

## Forthcoming Events

Sunday 14 May, 7pm-8.30pm: Confirmation.
Tuesday 16 May, 3.45pm to 5.15pm: First Holy Communion.
Tuesday 16 May, 7pm: Meeting of the Finance Committee.
Thursday 18 May, noon: Ascension Thursday Mass at Sacred Heart.
Thursday 18 May, 7pm: Ascension Thursday Mass.
Thursday 18 May, 8pm: Social Dancing
Friday 19 May, 1.30pm: Social Club.
Sunday 21 May, 7pm-8.30pm: No Confirmation, Duke of Edinburgh weekend.

**Gift Aid Envelopes.** There are a number of uncollected Gift Aid envelope boxes at the back of the church, so if you haven't done so already please pick up your box as soon as possible.

If you wish to alter how you donate and no longer require the envelopes please contact the Parish office so we can cancel your order. A large number of boxes were not collected last year, and since each box costs the Parish £2.63 we are trying to avoid wastage.

When you Gift Aid your offertory donations we are able to claim another 25% of the amount you give from the tax man. If you are not already Gift Aiding your offertory donations and would like to do so now, please contact the Parish office. Besides using the one off white Gift Aid envelopes you can also Gift Aid your offertory donation via standing order, using the Dona machine or via the Parish website.

Some 2022 statistics for you:

- Total offertory cash donations Gift Aided by numbered envelope = £12,565

- Total offertory donations Gift Aided by standing order = £36,898
- Total offertory cash donations *not* Gift Aided = £22,350

For information on anything Gift Aid related please contact the Parish office. We wish to make donating accessible to all and thank you for your continued support.

**Two courses at Our Lady of Lourdes** parish, Rottingdean, BN2 7GA - offered by Fr Maksym; all parishes in the Deanery are welcome to take part.

**RCIA preparation course.** Every Tuesday, 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. - A formation programme for catechists of RCIA courses, covering all aspects of Catholic teaching, including dogmatic, moral and sacramental theology. Open to all catechists and to those who would like to deepen their understanding of the faith and also to adults preparing for baptism and enquirers about the Catholic faith.

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**, Saturday at 3.00pm in the Parish Hall - 5 sessions on May 13, 20, 27, June 3, 10. The sessions are based on Church Documents and Canon Law and will cover:

1. Ordinary and extraordinary ministers, the difference in general; role and function of EMHC.
2. The sacrifice of the Holy Eucharist and its relation to Holy Communion outside Mass; Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion.
3. Canonical aspects of receiving Holy Communion and the ministry of EMHC.
4. Mistakes and abuses against the Holy Eucharist and matters to be observed or avoided regarding the most Holy Eucharist'.
5. Practical aspects of exercising the ministry both at Mass and outside of Mass.

## St Peter's Catholic Church

### Diocesan Shrine of the Blessed

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14 May 2023



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Follow us on Twitter @HoveSaint Join us on Facebook: search for 'Saint Peter's, Hove'. Find our YouTube channel: search for 'Alexander Lucie-Smith'. We are doing a virtual Walking Tour Through the Bible, starting with the Book of Genesis, in bite size chunks. We are now beginning the prophet Jeremiah. Please visit our website which is constantly being updated.

**This Sunday is the Sixth Sunday of Easter.** The prayers and readings are to be found in the yellow books on page 268. The first reading, from the Acts of the Apostles, tells us how Philip, one of the newly appointed deacons, went on a mission to proclaim the Good News to the Samaritans. In the second reading, Saint Peter is talking to the newly baptised Christians of Rome and reminding them to explain the faith to unbelievers "with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in

the accusations that they bring." He points out that Jesus, who was condemned to a criminal's death, was innocent. In the Gospel, from Saint John, Jesus tells us that if we love Him, we will keep His commandments. This implies that keeping the commandments can be done more easily if we do so out of love, rather than duty, or perhaps fear.

**This Sunday, there is Children's Liturgy** at the 10am Mass.

### Mass intentions

Saturday 13 May, 6pm: For all parishioners
Sunday 14 May, 8.30am: Tony and Hazel Hayler RIP
Sunday 14 May, 10am: Sheila Coldicott RIP
Sunday 14 May, 11.30am: Eira and John Crichton RIP
Monday 15 May, 10am: Holy Souls
Tuesday 16 May, 10am: Giuliana Sussex RIP
Wednesday 17 May, 10am: Margaret Campbell RIP
Thursday 18 May, 7pm: For Vocations
Friday 19 May, 10am: Bernie Harvey RIP (2 anniv)
Saturday 20 May, 6pm: Padraig Grealish RIP
Sunday 21 May, 8.30am: Maureen O'Neill RIP
Sunday 21 May, 10am: For all parishioners
Sunday 21 May, 11.30am: Gerald Meaden RIP

**Many thanks to all those who made** the Coronation Weekend events the success they were. Thanks to the servers who

were there on the eve of Coronation Mass on the Friday, which meant we were able to have incense, and thanks to Hamish for his superb playing. Thanks to all the musicians on Sunday for helping with the National Anthem and the Domine, Salvum fac. Abundant thanks to our Syrian parishioners who catered a magnificent feast in the Hall after the 11.30am Mass, which everyone said was delicious, and which was all eaten with the greatest of pleasure. We hope to have another Syrian buffet for the feast of Saint Charbel. And thanks to all who contributed to the Tea Dance, by decorating and preparing the Hall, by baking, by providing music and making it all such fun. We can safely say that our parish was fully compliant in carrying out the orders of the Bishops' Conference on how to celebrate this great national occasion. It was particularly nice to have a Syrian Coronation lunch, given that HM King is a longstanding friend of the Christians of the Middle East. In the meantime, with donations for the food on both occasions we have been able to send the sum of £340 to Aid to the Church in need, which we have asked this charity to earmark for Syria.

### **Liturgical notes**

It is the month of May, which is traditionally devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Because of this, we shall be singing the traditional Marian hymns at the end of Mass, and on days when there is no funeral, we shall have the Rosary after the weekday Mass.

**Thursday is the feast of the Ascension** of the Lord. There will be an 'extra' Mass for this important

feast, a holy day of obligation, at 7pm in the evening. Please note that Mass will also be celebrated at noon at the Sacred Heart Church in Norton Road, to which all are welcome.

### **The period between Ascension**

Thursday and Pentecost Sunday, which marks the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Church, is the time in which the apostles 'devoted themselves with one accord to prayer, together with some women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.' (Acts 1:14). This period of nine days of prayer in the original novena. During these nine days we should involve the Holy Spirit by praying or singing the Veni Creator/Come Holy Spirit. We will do this at each Mass between Ascension and Pentecost.

**Monday 29 May is the third Bank Holiday of the month**, and it is also the feast of Mary, Mother of the Church. Mass will be at 10am, and by popular demand, we shall have a Power breakfast in Scottie's afterwards. All are invited. Please note this in your diary now.

**Friday is the feast of Saint Dunstan**, bishop.

**Please note that from now on**, as the Bishop has requested, we shall endeavour to have one Mass a week for the intention of Vocations.

**Confessions are after Mass on Friday** morning, at 10.30am. On Saturday

Confessions are heard before the evening Mass, at 5.15pm until 5.45pm.

### **The funeral of the late Michael**

**Wilkinson** will take place here at 11.30 on Tuesday 30th May. After the Requiem Mass, to be celebrated by his brother, Father Paul Wilkinson, burial will follow that afternoon at Woodingdean cemetery. This will replace the 10am Mass on that day.

**The next Baptism course** is taking place on Monday 29 May in the Hall at 8pm. If you have a baby to baptise, you will need to contact Fr Alexander and he will come and see you at home first.

**Social dancing happens at 8pm** in the Hall on Thursday; all are welcome. On Friday the Social club meets at 1.30pm.

**The meeting of the Finance Committee** will take place on Tuesday 16 May. One thing we are hoping to do very soon is reintroduce counters and bankers, which means we would like those who did this in the past, if they are able to re-volunteer, and others to volunteer afresh. If you are approached, this means counting the collection (not every week, there would be a rota) and taking the collection to the bank. Until now Vincent has been doing this all on his own. Incidentally, the counting rota was abolished on the advice of the diocese given the mistaken idea that handling money could be a way of catching Covid. This is now known not to be the case.

**We are looking at the list of Extraordinary Ministers** of Holy Communion. Some have retired since Covid, and we are very grateful to them

for all their work over the years. We will try to recruit some replacements. This is a very important ministry of the Church, and involves helping with the distribution of Holy Communion under both kinds at Mass, but also taking Holy Communion to the sick and housebound. When we have got our list together we shall have a refresher course and meet to discuss any problems and challenges we might have. One thing the parish needs is people who are willing to visit the sick at home and take them Holy Communion; this necessitates a DBS check in some circumstances. But this ministry is very important and needs to be prioritised.

### **All the Parish Core Groups of Hove**

met last Tuesday, which included the Acutis Group. The idea of this meeting was to get to know each other and to explore the way forward with regard to the union of the three parishes of Hove, which is due to take place in the next few years. The meeting was cheerful and productive, and we will meet again in July. There is not much to report at this stage, but we are all keen to 'grow together.' With this in mind, please note the Mass on Thursday 1 June at Sacred Heart at 7pm which is an opportunity for the entire deanery to come together in prayer, and which will be followed by a social.

**The SVP shop more or less next door** to our Church on Portland Road, is looking for volunteers. If you would like to help, do pop in and ask to speak to Rachel, the manager, or phone her on 01273 325397. The SVP as you all know is the charity inspired by Saint Vincent de Paul, which helps those in need.

**Offertory collection** Sun 7 May 2023 = £1,378.34. Collection for the Syria Earthquake £339.39

## Parish Notice Board

**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.

**If you miss Mass on a Sunday morning,** and this does sometimes happen, remember that there is Mass in Portuguese at 5pm on Sundays, and the Brazilian and Portuguese community is always happy to welcome visitors.

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

**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.

**Deep Waters Sunday lunches,** organised by Wellspring Community, for students & young adults. Every 1st & 3rd Sunday of the mass after 11am mass (around 12pm) outside St Joseph's. It is a great opportunity to meet & have fellowship with other like minded young adults & students.

**We are collecting donations for the Food Bank.** Please leave your donation

(in date items only please) in the tub inside the door of the Outer Sacristy. If locked, by the door.

**What is the 200 Club?** This was set up initially twenty years ago to raise money for the parish Link construction between church and hall, and when that was paid off we kept the 200 Club going to support the charities which the parishioners voted for. It now supports two charities selected by our parishioners, namely **Reaching the Unreached** <https://www.rtu.org.uk/>, and **Sussex Nightstop** [www.sussexnightstop.org.uk](http://www.sussexnightstop.org.uk) Information about these charities is available at the back of the church and on our notice boards in the Link.

How it works? Sign up for £52 per year for a chance to win a bi-monthly draw payable annually, half yearly or quarterly. 1<sup>st</sup> prize is £200, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize is £90 and third prize is £50, all the while your money is helping others. We are looking for new members, so please do get in touch with the Parish office if you wish to join.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:raj@seagulldelivery.co.uk)

### Music Tuition

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

### SVP England & Wales Tower House

provides sociable lunches and more for older people in Brighton & Hove. Tuesdays we host a memory café providing support, snacks and activities for people with dementia and their carers. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday join us for lunch, visit our pop-up or take part in art and activities. To book contact us on [towerhouse@svp.org.uk](mailto:towerhouse@svp.org.uk) or 01273 549604

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



### Thank you for your offertory donations via the Dona device

If you are an existing Gift Aid donor, you still need to opt-in for Gift Aid on this system – it is not linked to the envelope or standing order system. You can also donate directly to St Peter's via the Dona donations webpage on our website at <http://www.stpeters-hove.org.uk/donations/> Or just click on the Donate button on the home page and follow the instructions.





**List of Hall Clubs at St Peter's**

<b>Day</b>
Monday 9.15 - 10.15
Monday 10.15 - 11.30
Tuesday 17.00-19.00
Tuesday 19.15 – 21.00
Tuesday 14.30
Wednesday 9.45–11.45
Wednesday 14.15-19.00
Wednesday 19.00-21.00
Wednesday 09.30-12.00
Thursday 15.30.-16.30
Thursday 09.30 - 12.00
Thursday 15.30.-16.30
Thursday 16.45 -18.00
Thursday 18.00 – 19.45
Thursday 20.00 – 22.00
Friday 9.30- 10.30 P
Fridays 10.30.13.30
Friday 13.30- 15.30

<b>Event</b>
Yoga
Tai Chi
Brownies
Guides
UCM
Baby Ballet
Alta Academy of Dance
Union of Catholic Mothers
Music with Mike
West Hove Dance Academy
Music with Mike
West Hove Dance Academy
Rainbows
Brownies
Social Dancing
Pilates
ESOL (English language lessons)
Apostles Lunch Club

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Winter meetings time January - 11 April
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