

Sick Parishioners

Please pray for: Jim McFarlane, Caroline Audy, Margaret Chapman, Vincent O' Rourke, Jim and Valerie Lee, Eileen Banks, Matthew Garcia, Beverley Coughlan, Sonia Wall, Dennis Tribe, Rosemary Kilcourse, Adrian Van Twest.

Parish Events

Saturday 11 January, 9am/11am: First Holy Communion
Thursday 16 January: Years 2,3,4 Reconciliation at Cottesmore.
Friday 17 January-Sunday 19 January: Confirmation retreat, Saint Bartz.
Tuesday 21 January, 7.30pm: Parish Finance Committee
Thursday 23 January, 8pm: Parish Team Meeting.
Thursday 30 January: Years 6 and R Reconciliation at Cottesmore
Friday 31 January, 7.30pm: Musicians party
Friday 28 February, 7.00pm: Junior Choir party
Saturday/Sunday 22/23 February: Apostolate of Adoration visit.
Wednesday 26 February: Lent begins.

You can help your marriage – do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue or have you stopped talking together?

Retrouvaille helps couple through difficult times in their marriages. There is no group therapy or group work. The programme has helped 10s of 1000s of couples. For confidential information or to register for our next residential weekend on 28, 29 Feb & 1 March 2020 call us on 0788 7296983 or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

Cafod Team update: Thanks to our wonderful team and all who donated £664 enough to purchase 23 goats.

Remembering St Josephine Bakhita, the patron saint of modern slaves and human trafficking. This is a call to make both St. Josephine Bakhita and the ending of modern-day slavery our Rosary intention on Saturday 8 February 2020. St. Josephine Bakhita is a saint who was a slave and her feast day on the 8 February is an opportunity to focus prayers on bringing an end to slavery and trafficking. The diocese has formed an anti-slavery group, which is seeking ways to promote awareness of this modern day take on an age-old abuse of human dignity. The discovery of the 39 victims in a trailer in Essex recently has particularly highlighted this evil trade. If you or anyone in your parish would like to be kept up to date on our activities then please contact our Social Action Adviser, Tessa Ricketts at Tessa.Ricketts@abdiocese.org.uk.

UCM are back Wednesday 15 January at 7.30pm in the hall, 'Fire brigade – home safety'.

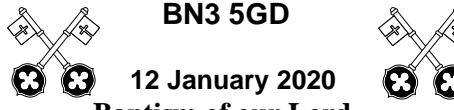
Social Dancing in the hall resumes every Thursday. All are welcome!

Thursday mornings Scripture Reflection:

The **Bible Society** have sent us several copies of Saint Matthew's Gospel in useful pocket size editions. They are on the magazine rack in the porch. Please help yourself (the same applies to everything on the rack.) This gift is part of the initiative 'The God who speaks', a year long campaign to get people to read the Bible more. It is being supported by the Catholic Church, other Christian groups and the Bible Society.

Collection Sunday 5 January, £1, 467.

St. Peter's Catholic Church Portland Road Hove BN3 5GD



12 January 2020

Baptism of our Lord.

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Mass intentions this week:

Saturday 11 Jan 6pm GE Spamanato family
Sunday 12 Jan 8.30am GE Austin Mallet
Sunday 12 Jan 10am For all parishioners
Sunday 12 January 11.15am Holy Souls
Monday 13 Jan 10am Michael Green RIP
Tuesday 14 Jan 10am All in need of our prayers
Wednesday 15 Jan 10am Peter Spencer RIP
Thursday 16 Jan No Mass
Friday 17 Jan 10am Bridie Fitzgerald RIP
Saturday 18 Jan 10am Giuliana Sussex RIP
Saturday 18 Jan 6pm All parishioners
Sunday 18 Jan 8.30am Frances Raimondo RIP
Sunday 19 Jan 10am Holy Souls
Sunday 19 Jan 11.15am Holy Souls

This Sunday is the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Fr Alexander is away (this was booked a year ago, long before his niece announced her wedding date) and all Masses will be said by Fr Paul Martin, who is the head

of the Saint Barnabas Society, formerly known as the Converts' Aid Society. Fr Paul is a witty and entertaining preacher and we are lucky to have him. He will talk about the work of the Society and there will be a retiring collection for the Society. Please be generous. The Society helps Anglican and other clergy who wish to become Catholic. This diocese has benefitted greatly from convert clergy. A considerable proportion of the priests of our diocese were at an earlier stage of their lives Anglican vicars; many of them are married with children. Often making the transition to Catholicism is difficult, and the Saint Barnabas Society exists to help those who are making the change.

The readings today tell of the Baptism of the Lord at the hands of John the Baptist at the River Jordan, and the way that God the Father expresses his approval of the Son, while the Holy Spirit is seen coming down on Him like a dove. This feast closes the Christmas season and opens the period of Ordinary Time which runs until Shrove Tuesday. This is a rather puzzling feast in some ways as Jesus had no need to be baptised by John, as He had no sins from which to repent (as the Gospel makes clear). His baptism is the occasion of the start of His public ministry, in which He is sent by the Father, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Today we can remember our own baptisms, which are sacramental, and which initiated us into the life of God, unlike the baptism of John, which was purely a sign of repentance.

Next Sunday is the Second Sunday of the year. The Saturday Vigil Mass will be celebrated by Fr Paul Wilkinson, as Fr Alexander will be at St Bartz, near Lewes, celebrating Mass for our Confirmation candidates. Let us pray for the success of their weekend retreat.

Confessions are heard every Saturday morning, from 10.30 to 11.15am.

Our stained glass debt currently stands at £14, 636.
Many thanks to the Union of Catholic Mothers for their kind donation of £306.

Liturgical notes:

Monday is the feast of Saint Hilary of Poitiers.
Friday is the feast of Saint Antony, Abbot.
Saturday marks the beginning of the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity.
January is the month dedicated to the Most Holy Name of Jesus. For the week leading up to the feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, which falls on 25 January, we are, in conjunction with other Christians, urged to pray for Christian Unity.

Let us pray for Michael Green, who died on Saturday 28 December. Michael was for many years a deeply appreciated reader in our Church. Let us remember his widow Regina in our prayers too at this very difficult time for her. His funeral details will be announced shortly.

We have received the sad news of the death of Gillian Faulkner from West Blatchington who died on 5 January at home her funeral will take place on Monday 27 January at Woodvale Crematorium at 1pm. Let us pray for the repose of her soul, and for her family at this difficult time.

Let us pray for Richard Hitchens formerly of the Adelaide Nursing home in Hove who died in hospital on 28 December, Requiem Mass will take place at St Peter's on Tuesday 28 January at 12pm, followed by burial at Woodingdean cemetery. May he rest in peace.

Let us pray for the repose of the soul of Patricia (Paddy) Higgins who died on Christmas Day at her nursing home in Kent. She was 91 years old on Christmas Eve. For many years she had been a member of this parish and a leading light in the UCM. She had moved to Cornwall to be close to her daughter. May she rest in peace.

While Father Alexander is away, the daily Mass will be said by Canons Heaney and Foley. We are very grateful to them for undertaking this. Please let us make them as welcome as possible when they visit.

Musicians' party – 7.30pm on Friday 31 January. To thank all our wonderful musicians – organists, keyboard players, drummers, flautists, accordionists, guitarists and singers and others – we are holding a party in the Hall on the above time and date. Please put it in your diary now. Spouses are warmly invited as well. Many who come to this Church express their appreciation of our musicians, so this party is a way of thanking them.

We also have to remember our **Junior Choir members** who are greatly appreciated by us all. The party for them is on Friday 28th February, which is Saint Valentine's day, and will start at 7pm in the Hall are run until 8.30pm. There will be food, drink and games! Please note the date. Adult helpers are welcome!

A message from the Foodbank: As we head into 2020, we at Hangleton and West Blatchington Foodbank would like to pause for a moment to say thank you for your support and kind donation during 2019. Your generosity will make a great difference in the lives of people living in our local community. Your gift

has already been used in Hangleton and West Blatchington to support our clients through the festive season. There's no doubt that the need is more apparent now than ever and the support of donors like yourselves is helping us to make it possible for families and individuals living with food poverty to lead happier and more fruitful lives. Thank you again for your compassionate support. We look forward to continuing working together, give a helping hand to those in our community in need. In the words of Tiny Tim: "God bless us every one". (A Christmas Carol, C Dickens, 1843)

Our Social Club meets in the Hall this Friday at 1.30pm. This week it will be cards and board games, along with the usual refreshments; on Friday 24 January, we will be watching the superb film Brooklyn, which is the interesting and moving story of a young Irish woman leaving her homeland and settling in New York in the late 1950's, based on the bestselling novel by Colm Toibin. All are welcome and please bring along all your friends.

The **new Diocesan Directory** for the year 2020 has arrived. If you would like a copy, they are available from the office, and the cover price is £5.

From the Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church:

278. Who is the minister for the celebration of the Eucharist? The celebrant of the Eucharist is a validly ordained priest (bishop or priest) who acts in the Person of Christ the Head and in the name of the Church.

279. What are the essential and necessary elements for celebrating the

Eucharist? The essential elements are wheat bread and grape wine.

280. In what way is the Eucharist a memorial of the sacrifice of Christ? The Eucharist is a memorial in the sense that it makes present and actual the sacrifice which Christ offered to the Father on the cross, once and for all on behalf of mankind. The sacrificial character of the Holy Eucharist is manifested in the very words of institution, "This is my Body which is given for you" and "This cup is the New Covenant in my Blood that will be shed for you" (Luke 22:19-20). The sacrifice of the cross and the sacrifice of the Eucharist are one and the same sacrifice. The priest and the victim are the same; only the manner of offering is different: in a bloody manner on the cross, in an unbloody manner in the Eucharist.

Marriage Preparation Course

You will need to contact Esther Lyon 01273 698182.
www.stpetersbrighton.org
From the Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church:272. When did Jesus Christ institute the Eucharist?

Old Books wanted for Books Abroad:

Books Abroad, which is a registered charity that supports education in developing countries worldwide by redistributing second hand books. They collect good quality second hand books donated by schools, universities and private individuals from across Scotland and some parts of England. It then redistributes them to educational bodies around the world in response to specific requests for support.

If you would like to donate any books please leave them in the outer sacristy where Bernie will collect them.

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.

Rite of Election 2020 – Advance Notice: Saturday 29th February, at 2.30 pm, with registration from 1 pm.

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