

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.

Does your parish have room for an apple tree or two?

An orchard in Sussex has kindly offered to give away some top-quality apple trees to our parishes of Arundel and Brighton! These trees are bare-root, 6-ft and ready for planting (before end of March), so please do get in touch with us ASAP a parish_rep@journeyto2030.org if you are interested. Please speak with your Parish Priest before applying.

Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group

The charity provides emotional and practical support to asylum seekers and other migrants held in immigration detention at Gatwick. In normal times we support about 1,000 people each year through our staff and volunteer visitors. We are looking for a new Treasurer, a qualified Accountant, to replace George Fitzsimons who is retiring from the post. We would be delighted to hear from anyone who is interested. For more information and without any obligation, please contact George Fitzsimons: gfitz62246@aol.com

Donations to the church: for those who have requested information on how to donate to our Parish, whether through Gift Aid or payments directly through the Parish bank account, all your questions are answered on our website. The information is available once you click on the Donate button on the homepage. The Parish Office is always here if you require further assistance.

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.

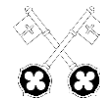
588. What does "Hallowed be thy Name" mean? To hallow or make holy the Name of God is above all a prayer of praise that acknowledges God as holy. In fact, God revealed his holy Name to Moses and wanted his people to be consecrated for him as a holy nation in which he would dwell.

589. How is the Name of God made holy in us and in the world? To make holy the Name of God, who calls us "to holiness" (1 Thessalonians 4:7) is to desire that our baptismal consecration animate our whole life. In addition, it is to ask –with our lives and our prayers – that the Name of God be known and blessed by every man.

590. What does the Church ask for when she prays "Thy Kingdom come"? The Church prays for the final coming of the Kingdom of God through Christ's return in glory. The Church prays also that the Kingdom of God increase from now on through people's sanctification in the Spirit and through their commitment to the service of justice and peace in keeping with the Beatitudes. This petition is the cry of the Spirit and the Bride: "Come, Lord Jesus" (Revelation 22:20).

Offertory Collection Offertory Sunday 07 Mar 2021 = £1,539.

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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 Fourth Sunday of Lent.

For those following in a Missal, the readings are from Year B. The first reading comes from the Second Book of Chronicles and gives a resumé of the history of Israel: because the people have ignored God, the have been sent into exile and the Temple has been destroyed; but seventy years later Cyrus, the Persian king, allows them to go home and rebuild the Temple. God punishes His people, but also forgives them, hoping that they have learned their lesson. The psalm is the very famous song of the Babylonian exiles, which some of us will remember as being set to music by Boney M. In the Gospel, from Saint John, Jesus explains to Nicodemus that He has come into the world not to condemn it but to redeem it. This work of redemption, carried

out on the Cross, is the supreme act of divine love.

This Sunday is known as Laetare Sunday,

from the first words of the Mass: 'Rejoice, Jerusalem'. It marks the halfway point of Lent, and the vestments are rose. By tradition, we can take a break in our penitential practices. Because of this, and because it is Mothering Sunday as well, we are holding a cake sale. Our stall will be outside the Church in Tamworth Road, from roughly 9.15am until after the 11.15am Mass. (Needless to say, please observe social distancing in the fresh air; and let's hope it is not raining. If it is, we shall do the stall under shelter). All monies from the cake sale will go to our Hall refurbishment fund.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 13 March 6pm For all parishioners
Sunday 14 March 8.30am Peter O'Byrne RIP
Sunday 14 March 10am Avril Hampsell RIP
Sunday 14 March 11.15am Sophie Alice Lowrey RIP
Monday 15 March 10am Marijona RIP
Tuesday 16 March 10am A special intention
Wednesday 17 March 10am Maxine Ainscough RIP
Thursday 18 March No Mass
Friday 19 March 10am Captain Sir Tom Moore
Saturday 20 March 10am Fr Alexander's intention
Saturday 20 March 6pm Aida Khalil RIP
Sunday 21 March 8.30am For Benefactors
Sunday 21 March 10am For all Parishioners
Sunday 21 March 11.15am GE Chan Peng Yee

Stations of the Cross will be at 7.30pm this Friday and every Friday in Lent. The Stations will last for 25 minutes maximum. Confessions will take place after every weekday Mass in Lent, 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 from after Mass until 4pm.

Liturgical Notes.

This week there are two important feasts, neither of which count as days of Lent. Wednesday is the feast of Saint Patrick, bishop, patron saint of Ireland and Nigeria. Friday is the solemnity of Saint Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Fr Alexander writes: As I mentioned last week, we need to pivot from warning people about Covid to preparing ourselves to a return to normal. This third lockdown has been very hard for a number of reasons and a lot of people are feeling very isolated and depressed as a result. We will soon be able to start social activities, but before that we can and must revive our liturgical activities. So now is the time to encourage and invite people to come back to Mass, bearing in mind that we are past the peak of the pandemic and that the vaccination programme goes from strength to strength. Moreover, no one has caught Covid in our Church, thanks to the sterling efforts of our cleaners, and our ventilation policy, thanks be to God. (Nor have there been any outbreaks in other Churches, to the best of my knowledge). In encouraging people to return, we can all play our part. I would urge everyone to make contact with a parishioner they have not seen for some time, in whatever way seems best – email, phone, or conversation in the street – and invite them to return. If everyone

currently in Church on a Sunday does that, it will surely have an effect. Let us just hope that we do not all phone up the same person!

Hall news: We have raised £3,695 towards our target of £30,000. We have received tenders from two contractors and are awaiting a third; then we shall make a decision on who is to undertake the work, and then we should have a start date.

The Parish Team Social subcommittee and the Communications subcommittee will meet on Monday 12 April, to consider future plans. From 7.15-8.15pm the Social subcommittee will meet, with the aim of planning and organising some social events which will reach different sections of the parish. From 8.15-9.15pm the Communications subcommittee will meet to plan the advertising of the above social events, and to discuss how we use our social media and other platforms to communicate with the parish to bring them back post-covid.

How is Lent going?
Have you prayed more?
Have you fasted?
Have you gone to Confession?
Have you given something to those in need?

The Bishop has circulated a set of instructions about the Holy Week services. The good news is that these will all be going ahead. The bad news is that they will all be happening in a rather curtailed way, in order to shorten them, so as to lessen the chance of spreading Covid. This means, for example, that there will be no procession with palms, but palms will be distributed at the end of Mass on Palm Sunday. There will be no altar of repose on Maundy Thursday, nor any foot washing. The short version of the Passion will be

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Confirmation preparation is starting. The first session takes place in the Hall on Sunday 28 March at 7pm. Strict social distancing will be enforced as will all Covid protocols.

Forthcoming events:

Sunday 14 March: Cake sale.
Wednesday 17 March: Feast of Saint Patrick
Friday 19 March: Feast of Saint Joseph.
Friday 19 March, 7.30pm: Stations of the Cross.
Thursday 25 March: Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord.
Sunday 28 March, 7pm, Confirmation, session one.
Thursday 1 April, Maundy Thursday, 8pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper.
Friday 2 April, Good Friday, 3pm: Liturgy of the Passion.
Saturday 3 April, Holy Saturday, 8pm: Solemn Vigil of Easter.
Sunday 4 April, Easter Sunday: Mass at 8.30am, 10am, 11.15am.
Monday 12 April, 7.15pm: Parish Team subcommittees meeting.
Sunday 25 April, 11.15am: Mass of Thanksgiving for 25 years of priesthood



Parish Notice Board

Guitar Lessons- all styles.

Dr James Westbrook Dip. Mus., FLCM,
PhD (Music, Cambridge).
jrw84@cam.ac.uk or: 07836 550210

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.

Thinking of driving lessons? Please
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Contact Lara who is experienced with
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with their Mortgage, Pension and
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financial.co.uk](mailto:nicklee@pebble-financial.co.uk)

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newspapers all over Brighton and Hove. If
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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.

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