

Forthcoming events
Mon 14 Dec.: Baptism Course, 8pm.
Fri 18 Dec 1.30pm: Social Club meets.
Sun 20 Dec.: Afternoon of Carols, prayer, readings, and music.
Thurs 31 Dec.: noon: Bereavement Mass.

Christmas Time Mass Schedule 
24 December Christmas Eve: 6.00pm and Midnight.
25 December Christmas Day: 8.30am, 10.00am, 11.15am.
26 December Vigil of the feast of the Holy Family: 6.00pm.
27 December Feast of the Holy Family: 8.30am, 10.00am, 11.15am
28 December Feast of the Holy Innocents: 12 noon.
29 December Feast of Saint Thomas Becket: 10.00am
30 December Sixth Day of Christmas: 10.00am.
31 December Feast of Saint Sylvester, 'Old Year's Day': 12 noon. Te Deum of Thanksgiving, prayer for all those who have died and all those who have suffered bereavement in 2020.
1 January New Year's Day. Feast of Our Lady, Mother of God: 12 noon. Invocation of the Holy Spirit for 2012, with the Veni, Creator.
2 January Vigil of Second Sunday after Christmas: 6.00pm.
3 January Second Sunday after Christmas: 8.30am, 10.00am, 11.15am.
4 & 5 January Tenth and Eleventh Days of Christmas: 10.00am.
6 January Twelfth Night. Feast of the Epiphany, 'Feast of the Three Kings': 10.00am. <i>All Christmas decorations to be taken down the next day.</i>

Those Covid Rules:

□ The capacity of the church is 100 people: two people per bench, spaced at one metre apart, and one person per chair. (Families can sit together.)

□ Please check in for track and trace purposes, either electronically or in writing.

□ Please sanitise your hands on entry and exit.

□ Please observe the one way system: up the middle, down the sides, especially at Holy Communion.

□ If you take a newsletter, please take it home with you.

□ There is STILL no congregational singing.

□ The Church doors are to remain open to ventilate the building.

□ Mass is shorter than usual.

□ There is no procession of the Gifts to the altar and no passing around of the collection

baskets. Your offering will be taken as you leave the Church.

□ There is no sign of peace.

□ Holy Communion will be received under one kind only.

□ Communion must be given silently, avoiding any physical contact.

□ Please remove your mask (if wearing one) to receive Holy Communion.

□ As you leave do not to linger in doorways or other 'choke points'.

□ Once Mass is over the Church will be closed and cleaned.

□ People are urged not to come to the sacristy before and after Mass, unless they are servers or sacristans.

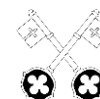
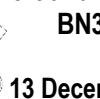
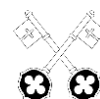
□ Face coverings are mandatory for all who are not exempt.

□ The Bishops also urge readers to wear disposable gloves.

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This Sunday is the Third Sunday of

Advent. We are now half way through Advent, so today the vestments are not purple but rose, which represents a slight amelioration of our penitential spirit. This Sunday is known as Gaudete Sunday, after the opening words of the Mass, taken from Saint Paul: 'Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, rejoice. The Lord is at hand'.

Christmas is coming! There will be

difficulties along the way, but these can be coped with. Here are some points to note, somewhat revised from last week.

- The Church is freezing cold (well, it was never warm) thanks to the doors being open, even if the heating is on. This is because ventilation is thought to be an important factor in stopping the spread of Covid. Because of the cold, please dress accordingly. Because of the cold, woolly and other hats may be worn by men and boys, dispensing from the ancient law about men uncovering their heads in Church, while the doors remain open. (It would be fitting, however, to be bareheaded at funerals and going up to Holy Communion.)

- The Crib is going up soon! Many thanks to our crib builders and arrangers. The trees are organised.

- The Advent wreath is in position. As in the past, please do not attempt to move or even touch it, as it is delicate.

- Next Sunday, we are having our 'Open Afternoon' of Music, Carols and Readings. The idea is that you drop in for a period of quiet listening, prayer, and a chance to see the crib, and the Baby Jesus, which will be displayed on the altar. There is no formal beginning, middle or end (starts at 4pm and ends at 6pm), come and go as you please. Please invite all your friends. Please advertise by taking a poster.

- Christmas is a feast that lasts Twelve Days, starting on the 25 December, and ending with the Epiphany on the 6 January. Given this is the case, please think about 'spreading yourself' during the 12 days in your Church attendance. See the next point.

- We have decided not to have a booking system for any Mass, including those over the Christmas season. It is first come, first served, and the Church's capacity is 100 persons or 100 'bubbles', provided the latter allows for social distancing. When capacity is reached, the stewards on the door will turn people away or ask them to stand outside. Naturally, we count on your co-operation with the stewards in this matter. We have no way of knowing which Masses will be more in demand. Traditionally, the 6pm and the 10am have been the most popular; if you are able to do so, you might like to consider 'rerouting' yourself to another Mass. We are organising an overflow with video link up in the Hall for some Christmas Masses.

- For a complete schedule of Christmas time Masses, see elsewhere in this newsletter.

Mass Intentions
Sat 12 December 6pm Ellen Geary RIP
Sun 13 December 8.30am Gemma Nanninck RIP
Sun 13 December 10am Eileen M. Iacono RIP
Sun 13 December 11.15am For all parishioners
Mon 14 December 10.45am Funeral Mass of Madeleine Cockell RIP
Tues 15 December 10am Holy Souls
Wed 16 December 10am DM Cashman and Smyth families
Thurs 17 December No Mass
Fri 18 December 10am Rosemary Sheppard RIP
Sat 19 December 10am Elizabeth Crosby RIP (3 anniv)
Sat 19 December 6pm For donors of the stained glass
Sun 20 December 8.30am Edith Ming RIP
Sun 20 December 10am All Parishioners
Sun 20 December 11.15am Adrian van Twest RIP

A note on Mass intentions:

Our Mass intentions are booked up for the rest of 2020. We have a diary for 2021 already, and if you want to book Mass intentions for key dates, now is the time to do it, to avoid disappointment. Envelopes are as always at the back of the Church.

On Monday 14 December we are celebrating the funeral Mass of Madeleine Cockell at 10.45am, which replaces the 10am Mass that day. She died on Tuesday 1 December at the Victoria Chatsworth Nursing Home in Dyke Road. She was 96 years old. She will be buried in Hove Cemetery. Let us continue to pray for the repose of her soul and the comfort of her family.

Liturgical Notes:

We are in the season of Advent, a time of intense preparation for the coming of Our Lord at Christmas. This is a penitential season, so there are no flowers on the altar, and there is no Gloria on Sundays; the vestments are violet, the colour of penance. Monday is the feast of Saint John of the Cross.

On 8 December, the feast of the

Immaculate Conception, the Holy Father declared that the year 2021 will be dedicated in a special way to Saint Joseph, to celebrate the 150 anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as guardian and patron saint of the Universal Church. We shall have to consider how we can mark this in a special way.

The last Mass of the year is going to be

offered for those who have died of late and for the bereaved. This will be at noon on the feast of Saint Sylvester, 31 December. There will be no music, and, unfortunately, no gathering afterwards. Names for inclusion in the list of the departed in the Eucharistic Prayer can be submitted by text, email or in writing. Lots of people have been invited. If there is anyone who we may have forgotten, please mention it.

Call for Readers at Christmas Masses!

We need one reader at each other following Masses on 24th/25th: 6pm Vigil, 12 Midnight, 8.30am Dawn, 10am Day, and 11.15am Day. (The readings differ at each Mass, you may remember. Still no bidding prayers.) If you wish to volunteer, there is a list in the sacristy. You can also volunteer via our facebook page or by email. At certain Masses an adult and a child could read together.... as long as they are from the same household.

The Blessed Carlo Acutis said: “Our soul is like a hot air balloon. If by chance there is a mortal sin, the soul falls to the ground. Confession is like the fire underneath the balloon enabling the soul to rise again. . . It is important to go to confession often.”

The Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church is a handbook of the Catholic faith in manageable form. We are looking at what it says about Prayer in the Christian Life, a very important subject. These extracts are for you to take away with you and ponder over.

564. How are the saints guides for prayer? The saints are our models of prayer. We also ask them to intercede before the Holy Trinity for us and for the whole world. Their intercession is their most exalted service to God’s plan. In the communion of saints, throughout the history of the Church, there have developed different types of spiritualities that teach us how to live and to practice the way of prayer.

565. Who can educate us in prayer? The Christian family is the first place of education in prayer. Daily family prayer is particularly recommended because it is the first witness to the life of prayer in the Church. Catechesis, prayer groups, and “spiritual direction” constitute a school of and a help to prayer.

566. What places are conducive to prayer? One can pray anywhere but the choice of an appropriate place is not a matter of indifference when it comes to prayer. The church is the proper place for liturgical prayer and Eucharistic adoration. Other places also help one to pray, such as a “prayer corner” at home, a monastery or a shrine.

We are still 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.

On Friday 18 December the Social Club is meeting before taking a break for Christmas. Do please come along to the Hall to exchange Christmas greetings at 1.30pm. We shall be listening to some lively and uplifting Christmas music. All are invited.

Sick Parishioners.

Please pray for Jim McFarlane, Caroline Audy, Margaret Chapman, Vincent O’Rourke, Jim and Valerie Lee, Eileen Banks, Matthew Garcia, Sonia Wall, Dennis Tribe, Rosemary Kilcourse, Liz Perkins, Richard Martin, Sheila Coldicott, Charlotte Essex, Maria Knight.

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Please visit our website
<http://www.stpeters-hove.org.uk/> which is constantly being updated.

Cottesmore Reception intake September 2021.

Note from Headteacher.

Please visit our Admissions page, via the school website, in order to see what the children, staff, parents and I have to say. Our promotional video also offers a visual flavour of all that we have to offer. For quick access, you can click on the following link:

<https://player.vimeo.com/video/482774309>

Offertory : 6 December - £1,558.18

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Our Admissions page also has a range of other relevant and supportive information to help prospective parents through their decision-making process. For quick access, you can click on the following link <http://www.cottesmore.brighton-hove.sch.uk/page/admissions/>

For further information, or to arrange a Zoom / potential visit, please do get in touch.

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We hope that you enjoy watching our video and look forward to hearing from you. We are here to do all that we can to support you and look forward to potentially welcoming you to becoming part of our school family.

Many thanks

Rachel Breen, Headteacher

We are getting lots of passport forms and other forms to sign. Aisling has kindly taken this on. Please note that forms should be dropped off in office hours only, and all the details need to be filled in

before submission for signature or counter-signature and stamping. They will then be handed back to you also during office hours, within a reasonable time. It is not possible to offer a while you wait service. Neither is it possible to countersign identity papers for people who one does not know. With regard to baptism and confirmation certificates, requests are best submitted in writing, with a stamped addressed envelope. Please remember to include as much information as possible, as this makes tracking down the records easier. Dealing with forms does take time, and the parish does not charge for this service, but craves your patience.

Music Tuition

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

Free First Holy Communion Dresses: -

Two lovely dresses aged 7 and 10 if anyone would like them please contact Rita on 07823 886837.

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Caroline's Kitchen – Tel 595922

Caterers for Baptisms, etc. Tel 595922 or carolineriley@carolines-kitchen.co.uk

Thinking of driving lessons? Please contact Phil Harris (Bartholomews Driving School) on 07711 688147.

Small Group maths tuition for children 7 to 11. Experienced primary school teacher. Call Katie Jackson 07776 098522

Host Families needed

All year round. Single/twin room accommodation required. Ring Maureen 01273 778918 or 07801827323
Studenthomes.me@hotmail.com

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Dr James Westbrook Dip. Mus., FLCM, PhD (Music, Cambridge).
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Counselling Service

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