

Sunday 28 January 2024 is World Leprosy Day.

The John Bradburne Memorial Society (JBMS) endeavours to continue and uphold the legacy of John Bradburne, 'Servant of God', a Franciscan layman who cared for the leprosy patients living at the Mutemwa Leprosy Care Centre in Zimbabwe for the last 10 years of his life until he was murdered. JBMS helps to provide essential items to the community at Mutemwa.

Leprosy is a curable disease, but unfortunately the stigma and lack of education associated with the disease means people do not get treated early enough to prevent the development of disabilities.

Together with your kind support and prayers we continue our promise to uphold John Bradburne's legacy in supporting those living at Mutemwa with leprosy. To donate:

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Pope Francis' intention for January: For the gift of diversity in the Church. That the Spirit helps us to recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions at the heart of the Catholic Church.

Prayer for our Diocese

- Bishop Richard, and all the lay faithful, religious, deacons and priests in our communities – parishes, schools, monasteries, convents, prisons – as we strive to build our communities into strong, lively schools of discipleship.
- Use the Scriptures this month to reflect on your Baptismal calling and anointing for mission: to preach the Gospel and to "go, make disciples of all the nations" (Matt. 28:19).
- For all who proclaim the Word, and for all who listen as the Scriptures are proclaimed: that God's word may land on rich soil and bear fruit. For those who have not yet heard the message of Christ: that we may be willing to bring them the good news of salvation.

Lord, the Word who is Life.
May all the people of our Diocese grow in openness to the power of the Holy Spirit,
so that through a growth in understanding and courage,
and truly open to your call,
we may bear powerful witness to all around us,
for you are Lord for ever and ever.
Amen.

Offertory

24 December 2023= £1309
31 December 2023 = £1350
7 January 2024 = £1334

St Peter's Catholic Church

Diocesan Shrine of the Blessed

Carlo Acutis.

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14 January 2024



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Mass intentions

Sat 13 Jan, 6pm: For all parishioners
Sun 14 Jan, 8.30am: For all parishioners
Sun 14 Jan, 10am: For all parishioners
Sun 14 Jan 11.30am: Ignacy Mackowiak RIP
Mon 15 Jan, 10am: For all parishioners
Tue 16 Jan, 10am: For all parishioners
Wed 17 Jan, 10am: For all parishioners
Thu 18 Jan: No mass
Fri 19 Jan, 10am: Holy Souls
Sat 20 Jan, 6pm: Holy Souls
Sunday 21 Jan, 8.30am: For all parishioners
Sun 21 Jan, 10am: For all parishioners
Sun 21 Jan, 11.30am: For all parishioners

This Sunday is the Second Sunday of the Year. John's account of Jesus meeting Simon Peter and Andrew is rather different to Mark's story. John tells us that Andrew was first a follower of John the Baptist, and after meeting Jesus he brings Peter to him. In Mark's story (which we hear next Sunday), Jesus sees the two of them in their boat and calls them. It is entirely possible that the events of today's Gospel precede those narrated by Mark, and though the two disciples had already met Jesus, they had yet to be asked to leave fishing behind them. This might help to explain why they responded so quickly to his call by the lakeside.

But 'harmonising' the gospels in this way is not really necessary. What matters more is discerning what each evangelist is saying to us through their telling of the story. John's account shows us how people are led to Jesus. John points Jesus out to two of his disciples. They then go and encounter Jesus for themselves. We are told they spent 'the rest of the day' with him, Given that it was the 10th hour, that was about two hours. Andrew, having encountered Jesus, then tells his brother and brings him to Jesus.

Another theme of John's story is that of 'seeing deeply'. John 'stares hard' at Jesus and recognises him as the Lamb of God. Jesus 'looks hard' at Peter and sees in him the rock on which, according to Matthew, he will build the Church. In both cases they 'see' something which is beyond the visible and superficial.

To 'see' in this way, to perceive the deeper reality of things, is something we too must strive for. Bishop Richard has spent a great deal of time, consultation and prayer to 'see' the way forward for the diocese, which he has set out in the Pastoral Plan.

And what we 'see' is that the way forward is to follow the Lamb of God, the Messiah, the Word who is Life. As Bishop Richard puts it: "We are called to be ever more closely conformed to Christ, that as His disciples we may bring the Good News to our brothers and sisters".

Bishop Richard has written a new Pastoral Plan for the Diocese, 'The Word Who is Life: The Call to Mission'.

As society becomes more secular our parishes must be ever-clearer beacons of light guiding people to Christ. The new plan highlights how our community of faith can embrace this important time of renewal, forging diocesan parishes into communities of saints and strong, lively and welcoming schools of discipleship. The Pastoral Plan is now on the diocesan website:

www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/pastoral-plan

Printed copies are available at the back of the church.

Lord, The Word who is Life. May all the people of our Diocese grow in openness to the power of the Holy Spirit, so that through a growth in understanding and courage, and truly open to your call, we may bear powerful witness to all around us, for you are Lord for ever and ever, Amen.

As you are aware, we do not have a resident priest at Saint Peter's until the summer. The Church is presently being served by visiting priests, among whom are Fr Rod Jones OSB, who is the dean, and his fellow monks, along with Fr Chris Benyon, Fr Carl Davies, Fr Paul Wilkinson, Fr Celestine, the hospital chaplain, and others.

In the meantime, the parish secretary and the parish treasurer will be available during office hours as shown at the top of this newsletter. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the office and we will do our best to help you.

There is a need for help with running things in the church now more than ever. If you think you could spare some time please do contact the office to discuss what you might do.

Mass Intentions are being managed by the office and our team of priests. Please do make requests using the envelopes at the back of the church or by email.

Day of Reflection for Ministers of the Eucharist on Saturday 10 February. Free of charge. Bishop Richard will lead a day of reflection and formation for Ministers of the Eucharist at St Michael's, High Salvington, Worthing from 11am to 4pm. The day will include theological and practical talks, eucharistic adoration and mass. Please register by email to formation@abdiocese.org.uk

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. Thank you to the liturgy team who keep this running for the parish.

Please remember, if you need a baptism certificate, a confirmation certificate, or a marriage certificate, the email address you need to use is as follows: SaintPeterArchives@gmail.com

The Royal Sussex County Hospital chaplain is Fr Celestine, who can be reached by phone on 01273 696955 ext. 64122 or celestine.nnolim@nhs.net. Fr Celestine is in the hospital from 8.30am to 4.30pm every weekday.

The Social Club is back up and running on Fridays from 1.30pm in the hall. Agnes and Jenny will be there to welcome you all. New members are welcome.

We have a permanent Book Exchange in the hall, which you will find by the windows above the cupboard to one side of the main entrance. Please help yourself to any books you like the look of, as they all need good and appreciative homes. We have lots of books in stock at present, so please help yourselves! We are not particularly soliciting donations for the moment.

The UCM is hosting a table-top sale of unwanted gifts next Tuesday, 2 - 4pm in the hall.

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

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.

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

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

Catering Services
Please contact Victoria for your catering needs. She will be happy to talk and guide you through her menus which she tailors to each individual's needs. Victoria Myall, Victoriamyall@hotmail.com or Tel 07788673097

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