

Sick Parishioners.

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

Forthcoming events:

Monday 15 February, 12.45am: Funeral service of Marco Gallucci RIP. [
Wednesday 17 February: Ash Wednesday, Lent begins.
Friday 19 February, 7.30pm: Stations of the Cross.
Tuesday 23 February, 10.30am: Funeral Mass of Eileen Banks RIP.
Wednesday 25 February, 10am: Funeral Mass of Jean Williams RIP
Thursday 25th February, 9.30am: Funeral of Avril Hampsell RIP.
Sunday 25 April, 11.15am: Mass of Thanksgiving for 25 years of priesthood

Hall news: We have raised £2,100

towards our target of £30,000. The contract to do up the Hall is been put out to tender. We will soon organise a vote on the Hall's new designation. After discussions, the following has emerged. We could call the Hall after a thing, such a 'The Lighthouse', 'The Beacon' or 'The Hope Hall', or a place 'The Galilee Hall'; or we could call the Hall after a Saint, though it has been pointed out that to do so might be confusing, as, for example 'St James' Hall' might be associated in people's minds with a church of the same designation. We could call it 'The Fisherman's Hall'. Please keep on thinking about it, and watch this space.

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the first of five seasons of mission, helping you to explore God's Invitation to live your life with him.

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We have decided to postpone the start of our FHC programme until Sept 2021.

The sacraments of Eucharist and Reconciliation are so special, that we feel it is important for our children and families that we devote sufficient time for preparation.

We will begin with those children who have already signed up for the programme, even though they will be in Year 4 when they start. We will not be opening the programme to next year's Year 3 children.

If you have any questions about the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion, please do speak to Fr Alexander or email fhcstpeters@gmail.com

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.

578. What is the origin of the Our Father? Jesus taught us this Christian prayer for which there is no substitute, the Our Father, on the day on which one of his disciples saw him praying and asked him, "Lord, teach us to pray" (Luke 11:1). The Church's liturgical tradition has always used the text of Saint Matthew (6:9-13).

Gift Aid: Please can the owner of Gift Aid envelope number 15 contact the Parish office.

Offertory 7 February 2021: £1,027.77

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Find our YouTube channel: search for 'Alexander Lucie-Smith'. Please visit our website which is constantly being updated.

Do take a copy of this newsletter and give it to someone who is staying at home!

This Sunday is the Sixth Sunday in

Ordinary Time. The vestments are green. For those following in a Missal, the readings are from Year B. This is the last 'ordinary' Sunday before Lent. The first reading is taken from the Book of Leviticus, and recounts the Law of Moses with regard to leprosy, reminding us how lepers were isolated from the rest of the community, because they were so infectious. (This reading, which comes up every three years, is now sadly very topical.) In the Gospel we have Saint Mark's account of Jesus curing a leper, who, as a result will be admitted into society once more; though, ironically, Jesus himself has to avoid the places where people live, because the former

leper has told people of the cure. That Jesus becomes an outcast is the sign of the way He takes our sins on Himself, thus redeeming us and restoring us, while sacrificing Himself.

This Sunday we are hearing a Pastoral letter from the Bishop. This is about the 'Invite' initiative, mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter.

This Sunday, there is the annual special collection for the diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage, to enable those who cannot pay the full price to go to Lourdes. If you wish to donate, use one of the special envelopes and place it in the usual parish collection.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 13 February 6pm Simon de Winter RIP
Sunday 14 February 8.30am For all parishioners
Sunday 14 February 10am For benefactors
Sunday 14 February 11.15am Habib Okleh RIP
Monday 15 February 10am Jacques Gallois RIP
Tuesday 16 February 10am Glenn Evans RIP
Wednesday 17 February 10am DM Evans family RIP
Thursday 18 February No Mass
Friday 19 February 10am GE Breda Kelly
Saturday 20 February 10am Deceased Clergy
Saturday 20 February 6pm May Cheney RIP
Sunday 21 February 8.30am For Benefactors
Sunday 21 February 10am For all Parishioners
Sunday 21 February 11.15am Maria Chiquiquira Atenico RIP

Currently we have lots of Mass intentions and we are booked up until after Easter. Thank you for these Mass intentions, which reflect well on our belief that the Mass is the greatest prayer that can be offered, being the prayer of Christ made to the Heavenly Father, in which we join. All the intentions will be offered in due course.

The Parish Team is meeting on Monday March 1 at 7.30pm (venue to be confirmed). The agenda will be based around the paper the Rev Stephen Sharpe has kindly written for us on the way ahead after Covid. This paper is available for all to read on the parish website. If you are not online you can always ask for a hard copy from our parish secretary. One of the suggestions is that we have a parish WhatsApp group. This has now been activated. If you have been added to the group, feel free to leave. If you wish to join please message Fr Alexander.

Liturgical Notes.

On Monday and Tuesday, because there is no feast, we propose to say one of the Masses in the Missal 'For the Sick'. At each of these Masses, the Sacrament of the Sick will be administered to those who request it.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, 17 February, with the Imposition of Ashes at Mass at 10am, and from that point on, there will be no flowers in Church, the vestments will be purple, and there will be no Gloria on Sundays. Two other things to note for Lent. It is customary to do the Stations of the Cross on Fridays in Lent. Last year we did these online, but this year, given that public liturgies are allowed, we will be doing them in a socially distanced manner at 7.30pm on Friday evenings. The Stations will last for 25 minutes maximum. (One can of course do the Stations at any time on one's own in Church, or privately at home.) As for

Confessions, these will take place after every weekday Mass, provided there is no funeral, that is on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. On Tuesdays there is the Rosary as usual after Mass, and on Saturday there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Adoration as usual.

Did you know that our parish, via the deanery, is affiliated with Citizens UK, a group which is committed to community organising and social action, which aims to bring communities and people together for the common good. Would you like to become involved in their work? For initial information, do check out their website, by googling Citizens UK. And please watch this space.

The funeral Mass of the late Eileen Banks will take place at 10.30am on Tuesday 23 February, followed by committal at the Downs Crematorium. Let us pray for the repose of her soul and the comfort of her daughter Therese at this difficult time. (This will replace the 10am Mass on that day.)

The funeral Mass of the late Jean Williams will take place at 10am on Wednesday 24 February. There is no music planned and her son and her son-in-law will be present. Afterwards burial will take place at Hove Cemetery. Parishioners are invited to attend. Attendance at funerals is one of the corporal acts of mercy.

The funeral of the late Avril Hampsell will take place at Woodvale South Chapel at 9.30am on Thursday 25th February. Because Avril had no family, it would be excellent if some of our parishioners could attend in order to assist at providing Avril with a dignified service, remembering that the burial of the dead is a corporal act of mercy. If someone wants to drive Fr

Alexander there, that would be an added bonus. (One of the Masses on Sunday 14th March is being offered for the repose of her soul.)

This year is dedicated to Saint Joseph. Fact Eight about Saint Joseph: Saint Joseph is the patron saint of a happy death. It is accepted by all that, by the time Jesus started His ministry, Saint Joseph had already died. He must have done so with Jesus and Mary at his side to comfort him. As this is what we should all want, Saint Joseph is the one we should pray to for a happy death, the opposite of which is what the liturgy calls a 'sudden and unprovided' one, that is, one without the sacraments of the Church.

Lent

- **Fasting.** This means eating less, so you feel hungry, and feel a hunger for God. It can mean giving up a luxury food or drink: tea, coffee, alcohol, soft drinks, chocolate, sweets, sugar, meat, or anything you find particularly delicious. It is in keeping with the Church's tradition to become vegan or vegetarian or pescatarian for Lent.
 - **Fasting** can also be stretched to mean giving up bad or excessive habits, such as spending too much time on the computer, on social media, reading rubbishy books, sleeping too much, being bad tempered and being generally lazy.
 - **Take something up** is also a good watchword for Lent. Read a good book, perhaps a spiritual classic, get up earlier, take more exercise, develop a good habit, be more sociable.
 - **Praying.** The greatest prayer is attendance at Mass, the more often the better. Then comes the Rosary
- and meditating on the scriptures. We have Lent Day by Day books for adults, infants and juniors at the back of the Church. Very praiseworthy is a visit to the Blessed Sacrament, if the Church opening hours allow. Let us not forget either the prayers of petition and intercession.
- **Almsgiving.** This means giving money to those in need. It is particularly praiseworthy if it is money you have saved by giving up some luxury. Any charitable donation to your fellow human beings counts as almsgiving.
 - **Acts of charity.** This can include reaching out to someone you have not seen for some time, forgiving your enemies (if you have any), visiting the sick or those stuck at home, helping to look after children to give parents a break, offering practical help with household tasks or gardening chores, helping children with their homework, taking food to someone as a present, writing to or visiting someone in prison, befriending strangers, and visiting and supporting the bereaved. Offering encouragement to those who are downhearted, and encouraging people in the faith.
 - **Going to Confession.** This is probably the single most important thing you can do in Lent. Please note the times elsewhere in this newsletter.
 - **This list is not exhaustive.** The suggestions are meant for people of all ages. If we were all to do just some of these things, our parish would be transformed!

Parish Notice Board

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.

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

Music Tuition

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

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Caroline's Kitchen – Tel 595922
Caterers for Baptisms, etc. Tel 595922 or carolineriley@carolines-kitchen.co.uk

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

Host Families needed

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Studenthomes.me@hotmail.com

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Dr James Westbrook Dip. Mus., FLCM, PhD (Music, Cambridge).
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Marriage Preparation Course

You will need to contact Esther Lyon 01273 698182. www.stpetersbrighton.org

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.

Counselling Service

Contact Lara who is experienced with counselling people with substance abuse, sexual abuse, bereavement, couple counselling.
Tel 07787 555168
<http://www.larasmith.co.uk>

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You, are Invited.

Lizzie Wakeling, Youth Ministry Adviser