

Forthcoming Events

Thursday 17 February, 8pm: Social Dancing.
Friday 18 February, 1.30pm: Social Club
Tuesday 1 March, 10am: Requiem Mass of Neus Mackay RIP
Wednesday March 2: Lent begins.
Friday 4 March, 7.30pm: Stations of the Cross.

The Parish Team met last week as well: we considered the diocesan statistics over the last two published years. (If anyone wants to see these, there are copies available in the sacristy.) We considered the question of how we can make our Church more attractive, warm and inviting to the congregation, and how we can encourage people to come to Mass, given the falling off in congregations post-Covid. We also looked at the finances, which are healthy. The Hall is almost all paid for, and is now bringing in a considerable income from lettings, twice the level of 2019. We have 13 paying clients (many thanks to Jo Chamberlain for recruiting them!) Our Dona machine is now up and running and over December and January brought in £477 (many thanks to Aisling for overseeing this.) We have made considerable payments to those in difficulty: one family receives £250 a month to help with rent, and another person has been helped with paying off debts, and moving to a new residence. We also considered public relations and raising our profile and relations with our schools. We also wish to start a 'Work Events'/Party Committee. **To this end: Would anyone like to form a Party Committee to oversee Quizzes etc? And, we welcome suggestions about how to make our**

Church going experience better, and our Church more attractive and welcoming, by inviting everyone to make 5 practical suggestions of things we can do.

Are there any more young persons from Year 10 or above who wishes to be Confirmed? If so, please get in touch with Fr Alexander, by email. The bishop is provisionally scheduled to be coming here to confer the Sacrament on Saturday 28 May at 11.30am. We have nine candidates so far, and have room for more. Given the constraints of time, thanks to the aftermath of Covid, it is proposed to run a compressed five session course on Sunday evenings in Eastertide, that is to say, starting Sunday 24 April through to Sunday 22 May, every Sunday at 7pm.

Work in progress in the Church and the Presbytery, latest updates:

First of all, the Presbytery boiler is receiving attention. The engineers will attend later in the month. The cost is £1,600.

Secondly, the engineer has attended to look at the sound system in the church which is now working.

Thirdly, we are still waiting for the electrician to come back and fix the lighting in the church.

Fourthly, the glass door has been fixed it cost £240.

Fifthly, because there is a demand for it, we are looking to installing Wi-Fi in the Hall.

Sixthly, we propose to buy a clock and a coat rail for the Hall, and an A board to stand on the pavement to advertise events.

Offertory Collections:

6 February 2022- £1,400.68

St Peter's Catholic Church Diocesan Shrine of the Blessed Carlo Acutis.

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This newsletter covers two weeks. Our Next newsletter will be published in time for Sunday 27 February.

This Sunday is the Sixth Sunday of the Year. The readings and prayers for today can be found in the purple books on page 139. The first reading comes from the prophecy of Jeremiah, and describes two contrasting ways of life. The first is self-reliance and individualism which will end in failure, and the second is the reliance on the grace of God, through membership of His people, the Church, and which will sustain us in good times and bad. The Gospel, from Saint Luke, is the Sermon on the Plain, in which Jesus outlines who is really blessed, namely those who are poor in spirit and rely on God, rather than those who are rich in the eyes of the world. The Sermon on the Plain parallels Matthew's perhaps more famous Sermon on the Mount; in it we have the basis of Christian living, namely the call to be humble, to

spurn worldly success, and to live for the things of the spirit.

Next Sunday is the Seventh Sunday of the Year. The readings and prayers for this day can be found in the purple books on page 142. The first reading comes from the First Book of Samuel, and tells us the story of how Saul falls into the power of David, but David is unable to kill him because he recognises that Saul is the Lord's anointed, and thus inviolate. This text has had great resonance historically, and was frequently quoted by the partisans of King Charles I. We recognise that all baptised and confirmed people are anointed, and are thus inviolate. This is the foundation of all Christian behaviour, and the implications of this are explored further in Jesus's teaching in the Gospel, taken from Saint Luke, in which He speaks of loving even our enemies.

This Sunday we have a collection for the Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund, which exists to subsidise those who wish to join the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes in the summer, either as sick pilgrims or junior helpers. As far as one knows, not many current parishioners from Saint Peter's have been to Lourdes with the diocese, and if there is anyone who wants to go, that you know of, it would be nice to hear from them. The same goes for young people who might like to join the Redshirts as the young helpers are known. To donate to the Pilgrimage Fund, please put your donation in the envelope and place it in the collection. It will be counted separately and forwarded to the diocese.

Mass intentions

Saturday 12 February, 6pm: For all parishioners
Sunday 13 February, 8.30am: For our benefactors
Sunday 13 February, 10am: Elizabeth Murphy RIP
Sunday 13 February, 11.15am: Jadwiga Mackowiak RIP
Monday 14 February, 10am: Playford intention
Tuesday 15 February, 10am: Playford intention
Wednesday 16 February, 10am: Giuliana Sussex RIP
Thursday 17 February, no Mass.
Friday 18 February, 10am: Louis Side RIP (1 anniv)
Saturday 19 February, 10am: Private intention
Saturday 19 February, 6pm: For our benefactors
Sunday 20 February, 8.30am: For all parishioners
Sunday 20 February, 10am: Margaret Heffernan RIP (R Green)
Sunday 20 February, 11.15am: Simon de Winter RIP
Monday 21 February, 10am: Nori Zorzan and Pierri family RIP
Tuesday 22 February, 10am: GE Aidan Whitehead
Wednesday 23 February, 10am: Holy Souls
Thursday 24 February: No Mass.
Friday 25 February, 10am: Elizabeth Murphy RIP
Saturday 26 February, 10am: Teresa Lo Porcaro-Sassi RIP

By a decree of 25 January, Bishop

Richard has made our parish church the Diocesan Shrine of the Blessed Carlo Acutis. This means that we can now celebrate a Votive Mass of the Blessed Carlo on days when votive Masses are allowed, and we are encouraged to do so on days of special significance in his life, such as, for example, the anniversary of his baptism, 18 May. We are also to keep his feast, which is on 14 October, as a local Solemnity, i.e. one particular to this Church. The Custodian of the Shrine (the parish priest) is to foster devotion to the Blessed Carlo by all means available. We have, of course, the picture, as a focus of our devotion, and we will now seek out a relic. We will also try to have a permanent explanatory exhibition about Blessed Carlo, a supply of leaflets and holy pictures. UPDATE I: Fr Elio, who celebrates the Mass in Portuguese on Sunday evenings is known to the Blessed Carlo's mother, Antonia Salzano, and has told her about our becoming the diocesan shrine, and she has expressed her pleasure. He has asked her for a secondary relic, that is, something that belonged to the Blessed in his lifetime. UPDATE II: getting hold of the texts for the Mass of Blessed Carlo is proving harder than expected. One has enquired in the obvious places, but without positive result. An email has been sent to Rome to the Congregation for the Liturgy, but without any reply so far, and to several English sources as well, with a similar result. UPDATE III: we have materials for a wall display in the Chapel. Is there anyone who is gifted in this area who would like to help? (Hint: any primary school teachers?)

Liturgical Notes

We are now in the Ordinary Time of the year, which continues up until Lent, which this year begins` on Wednesday 2 March. In Ordinary Time, the vestments are green, which represents growth. The month of February is dedicated to the Holy Family. On days when there is no feast we shall celebrate the Votive Mass of Saint Joseph or the Votive Mass of Our Lady.

- Monday 14 February is the feast of Saint Cyril and Methodius, patron saints of Europe.
- Monday 21 February is the feast of Saint Robert Southwell, priest and martyr.
- Tuesday 22 February is the feast of The Chair of Saint Peter.
- Wednesday 23 February is the feast of Saint Polycarp, bishop and martyr.

Stephanie Fromholz, who lived for many years in Hove Street, and who died in Worthing on 15 October 2021, and whose cremation took place in Worthing, will be remembered at a Requiem Mass here on Saturday 12 March at 10am, at which we will commend her ashes for burial. Her daughters will be present, and this will be an excellent opportunity for us all to show our solidarity with them. Let us continue to pray for the repose of her soul and the comfort of her family.

We have heard the sad news of Neus Mackay, who died at the age of ninety-one, at home in Hangleton on Saturday 5 February. Neus received the Sacrament of the Sick in December. Let us pray for her husband John at this sad time, and let us pray for the repose of her soul. Her funeral Mass will be here on Tuesday March 1 at

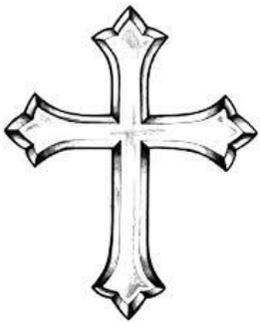
10am, followed by burial in Hove Cemetery.

We have heard the sad news of the death of Lee Hudson, who died on Tuesday 8 February in the Martlets Hospice after a long illness. Lee received the Sacrament of the Sick in December. Let us pray for his mother Anna, at this very sad and difficult time for her. Funeral arrangements will be made known in due course.

Our Care Group met last week and discussed the welfare of the sick, the housebound, the bereaved and those in financial difficulty. We will meet again on Tuesday 3 May at 7pm.

The Jubilee Action Committee met last week, and considered the programme of events that we have planned for the Jubilee, including the ordering of the banners to decorate the side of the Church. A subcommittee was formed to oversee the Tea Dance with Retro Music from the last seven decades. Investigations are going ahead to procure a lecturer. The Children's competition is going ahead, details being overseen by Trish. **Finally, we have the idea of projecting something onto the rear of the Church or the Tower (this has been done before). Do we know anyone who has a suitable window overlooking either?**

Our next Baptism Course will be on Monday 28 March at 8pm in the Hall. If you have a baby to baptise, please get in touch with Fr Alexander who will come and see you at home before the course begins.



Parish Notice Board

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.

Deep Waters Sunday lunches are back, organised by Wellspring Community, for students & young adults. It will be every 1st & 3rd Sunday of the mass after 11am mass (around 12pm) outside St Joseph's. We will gather after mass before going into the kitchen through the back gate to have lunch together. It is a great opportunity to meet & have fellowship with other like minded young adults & students. Starting February 20th.

Lenten Reflection for young adults (18-35) Saturday 12 March 10am – 4pm. To book contact
lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.oeg.uk

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