

## Forthcoming events:

Sunday 5 September, 7pm-8.30pm: Sixth Session of Confirmation preparation.
Monday 6 September, 8pm: Baptism course.
Friday 25 September, 7pm: Choral concert
Thursday 29 September, 9am: Saint Christopher's School Harvest Festival.
Saturday 9/Sunday 10 October: Exhibition by Society of Catholic Artists.
Sunday October 10, 11.15am: Unveiling of picture of Blessed Carlo Acutis.
Sunday 10 October, 7pm-8.30pm: Seventh Session of Confirmation preparation.
Saturday October 16: start of First Holy Communion programme.
Sunday 17 October, 10am: FHC Enrolment Mass
Saturday 6 November, 9am/11am: FHC
Saturday 6 November, noon: Bereavement Mass.
Sunday 14 November, 7pm, Confirmation rehearsal
Saturday 20 November, 3pm Confirmation Mass
Friday 31 December, noon: Bereavement Mass.

## Sick Parishioners.

Please pray for 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, Margaret. Heffernan

**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.

## Offertory collections.

Sunday 25 July: = £1,331.46  
Sunday 1 August: = £1,400.92  
Sunday 8 August : = £1,470.66

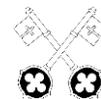
## St Peter's Catholic Church

Portland Road Hove

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15 August 2021



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(Office hours: Wed 9-1, Thu 9-3, Fri 9-1)

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. Please visit our website which is constantly being updated. Do ask to join our WhatsApp group.

## This Sunday we celebrate the feast of the Assumption of Our Lady into Heaven.

On this important feast there are a special set of readings for the Vigil Mass which are in the blue Mass books on page 178. On the Sunday morning, the first reading is from the Book of the Apocalypse and tells of a great sign appearing in the heavens which is traditionally identified with the Mother of God, namely a woman adorned with the sun, standing on the moon and crowned with stars. In the Gospel we hear the hymn of Our Lady, the Magnificat, in which she recounts the marvels the Lord has worked for her, and how all generations will call her blessed. The readings can be found in the

blue Mass books on page 180. The feast of the Assumption celebrates the fact that at the end of her earthly life, Mary was assumed, that is, taken up, into heaven, body and soul, to take her place in glory with Her Son. This is commemorated in the last two decades of the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary.

**Our next Baptism Class** is on Monday 6 September at 8pm either in the refurbished Hall or in the Upper Room. If you want to enrol, you need to see Father Alexander first; please email him and he will arrange to come and see you at home.

**Once more we are raffling something** in aid of the Hall. We have been given three model ships, representing Christopher Columbus's little fleet that sailed the ocean blue in 1482 to the New World: the Nina, the Pinta and the Santa Maria. Many thanks to the generous donor. Tickets are £1 each and will be on sale after each Mass, this week and next. The draw will be next Sunday. Have a good look at the ships on display and do not miss your chance!

**More Hall news:** we have also been given a scooter to raffle. It is in perfect working condition. Instead of raffling, perhaps people would like to bid for it? Offers in the region of £100. The scooter cost £250.

**The parish office is now open**, as Aisling is back from her well-earned break. Fr Alexander plans to be away from Monday 30 August to Friday 3 September inclusive. There will be no mass on the bank Holiday, but there will be at the usual times on Tuesday 31 August through Friday 3 September. Many thanks to Fr Alan Sharpe and Canon Oliver Heaney for stepping in and helping.



Please leave your donations for the Food Bank in the tub inside the door of the Outer Sacristy. If locked, by the door. Please remember we cannot accept perishable goods, opened packets or out of date food. We have bought some new tubs and boxes for donations.

**Bags for Life** used by our clients to carry their goods home, also urgently needed.

## Mass Intentions

Saturday 14 August 6pm GE Jean Stroud
Sunday 15 July 8.30am Guiliana Sussex RIP
Sunday 15 July 10am For our Benefactors
Sunday 15 July 11.15am For all Parishioners
Monday 16 July 10am Guiliana Sussex RIP
Tuesday 17 July 10am GE Mr and Mrs Christides
Wednesday 18 July Bridget Lamont RIP
Thursday 19 July No Mass
Friday 20 July 10am Emily RIP
Saturday 21 July 10am Kevin Byrne RIP
Saturday 21 July 6pm Maggie Fitzgerald RIP
Sunday 22 August 8.30am For our benefactors
Sunday 22 August 10am For all parishioners
Sunday 22 August 11.15am GE Shannon Brennan

## Liturgical notes

**The month of August** is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. On days on which there is no feast we shall say one of the Votive Masses of Our Blessed Lady.

**Monday** is the feast of Saint Stephen of Hungary

**Friday** is the feast of Saint Bernard. Saint Bernard is the founder of the Cistercian order, famous for his theological writings. here are some quotes from his works:

“There are those who seek knowledge for the sake of knowledge; that is Curiosity. There are those who seek knowledge to be known by others; that is Vanity. There are those who seek knowledge in order to serve; that is Love.”

“The road to hell is paved with good intentions.”

“Neither fear nor self-interest can convert the soul. They may change the appearance, perhaps even the conduct, but never the object of supreme desire... Fear is the motive which constrains the slave; greed binds the selfish man, by which he is tempted when he is drawn away by his own lust and enticed (James 1:14). But neither fear nor self-interest is undefiled, nor can they convert the soul. Only charity can convert the soul, freeing it from unworthy motives.”

“Blessed,” he says, “are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God” (Mt 5:9). Consider carefully that it is not the people who call for peace but those who make peace who are commended. For there are those who talk but do nothing (Mt 23:3). For just as it is not the hearers of the law but the doers who are righteous (Rom 2:13), so it is not those who preach peace but the authors of peace who are blessed.”

**Saturday** is the feast of Saint Pius X, pope.

**It is now time for us to resume a few** more things that have been discontinued over the pandemic. Aisling is in the office and building up the readers’ rotas and those for Eucharistic ministers (the latter are not so pressing as Holy Communion remains under one kind for now.) Please email her with your availability if you have not done so already. And please email her with same if you are invited to become a reader, which is a very important ministry in the Church. We shall also return as from this Sunday with the custom of readers and ministers gathering in the sacristy ten minutes before Mass for prayers.



**Thanks to the generosity of Mary and Mary**, the following is on offer this Sunday. Tickets are £5, all of which goes to the Hall refurbishment fund. There are 40 tickets. Get yours while you can.

### Hainault Fryers fish and chips

6 Boundary Road

BN3 4EH

01273 422478

Any 1 Pie & Medium Chips

Please redeem before 26th September 2021

**Hall update: We set ourselves the target** of raising £30,000 to defray the expenses of refurbishing the Hall. Many thanks to the parishioners who have kindly given us a cheque for £300, which has now brought our running total to £13,004.84. Great news! Many thanks to all who have contributed. Many thanks to Mary and Mary for running the stall after Masses on Sunday morning, the proceeds from which go to the hall refurbishment fund. When we say Mass for benefactors this Mass is for all those who have contributed time and money to the Hall project. Meanwhile, though we have had to cancel/postpone the Mayor’s visit, the problem with suppliers seems to be on the way to resolution, but, to avoid further disappointment we shall not be planning anything in the Hall until it is actually finished. Let us hope this will be reasonably soon.

**The Finance Committee met on Monday 9** August and discussed, among other things, the Hall project (see above). We also noted the way the Poor Box at the back of the Church was bringing in some very kind donations, and how this was being spent. Currently we are regularly supporting one refugee family, and we have also helped out others in ‘one off’ financial difficulties. The candle boxes are also generating a steady income, covering the expenses of the candles, both votive and otherwise. We have made considerable savings of late, and our income has revived since the year 2020 ran its course, so the parish is in good financial shape. After the Hall project is over, we will give all such projects and fundraising a rest!

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. We have bought some new tubs and new boxes for donations.

**First Holy Communion begins this October.** Fr Alexander has started visiting all the candidates at home with their parents. Don’t miss out! He is looking forward to seeing you all.

**If you are interested in what Catholics** believe, a new group for enquirers is starting in September. Please contact Sue on 0755 730 1796 or Fr Alexander.

### Marriage Preparation Course

You will need to contact Esther Lyon 01273 698182.

[www.stpetersbrighton.org](http://www.stpetersbrighton.org)





## Parish Notice Board

### 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

**Seagull Delivery** - they deliver newspapers all over Brighton and Hove. If you want your paper delivered contact 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.

**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 contact Phil Harris (Bartholomews Driving School) on 07711 688147.

### 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>

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

### Financial Adviser - Nick Lee

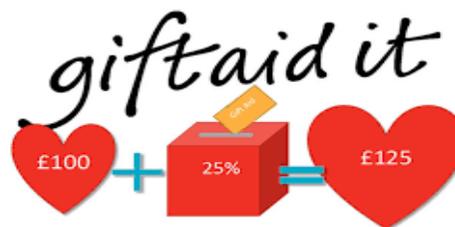
He would be delighted to help anyone with their Mortgage, Pension and Investment needs. You can contact him on 07500 660492 nicklee@pebble-financial.co.uk

### Host Families needed

All year round. Single/twin room accommodation required. Ring Maureen 01273 778918 or 07801827323  
Studenthomes.me@hotmail.com  
Visit [www.learnuitarbrighton.com](http://www.learnuitarbrighton.com)  
07855169344

### Guitar Lessons- all styles.

Dr James Westbrook Dip. Mus., FLCM, PhD (Music, Cambridge).  
jrjw84@cam.ac.uk or: 07836 550210



**Gift Aid Envelopes are now available at the back of the church. Please remember to collect them.** Your number may have changed as part of our recent audit, this will not affect your donations.

Yellow envelopes are available at the back of the church for anyone who wishes to donate regardless of being a member of our scheme. Thank you for your continued support.

### Redundant iPads and Laptops are

desperately needed by the Gatwick Detainees' Welfare Group. An IT company has agreed to 'clean' devices to remove any data. These devices can enable a person whether in detention or after release, to help themselves; to access classes for speakers of other languages, to communicate with friends, family, our staff, their volunteer visitor and to access resources such as Food Banks and to join our post detention services. Contact Josie at: [josiewade@gdwg.org.uk](mailto:josiewade@gdwg.org.uk).