

## Forthcoming events:

Sunday 14 Nov, 4pm: Holy Hour.
Sunday 14 Nov, 7pm, Confirmation rehearsal
Monday 15 Nov, 7.45pm: Meeting of the Platinum Jubilee Action Committee.
Thursday 18 Nov, 8pm: Social Dancing.
Friday 19 Nov, 1.30-3pm: Social Club, film: Billy Elliot.
Saturday 20 Nov, 3pm Confirmation Mass
Sunday 21 Nov, 4pm: Holy Hour.
Sunday 28 Nov: Cake bring and buy after 10am and 11.15am Masses
Sunday 28 Nov, 4pm: Holy Hour. Tuesday 30 Nov, 7.30: Synod meeting.
Wednesday 1 Dec, 10.30am: Synod meeting.
Saturday 4 Dec, 9 - 10.30am/11- 12.30pm First Holy Communion.
Sunday 5 Dec, 10am: FHC Mass.
Sunday 5 Dec; Book Exchange in the Hall
Tuesday 7 Dec, 7.30: Synod meeting.
Wednesday 8 Dec, 10.30am: Synod meeting.
Sunday 12 Dec: Children's clothes & toys' Freecycle.

## We are preparing ourselves for the Synod

with a series of meetings in Advent, which will take place in the Upper Room at 7.30 pm on 30 November, 7 December, 14 December and 21 December. These meetings will be chaired by Kate Williamson and will use material prepared by the diocese. There will be additional meetings in the Hall on Wednesdays 1 December, 8 December, 15 December and 22 December after Mass, at 10.30am, for those who prefer a daytime appointment. From an interview with Cardinal Grech on the upcoming Synod.

The synodal process has come in for criticism over the years. What do you say to each of these concerns? a) Its decentralizing effect is causing doctrinal confusion and “doctrinal anarchy” within the Church b) Synods are vehicles for heterodoxy, a means of introducing liberal teachings and secular values into the Church, mainly because many of those being consulted are poorly catechized c) Synodality is merely a process of Protestantization of the Church — it has been tried in Protestant communities and led to division and disunity. Pope Francis intends that the Synod no longer be merely an event, but rather a process in which each baptized can be heard. If the bishops do not listen to those who are poorly catechized, we will never know how to heal the poorly catechized through our magisterium. As a result, when properly understood and engaged, the synodal process is meant to heal doctrinal confusion and anarchy, by recognizing the specific grace given to each believer and placing this grace in dialogue with the bishops. By will of Christ, this listening process must be led by the Church's pastors to whom has been entrusted a specific charism of discernment, and above all by the Successor of Peter, who is the principle of unity in the Church. Listening to the People of God, therefore, does not mean adjusting to heterodox opinions, but recognizing the voice of the Holy Spirit within the whole of the baptized. In this way, synodality is not the Protestantization of the Catholic Church. Each Christian confession has its own way of understanding and living synodality. The Catholic way to synodality is rooted on communion, which is Christ's gift to the Church; communion lived within the relational dynamic that exists between the People of God, the bishops in their charism of discernment, and the Holy Father's exercise of his Petrine Primacy.

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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'. Right now we are doing a virtual Walking Tour Through the Bible, starting with the Book of Genesis, in bite size chunks. We are currently on the First Book of Samuel. Please visit our website which is constantly being updated. Do ask to join our WhatsApp group.

**This Sunday is the Thirty-Third (and penultimate) Sunday of the Year.** The prayers and readings can be found in the blue Mass books on page 157. The first reading comes from the prophecy of Daniel, and is the vision of the Last Judgement, when the dead will rise, some to go to an eternal reward and some to eternal punishment, a scene which is illustrated by Michelangelo in the Sistine Chapel. The Gospel, from Saint Mark, is also about the End, when Christ shall judge the world. We are coming to the end of the Church's year, and so our attention should be on the Four Last Things: death,

judgement, heaven and hell. This should not frighten us, but at the same time, it requires our careful attention.

This Sunday is Remembrance Sunday being the Sunday closest to Armistice Day. The 11.15am Mass will be a Requiem for all the Dead of War. There will be no Gloria, but the Creed will be sung.

**Many people no longer carry money** – hence our machine for electronic donations at the back – but if you do, Josie will be collecting loose change and notes after all Sunday Masses in November in aid of the Hall. She will have her bucket, so please do be generous!

**Once more this Sunday at 4pm** we are holding a Holy Hour, ending in good time before the Lusophone Mass which is at 5pm. This hour has the advantage of being at the evocative time of sunset. The idea of the Holy Hour (much loved by the Blessed Carlo Acutis, who made one as often as he could) is to spend time with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, usually having silent prayer, hymns, the Evening Prayer of the Church (Vespers) and Benediction. This is a very good way of praying for the dead, and also remembering the bereaved and showing our solidarity with them.

**We are aware that there is something** wrong with the sound system. Steps are being taken to remedy this.

**As you may have heard last week, we** have a visitor in the parish, Father Stipica Lesic, who is a priest of the Archdiocese of Sarajevo in Bosnia-Herzegovina, a city that has often played a role in European history. We are very pleased to welcome him, and as he is here to perfect his

English before going to the missions in Uganda, please do your best to help him practice his English.

**This Sunday at 7pm our Confirmation** candidates will be meeting in Church for the rehearsal. Let us pray for them. Parents and sponsors need to attend as well. Confirmation is on Saturday 20 November. The rehearsal will not last more than an hour at the very most.

### Mass Intentions

Saturday 13 November 6pm Basil Reynaud RIP
Sunday 14 November 8.30am Edith Ming RIP
Sunday 14 November 10am For all parishioners/50 anniv James Docteur RIP
Sunday 14 November 11.15am DM Zorzan and Pierri families.
Monday 15 November 10am John Tomlinson RIP
Tuesday 16 November 10am Mary Peyton RIP
Wednesday 17 November 10am DM O'Meara and Smyth families
Thursday 18 November No Mass
Friday 19 November 10am Tom J. Fitzgerald RIP
Saturday 20 November 10am DM Cashman and Smyth families
Saturday 20 November 6pm For our benefactors
Sunday 21 November 8.30am Deceased Clergy RIP
Sunday 21 November 10am For all Parishioners
Sunday 21 November 11.15am Holy Souls/the War Dead

### Liturgical notes

The month of November is dedicated to prayer for the faithful departed. On days when there is no feast we shall celebrate the daily Mass for the Dead.

Monday is the feast of Saint Albert the Great.

Tuesday is the feast of Saint Margaret of Scotland.

Wednesday is the feast of Saint Hugh of Lincoln.

**Children's Liturgy will start again on Sunday 21 November**, which is the feast of Christ the King. Thanks to those who have volunteered to help. Would anyone else like to do so?

**The Platinum Jubilee Action Committee** meets this Monday at 7.45pm in the Hall. We are going to discuss and plan our activities for the Platinum Jubilee this coming June, when the country celebrates 70 years since the Queen came to the throne.

**You may notice that the Hall chairs are** looking brand new. This is because a kind parishioner took them all home and scrubbed them. Many thanks to her! Because the cleaned chairs look good we do not need to buy new ones, which will save us a considerable amount. We also have a cleaner for our Hall.

**We are having a cake sale at the end of** the month on Sunday 28 November after the 10am and 11.15am Masses. The idea is a cake bring and buy, and to fill the Hall with happy cake eaters; any money made can be used for a good cause, eg the parish poor fund. But rather than a money-making exercise this is meant to be a

community building exercise. By this time, we hope, the glass doors will be in place and we can attract passers by in to try our cakes and sample our hospitality.

**Meanwhile, do you find you have too many books?** We propose a one day Book Exchange in the Hall on Sunday 5 December. Bring your excess books to Mass, and leave them on the tables in the Hall; then browse and take whatever books take your fancy. No money will change hands, but hopefully you will find something nice to read.

**Furthermore, do you find you have too many redundant children's toys, bicycles, and clothes, all in good condition?** How about bringing them to the hall on Sunday 12 December for 'freecycling'? Again, no money will change hands, but it is hoped that the stuff cluttering up your house will go to good new homes.

**Tours for prospective reception** children joining Cottesmore St Mary September 2022. A range of tours, for the parents of prospective Reception children, joining September 2022, are available at Cottesmore St Mary Catholic Primary School throughout November and early December. For all dates, and for more information, please visit the school website. As well as highlighting all tour dates, at the top of this website page, you will find a video that celebrates the school community as well as other useful documentation. To book your place on a tour, please contact the school office on 01273 555811 or email [ruthyahiatene@cottesmore.brighton-hove.sch.uk](mailto:ruthyahiatene@cottesmore.brighton-hove.sch.uk) All at Cottesmore St Mary are looking forward to meeting you and

showing you what their school family has to offer.

**Do please, especially if you have not** thought about it before, come to either or both of the following activities. Social dancers meet in the Hall on Thursday at 8pm. The Social Club meets on Fridays at 1.30pm and meets for two hours. Both are meant to be fun social occasions. Do please bring all your friends with you. This Friday we are showing the film Billy Elliot, a much loved modern classic.

### Sick Parishioners.

Please pray for Caroline Audy, Margaret Chapman, Jim and Valerie Lee, Vincent O'Rourke, Dennis Tribe, Rosemary Kilcourse, Liz Perkins, Richard Martin, Sheila Coldicott, Margaret Heffernan, Eric Mee, Maria Knight.

**Offertory Collection.** Sunday 7 November - £. 1,719.10, Retired Priests: £323.22.

**200 Club September Draw Winners!** Congratulations to: £50 – A Jordan,

£90 C De Caprio, £200 – E Harris.

**One Bedroom Flat wanted for rent** for a young couple, please contact Fr Alexander if you think you can help!

**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.

**St Vincent's Charity shop:** Volunteers desperately needed for St Vincent's Charity shop on Portland road. If interested please contact Rachel on 07540 857816.

## Parish Notice Board

**Carer required for young lady with Downs Syndrome.** India is 24 years old currently living in a private house in Brighton with two other girls with DS. She attends a cafe training course 4 days a week called Team Domenica. India's mother is looking for a carer to live in with India 4 days a week to assist in the mornings, get India to her course, collect her in the afternoon and care for her until she goes to bed. The wages are approximately £800 per week. Please contact Caroline on 07773 280623

### 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

### Counselling Service

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

**Thinking of driving lessons?** Please contact Phil Harris (Bartholomew's Driving School) on 07711 688147.

### Professional Organiser & Photo

**Manager.** If you're looking for help decluttering and organising your home, business or photographs please contact Nicola Austin on 07747798858 or nicola@lifeoflibra.com



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You can choose to gift aid your donation this way or you may find it easier to register for gift aid using our online platform on our website initially. Parishes that are a similar size to St Peter's have raised between £400-£800 extra a month. Contactless donations are for people of all ages, one of our parishes had a donation from a parishioner who is 96, according to our Diocesan gift aid department.

You can also donate directly to St Peter's via the Dona donations webpage on our website if you wish to donate that way, go to the following link <http://www.stpeters-hove.org.uk/donations/>  
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### 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

### Host Families needed

All year round. Single/twin room accommodation required. Ring Maureen 01273 778918 or 07801827323  
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