you are interested, please make your interest known via email to Fr Alexander. In 2023, all confirmations are taking place in Arundel Cathedral. We have been assigned the date of Sunday July 2, at 3pm. (This notice has been corrected.)

If you miss Mass on a Sunday morning, and this does sometimes happen, remember that there is Mass in Portuguese at 5pm on Sundays, and the Brazilian and Portuguese community is always happy to welcome visitors.

Deep Waters Sunday lunches, organised by Wellspring Community, for students & young adults. Every 1st & 3rd Sunday of the mass after 11am mass (around 12pm) outside St Joseph's. It is a great opportunity to meet & have fellowship with other like minded young adults & students.

We are collecting donations for the Food Bank. Please leave your donation (in date items only please) in the tub inside the door of the Outer Sacristy. If locked, by the door.



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. To date the parish has donated £4,999.75, £9.61 is the average donation and you have chosen to gift aid 41% of your donations, thank you!

The Franciscan Centre Ladywell - February 2023 event with Brother Adrian Peelo - 18 & 19 February 2023.

A weekend time of retreat and reflection at the Franciscan Centre, Ladywell with Br Adrian Peelo OFM.

Join us for the day, or for the weekend. We have day places or residential opportunities available. Contact us for further information or to book.

Address: Ashstead Lane, Godalming, Surrey, GU7 1ST

Tel: 01483 675575

Email: franciscancentre@ladywell.org.uk

Website: www.franciscancentre.org.uk

Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 15th March 2023. £699.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight, all transfers, 4 nights in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre & National Museum. Special St. Patrick's Day Celebrations. Single supplement £150.00. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

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What is the 200 Club? This was set up initially twenty years ago to raise money for the parish Link construction between church and hall, and when that was paid off we kept the 200 Club going to support the charities which the parishioners voted for. It now supports two charities selected by our parishioners, namely Reaching the Unreached <https://www.rtu.org.uk/>, and Sussex Nightstop www.sussexnightstop.org.uk Information about these charities is available at the back of the church and on our notice boards in the Link.

How it works? Sign up for £52 per year for a chance to win a bi-monthly draw payable annually, half yearly or quarterly. 1st prize is £200, 2nd prize is £90 and third prize is £50, all the while your money is helping others. We are looking for new members, so please do get in touch with the Parish office if you wish to join.

SVP England & Wales Tower House provides sociable lunches and more for older people in Brighton & Hove. Tuesdays we host a memory café providing support, snacks and activities for people with dementia and their carers. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday join us for lunch, visit our pop-up or take part in art and activities. To book contact us on towerhouse@svp.org.uk or 01273 549604

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

Oncology yoga course aimed at supporting cancer patients, no matter where they are on their journey. Learn how to improve your body functions, provide a container for your emotions and become excited about your healing. Course runs at The Tree of Life on Fridays 16.00-17.00. Call Eva on 07962 505782 for more information.

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

Music Tuition

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

