

Forthcoming Events

Saturday 11 March, 9.15am-10.45am: First Holy Communion
Tuesday 14 March, 8pm: Meeting of the Acutis Group.
Thursday 17 March, 8pm: Social Dancing.
Friday 17 March: feast of Saint Patrick.
Friday 17 March, 1.30pm: Social Club.
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. Mass at 10am, followed by Power Breakfast.
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
Holy Thursday 6 April, 8pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper, followed by watching at the Altar of Repose until midnight.
Good Friday 7 April, 12 noon, Stations of the Cross for families; 3pm: Liturgy of the Passion.
Holy Saturday, 8 April, 8pm: Easter Vigil.
Easter Sunday 9 April: First Holy Communion
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.

On Monday 20 March, transferred from the day before, the Church will celebrate the solemnity of Saint Joseph, husband of the

Blessed Virgin Mary. Mass is at 10am. Afterwards, you are invited to a power breakfast at Scotties. Because this is a festal day, there is no Lenten fasting and abstinence.

This year marks the 150 anniversary of the opening of Arundel Cathedral. On Saturday 1 July at 12 noon there is going to be a Solemn High Mass to which all parishes have been invited to send two delegates. Our parish will be represented by Peter and Angela Fishenden.

This Saturday at 7pm we are holding a social event for our musicians. We shall eat, drink, be merry, and have a singalong of some very well-loved songs. And if that goes well, if you are not a member of the choir, you will be invited to join. The choir members have been primed to invite you!

Next Sunday we have our Table Top Sale in the Hall; it runs from 8.30am to lunchtime. Last time there were lots of lovely things on sale, so please do come! We want our hall to be a community hub, talking of which..... National Adult Education Charity, the WEA, are running 'Getting Ready for ESOL' (that means English for speakers of other languages) in our Hall. The course will run from 21st April to the 4th August. 3-hour sessions every Friday morning from 09.30 - 12.30 with our lovely tutor Alice. The course will better prepare learners for a City & Guilds accredited ESOL course to run in September 2023 for the new academic year. Do please spread the word about this among those who might like to know; this is the best way to learn English!

Offertory collection

- Sun 5 Mar 2023: = £1,632.75 .
- Sun 26 Feb 2023 = £1,404.76

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Diocesan Shrine of the Blessed

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12 March 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 beginning the prophet Jeremiah. Please visit our website which is constantly being updated.

This Sunday is the Third Sunday of Lent.

The prayers and readings for today can be found in the yellow books on page 158. The first reading is from the book of Exodus and is the story of the rebellion of the Chosen People against God in the desert, and how God responds to this with the miracle of water coming forth from the rock. The Gospel is from Saint John and tells of the meeting between Jesus and the Samaritan woman at Jacob's Well, and how he promises her living water. We all know that water is more than just important, but essential; so too is the water that nourishes and gives life to our souls, which is the 'living water' of which Jesus speaks.

- Eucharistic Prayer One is on page 18

- Eucharistic Prayer Two is on page 25
- Eucharistic Prayer Three is on page 28

This Sunday at the 10am Mass, Liz Wakefield, who is the communications officer for Sussex Nightstop, will be saying a few words at the end of Mass about the charity, which we support, and accepting a cheque for £2,000, money we have raised over the last few months via the 200 Club.

Last Sunday's retiring collection for the victims of the recent earthquake in Syria raised the sum of £919.69 & we have topped it up to £1000. We have sent £500 to Mary's Meals, a charity that works in Aleppo and which is currently providing food to those in need there, and Aid to the Church in Need, which works with several partners, both Catholic and Orthodox, in Aleppo. The Family Fast day has also collected £224.70 for Cafod.

Many thanks to the Monday Tai Chi Group who have raised £100 for the earthquake victims in Syria. In addition, many thanks for the £76 raised by the Table Top Sale for the same cause.

This Friday, and every Friday of Lent, there will be Stations of the Cross at 7pm. This Friday we will concentrate on stations ten to fourteen. That is:

10. Jesus is stripped of his garments
11. Jesus is nailed to the Cross
12. Jesus dies on the Cross
13. Jesus is taken down from the Cross
14. Jesus is laid in the tomb

In Lent, Confessions are heard after Mass each weekday, that is, starting at

10.30am, and every Saturday before the evening Mass, from 5.15 to 5.45pm.

Mass intentions

Sat 11 March, 6pm: Giuliana Sussex RIP
Sunday 12 March, 8.30am: WPLS intention
Sunday 12 March, 10am: For all parishioners
Sun 12 March, 11.30am: For benefactors
Monday 13 March, 10am: WPLS intention
Tuesday 14 March, 10am: Holy Souls
Wed 15 March, 10am: WPLS intention
Friday 17 March, 10am: WPLS intention
Saturday 18 March, 6pm: Margaret Didsbury RIP (1 anniv)
Sunday 19 March, 8.30am: For all parishioners
Sunday 19 March, 10am: William, James and Rose McGoldrick RIP
Sunday 19 March, 11.30am: Hedyie Allahuiran Zadeh RIP

Liturgical notes

In the season of Lent, the Church's liturgy is deliberately sober. The vestments are purple, the colour of penitence, on the weekdays and Sundays of Lent. The Gloria is omitted. There is no Alleluia. The organ is used only to support the singing, except on Laetare Sunday, the fourth Sunday of Lent, when Hamish will play at the 6pm Mass. There are no flowers on the altar. Friday is the feast of Saint Patrick, patron saint of Ireland.

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How is your Lent going so far? Have you got a plan? Lent means:

- Fasting
- Almsgiving
- Prayer
- Penance, that is, going to Confession.

And the point of all this is preparation for the Paschal Triduum and Easter. Easter is a feast spread over three days, namely:

- Holy Thursday, April 6, when we commemorate the Last Supper, the giving of the Eucharist, the foundation of the priesthood, and the call to serve. Mass is at 8pm, followed by silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at the Altar of Repose until midnight.
- Good Friday, April 7, the day of the suffering and death of Jesus on the Cross. Stations of the Cross at 12 noon for children and families. The Liturgy of the Passion is at 3pm, the hour at which Our Lord died.
- Holy Saturday, April 8, our day of waiting at the tomb of Our Lord, which concludes with the Easter Vigil, which begins at 8pm, at which we celebrate the resurrection and renew our baptismal promises. On Easter Sunday, April 9, Mass is at 8.30, 10am and 11.30am, and we will renew our baptismal promises at each one.
- To summarise:
- WITNESS the last Supper and WATCH with Our Lord on the eve of His Passion in the Garden of Gethsemane.
- STAND at the foot of the Cross.

- RENEW your baptismal commitment on the day of the Resurrection.

Lighting news. As you are all aware, our lighting system in the Church is not great, and the cost of having it serviced/repared is very high, so we are looking at installing a new lighting system. Dom Henderson is advising us, and Fr Alexander recently went to Saint Andrew's with Dom, where we met the Vicar, who received us warmly, and Robert Chesterfield, who installed the lighting at Saint Andrew's, which is very fine and with which some of you may be familiar. Robert will now be coming to Saint Peter's to advise on what can be done here. This will be a long process, but at least we are making progress towards a better lighting future. Incidentally, once the new lighting is installed, whenever that may be, only then can we consider repainting the Church interior. Furthermore, the interior of Saint Andrew's is 'limewashed' which looks very fine....

Roof News: Adrian Egan has completed his work and we now just need to see what happens when it next rains. If there are no leaks, its is mission accomplished and the scaffolding can be removed.

Many thanks for the further donation of £11 from the sale of plants for the Ukraine appeal. This brings our parish giving so far up to £3,856.50.

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 17 March we are going to be celebrating Saint Patrick's Day. Clive will be away, does anyone know of any musician who would like to take part? All are invited.

A Retreat for Lent, Friday 24 March: An opportunity to deepen our Lenten conversion and turn to God in prayer as we prepare to remember Christ's Cross and Resurrection in Holy Week. The monks of Worth Abbey, based in Kempton, invite you to a Day Retreat to be held at St Martha's Convent, Rottingdean BN2 7HA. Time: 10am – 3pm. Please bring your own lunch. Teas and Coffees provided. Suggested donations of £10 on the day to St. Martha's. Book your place(s) via brightonmonks@worth.org.uk or phone 07444 802368.

Living Faith Theology Course @ St Joseph's Church: Enlivening Faith - Deepening Transformation - Empowering Mission. We are launching a new series of conferences at St Joseph's to help you explore the Catholic faith in greater depth. The series is aimed at Catholics involved in ministry and leadership, teachers in Catholic schools, and young adults/students to prepare them to be leaders and influencers in their areas of professional work and Church engagement. Our speakers are theologians and experts in their fields who will bring the faith to life, offering a bold vision of human life and discipleship. Our goal is to provide content that stretches mind and heart, leading to greater transformation in Christ, and a fuller living out of his saving mission in the world today. First Conference: Sunday 19 March. Our first series will explore "The Trinity", with 3 Conferences on Sundays: 19 March, 14 May, and July (date tbc). Fr Nicholas Crowe OP and Fr Joseph Bailham OP - Dominican Friars - will be our speakers on 19 March, exploring "The Father". Start Time: 12:45 pm in St Joseph's Parish Hall, on Milton Road. We will begin with lunch: please bring a dish to share or a packed lunch. The conference will finish with Tea/Cake at 4pm. Suggested Donation: £10 (waged), £5 (unwaged). Bookings info to follow.

Parish Notice Board

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.

Confirmation: Easter Sunday falls on 9 April this 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.

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.

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

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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.

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.

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.



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 £5,227.75, £9.51 is the average donation and you have chosen to gift aid 42% of your donations, thank you!

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.

