

The Social Club meets this Friday, in the Hall at 1.30pm. All are welcome.

Advance notice: the end of October and the beginning of November is a special time for the Church. Tuesday 31st October is the Vigil of All Saints, and Mass is at 7pm. Wednesday 1st November is feast of All Saints, a holy day of obligation, and Mass will be at the usual time of 10am. Thursday, 2nd November, is the Commemoration of All Souls, the Day of the Dead. Mass for all those who have died in the past year and had their funeral here will be at 7pm. The following Sunday we shall have the usual visit to the cemetery and the Blessing of the Graves at 2pm.

Good Catholic films, aka Catholic propaganda from Hollywood. The fourth recommendation in the series is 'The Sound of Music' (1965) which we have all seen, probably many times. It is one of the most successful films of all time, and it has a great score, for the tunes are all intensely memorable. The moguls of Hollywood recognised that schmalz sells, and they also saw that Catholics produce schmalz in great quantities; perhaps the secret of the film's success is that you, the viewer, never realise that you are buying schmalz. The ending of the film is genuinely moving, as the von Trapp family leave their beloved Austria with virtually nothing, refusing, as a matter of principle, to live under Nazi rule. This represents a moral stand and a great risk, but unquestionably the brave and right thing to do. As it turns out, they made a good life for themselves in America, but they were in no position to know that when they fled Austria in no more than the clothes they stood up in. The film is moral throughout,

though never stridently so, and Maria is a true heroine, her faith in God clearly informing her every action, especially her love of the children in her care.

Forthcoming Events

Sunday 15 th October: Table Top Sale in the Hall, all morning. Prisons Sunday.
Tuesday 17 th October, no FHC meeting
Wednesday 18 th October, 4.30pm: reception of the body of John Francis Barrett RIP.
Thursday 19 th October, 11am: Funeral service of John Francis Barrett RIP.
Thursday 19 th October, 8pm: Social Dancing
Friday 20 th October, 1.30pm: Social Club
Saturday 21 st October, Half term, no FHC meeting
Sunday 22 nd October: World Mission Sunday.
Tuesday 24 th October, Half term, no FHC meeting
Thursday 26 th October, 8pm: Social Dancing
Friday 27 th October, 1.30pm: Social Club
Saturday 28 th October, Half term, no FHC meeting
Sunday 29 th October: 'Nearly New' Sale, all morning.
Tuesday 31 st October, 3.45-5.15pm: First Holy Communion.
Tuesday 31 st October, 7pm: Vigil Mass of All Saints.

Offertory collection Sun 8th Oct 2023
Baskets £723.12+ Dona £96.00 +
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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 in bite size chunks. We are currently starting the prophet Daniel. Please visit our website which is constantly being updated.

This Sunday is the Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The prayers and readings are to be found in the yellow books on page 140. The first reading is from the prophecy of Isaiah, and is the vision of the end times when God will call all people together on His holy mountain, not just the Chosen People, but all nations, who will recognise Him as the one true God. In the Gospel, from Saint Matthew, Jesus recounts the parable of the wedding feast to which all are invited, after the original guests fail to show up. Both these passages remind us that it is the will of God that all should be saved and take their place in His Kingdom. Because God wills this, the Church is by its very nature

missionary, and a sign to all people that they are called by God.

Next Sunday is the Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The prayers and readings can be found on page 143 of the yellow books. In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah hails Cyrus, the King of Persia, who is going to restore the Jews to their ancestral home, doing the will of God, despite being a pagan. In the Gospel, according to Saint Matthew, Jesus asserts the legitimacy of paying taxes and obeying the government, even if it is pagan, and that being a good citizen does not contradict the service of God. On this Sunday there is a retiring collection for the Missions, it being World Mission Sunday.

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

This newsletter covers this week and next, until Saturday 28th October. Father Alexander is away for part of this time, and will be away from the telephone and the email, but the parish office is open at the usual times. He is very grateful to the monks of Worth for saying the Sunday Masses and to Canon Foley for celebrating during the week.

This Sunday the Table Top sale takes place in the hall. The table money is being donated to the DEC appeal for the victims of the Libyan flooding. One of the stalls is for the DEC appeal. We must not forget the suffering of Libya just because it is no longer in the headlines. Do please go and look at what people are selling. There were bargains galore last time!

Mass intentions

Sat 14 Oct, 6pm: GE Michael Conway
Sun 15 Oct, 8.30am: For all parishioners
Sun 15 Oct, 10am: Knaphill intention
Sun 15 Oct, 11.30am: Jadwiga Szczerbiak RIP (anniv)
Mon 16 Oct, 10am: GE All children everywhere
Tue 17 Oct, 10am: Canon Foley's intention
Wed 18 October, 10am: GE Theresa Hobden
Thur 19 October: 11am John Barrett RIP
Fri 20 October, 10am: Canon Foley's intention
Sat 21 October, 6pm: Monks of Worth intention
Sun 22 October, 8.30am: Tony Fernandes RIP
Sun 22 Oct, 10am: For all parishioners
Sun 22 Oct, 11.30am: Monks of Worth intention
Mon 23 Oct, 10am: Canon Foley's intention
Tue 24 Oct, 10am: Canon Foley's intention
Wed 25 Oct, 10am: Thanksgiving (N Lock)
Fri 27 Oct, 10am: Canon Foley's intention

Liturgical notes

The month of October is dedicated to the Rosary and to prayer for the Missions. Do take one of the leaflets on how to say the Rosary, if you are unfamiliar with it, or if you wish to pass it on to someone else. In October we will try to say the Rosary after every weekday Mass which is not a funeral. On days on which there is no feast we shall celebrate one of the Masses for the spread of the Gospel.

Confessions are heard after Mass on Friday morning, at 10.30am. On Saturday Confessions are heard before the evening Mass, at 5.15pm until 5.45pm.

- Monday is the feast of Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque.
- Tuesday is the feast of Saint Ignatius of Antioch, martyr.
- Wednesday is the feast of Saint Luke the Evangelist.
- Monday 23 October is the feast of Saint John of Capistrano.
- Tuesday 24 October is the feast of Saint Anthony Mary Claret, bishop.

Last Sunday was the fourth and final count at all Masses. The figures were as follows, with the previous three Sundays in brackets:

- 6pm: 46 (57, 55, 59)
- 8.30am: 72 (60, 73, 76)
- 10am: 110 (143, 143, 179)
- 11.30am: 134 (123, 119, 98)
- Total attendance: 362 (383, 390, 412)

The average attendance at each Mass over the four Sundays is: 6pm: 54.25; 8.30am: 70; 10am: 144; 11.30am: 118.5. The average combined Sunday attendance is 387.

How does this compare to the figures for last year? Last year we reported: "The average attendance at each Mass, to be submitted to the diocese, is as follows: 6pm: 69.75; 8.30am: 62.5; 10am: 128; 11.15am 97.25. The average attendance over four Masses on Sunday is 357.5."

One can see that every single figure is up, apart from that for the 6pm Mass which is down. Most important of all our Sunday

attendance is up to 387 from 357, a rise of 30, which is nearly ten per cent, and thus must be good news. (The year prior, 2021, our attendance was 332, so this is the second year of growth following the pandemic.) Many thanks to all the clickers who helped with the count.

The funeral Mass of John Francis Barrett RIP who lived at St Richard's Court, Bellingham Crescent, Hove, and who died on the 26th September 2023, aged 72 years, will be held here, as follows. The body will be received into Church on Wednesday 18 October 2023 at 4.30pm. The Funeral Mass will follow on Thursday 19 October 2023 at 11am, to be followed by burial in Hove Cemetery at 12.30pm. Let us pray for the repose of his soul and for the comfort of his family. The funeral is being conducted by Monsignor Michael Jackson.

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 all the 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 Royal Sussex County Hospital Chaplain is Fr Celestine, and he can be reached via this email: celestine.nnolim@nhs.net He is in the hospital from 8.30am to 4.30pm every weekday.

Please note the Monks in the City programme. This Tuesday evening, 7.30 to 9pm, Fr David is giving a talk on

Mediation and Contemplation. See the poster in the narthex for details of this and further events.

On Sunday 29th October, after all Masses we are holding a Nearly New Sale in the Hall, in aid of the flood victims in Libya. Have you got anything you could donate? We are looking for any sort of household goods which people would want, but not electric goods and not what is called 'jumble' or anything broken. Nearly new clothes are welcome. This could be an opportunity for a good clear out! Please bring the stuff along on the day itself and leave it, or on the night before.

Many thanks to Mary Morrison our parish seamstress for repairing one of the green chasubles. A stitch in time saves nine. Thanks for volunteering.

Having completed work on the roof, we have also repaired one of the lavatory cisterns in the Hall which was broken by people using too much force on the button. We are also having the non-functioning lights replaced. In addition, we have had some work in the house to repair: two leaky taps, and another ingress of water. It never ends!

Confirmation starts in January and this year we are joining up with Sacred Heart. If you are interested in joining the programme and are in Year 10 or above, please go to their website and download the form and hand it in to the Sacred Heart parish office by Tuesday 12th December. Please note the deadline. Tell all your friends.

Social Dancing takes place in the Hall at 8pm this Thursday. All are welcome.



Parish Notice Board

St Peter's Parish Hall Cleaner required - is seeking to employ a cleaner for the church hall. The hours will be 4 hours per week split over Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings 1hr 20mins per sessions to be completed by 9.00am Wages to be discussed depending on age and experience. Please email the hall manager at stpetershallbn3@gmail.com to arrange an interview.

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. Please contact me Victoria Myall, Victoriamyall@hotmail.com or Tel 07788673097

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 with counselling people with substance abuse, sexual abuse, bereavement, couple counselling. Tel 07787 555168.



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List of Hall Clubs at St Peter's

Day	Event	Contact
Monday 9.15 - 10.15	Yoga	lee.spearpoint@googlemail.com
Monday 10.15 - 11.30	Tai Chi	stpetershallbn3@gmail.com
Tuesday 17.00-19.00	Brownies	http://girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter
Tuesday 19.15 – 21.00	Guides	http://girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter
Tuesday 14.30	UCM	Winter meetings time January - 11 April
Wednesday 9.45–11.45	Baby Ballet	brightonwestandhove@babyballet.co.uk
Wednesday 14.15-19.00	Alta Academy of Dance	info@altadance.co.uk
Wednesday 19.00-21.00	Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM)	wendywallis@ntlworld.com
Wednesday 09.30-12.00	Music with Mike	mike@musicwithmike.co.uk
Thursday 15.30.-16.30	West Hove Dance Academy	Westhovedanceacademy@hotmail.com
Thursday 09.30 - 12.00	Music with Mike	mike@musicwithmike.co.uk
Thursday 15.30.-16.30	West Hove Dance Academy	Westhovedanceacademy@hotmail.com
Thursday 16.45 -18.00	Rainbows	http://girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter
Thursday 18.00 – 19.45	Brownies	http://girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter
Thursday 20.00 – 22.00	Social Dancing	stpetershallbn3@gmail.com
Friday 9.30- 10.30 P	Pilates	nicolajhowarth@gmail.com
Fridays 10.30.13.30	ESOL (English language lessons)	KWadham@wea.ac.uk
Friday 13.30- 15.30	Apostles Lunch Club	stpetershallbn3@gmail.com