

Sick Parishioners

Please pray for; Jim McFarlane, Caroline Audy, Margaret Chapman, Vincent O' Rourke, Jim and Valerie Lee, Eileen Banks, Matthew Garcia, Beverley Coughlan, Sonia Wall, Dennis Tribe, Rosemary Kilcourse, Adrian Van Twest.

Parish Events

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| Tuesday 18 February, 10am: Funeral of Marie Hall RIP |
| Saturday/Sunday 22/23 February: Apostolate of Adoration visit. |
| Wednesday 26 February: Lent begins. |
| Friday 28 February, 7.30pm: Stations of the Cross. |
| Saturday 29 February, 10.30am-4pm: Adoration and Confessions. |
| Sunday 1 March, 7pm: Confirmation – visit of Bishop Richard. |
| Monday 2 March, 8pm: Reading St Matthew's Passion. |
| Tuesday 3 March, 10.30am: meeting of Care Group. |
| Tuesday 3 March, 7.30pm: Praying Saint Matthew's Passion. |
| Sunday 8 March, after 10am/11.15am Mass: Cake Sale for stained glass appeal. |
| Tuesday 21 April, 8pm: Baptism course, Upper Room. |
| Friday 24 April, 8pm: Quiz Night for stained glass appeal. |
| Sunday 10 May, after 10am/11.15am Mass: Bring and Buy for stained glass appeal. |
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UCM: meeting in the hall 26 February at 7.30pm, AGM, no meeting on 19th.

Thursday mornings Scripture

Reflection: 10am all welcome.

200 Club Winners: Congratulations to the following:

November Draw: £200 – Cathy Howes, £90- Eileen Davey, £50 – Josephine Staunton.

December Draw: £200 – Ivor O'Mahony, £90 – Maeve Harris, £50 – Amanda Jordan.

Evening Prayer for Divorced,

Remarried & Separated: Sunday 23 February, at 3 pm: All those in our parish communities who may be divorced, remarried or simply separated, are warmly invited to come together with Bishop Richard at St. John the Evangelist Church in Horsham for afternoon tea, conversation and the celebration of Evening Prayer, which will conclude the afternoon. Contact Katherine.Bergin@abdiocese.org.uk

World day of prayer 2020

Friday 6th March, 10.30 at St Georges Church, Hove. The theme this year is 'Rise, take your mat and walk' Please come and join us praying with and for the people of Zimbabwe. All welcome, refreshments in the hall afterwards. See poster in the porch.

CAFOD is looking for volunteers who have a passion for, and experience of, working with young people. CAFOD will provide training and support, and expenses will be paid. For further information contact CAFOD on 01483 898866.

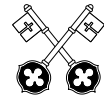
Mini Walking Pilgrimage 'The God Who Speaks' 7th to 10th May: Arundel, Duncton, Chiddingfold, Guildford. Walk over a long weekend. Costs £50 total. Details and booking forms at www.thepilgrims.org.uk

Collection Sunday 9 February, £1, 338.

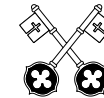
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16 February 2020



Sixth Sunday of the Year.

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Mass intentions this week:

Saturday 15 Feb 6pm For benefactors
Sunday 16 Feb 8.30am All parishioners
Sunday 16 Feb 10am Thomas Hunt RIP
Sunday 16 Feb 11.15am Samantha West RIP
Monday 17 Feb 10am Private Intention
Tuesday 18 Feb 10am Funeral Mass of Marie Hall RIP
Wednesday 19 Feb 10am George Baskerville RIP
Thursday 20 Feb No Mass
Friday 21 Feb 10am David Knights RIP
Saturday 22 Feb 10am Holy Souls
Saturday 22 Feb 6pm Private Intention
Sunday 23 Feb 8.30am All parishioners
Sunday 23 Feb 10am Ellen Stafford RIP
Sunday 23 Feb 11.15am Rosemary Sheppard RIP

This Sunday is the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

On this day we are holding a retiring collection for the diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund. You will find the envelopes for this in your

pews. This is to enable people who cannot afford it to join in the diocesan pilgrimage in the summer. If anyone is interested in going to Lourdes, please say so! Joining the Diocesan Pilgrimage in the summer can be a formative and faith-enhancing experience for people of all ages, especially the young.

In today's Gospel, Jesus explains his teaching about the moral law. He has by no means come to abolish the laws given to Moses about human behaviour (as opposed to those to do with matters of dress and food.) Rather He has come to make them more profound, affecting not just outward behaviour but the attitude of the heart. Hence adultery is not simply a physical wrong action; it is also fuelled by lustful thoughts and feelings. We are called by Jesus to live pure lives not just in our bodies, but in our minds and hearts as well. Again, loving our neighbour means not just doing right, but thinking good thoughts and having good feelings towards others. Yet again, killing is wrong, but so are all the thoughts, attitudes and feelings that lead people to murder. Jesus calls us to conversion of behaviour and also conversion of heart. Indeed, it is not possible to change your behaviour without first changing your heart; and it is also true that your outward actions reflect the true state of your heart.

Next Sunday is Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time. A representative of the Apostolate of Adoration will speak at all Masses on this weekend about the importance of Adoration. This will replace the sermon. In the Garden of Gethsemane Jesus said to His disciples 'Could you not watch with me one hour?' Here we already have a half hour of adoration every Friday, but we are hoping to increase this period of Adoration on Saturdays in Lent,

depending on the response made to the appeal which will ask for volunteers to commit to one hour per week in Adoration of Jesus.

Confessions are heard every Saturday morning, from 10.30 to 11.15am.

The next baptism course is going to be after Easter and will take place on Tuesday 21 April in the Upper Room. (Note the change of venue.) Parents who have a child to baptise need to see Fr Alexander in advance, so he can come round and see you at home beforehand.

Liturgical notes:

Monday is the feast of the Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order.

Friday is the feast of Saint Robert Southwell, martyr.

Saturday is the feast of the Chair of Saint Peter. At the 10am Mass on this day we shall bless the picture of Saint Peter recently given to us by John Armstrong, the artist.

February is the month dedicated to the Holy Family. On days when there is no feast, we shall be saying the Mass for the Sick.

Our Social Club meets in the Hall this Friday at 1.30pm when we will be showing *The Inn of the Sixth Happiness*, the fictionalised account of the life of the missionary in China, Gladys Aylward. This wonderful film stars Ingrid Bergman. (It is quite long, and with a suitable break, the showing will last to 4.30pm.) Everyone is welcome to our social club and you are invited to bring all your friends. We meet for bingo on Friday 28. This represents a change of plan.

The stained glass window debt stands at £13, 037, after a kind benefaction by Anna Lin. Let us remember her in our prayers. Please note that the Saturday

evening Mass is for benefactors, which gives us the opportunity to pray for our benefactors. The debt is falling rapidly, and one very much hopes that it will be wiped out by summer! Please note in the forthcoming events section the fundraising initiatives that we have planned.

On Tuesday 25 February (which is coincidentally Shrove Tuesday) we shall be burying the ashes of the late Veronica Green in Hove Cemetery at 11am. Veronica's funeral took place here last year, as you may remember, and she was for many years a faithful member of this parish. All who wish to attend are welcome to do so. The burial of ashes is a very short service, but is recommended by the Church as the only way to reverently dispose of cremated human remains.

Lent is coming! Ash Wednesday falls on 26 February. There will be Mass with the Imposition of Ashes at the usual time of 10am. There will be a Liturgy of the Word with Imposition of Ashes at Cottesmore at 2pm. There will be no evening Mass here, but there will be one at Sacred Heart at 7pm. Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence from meat.

Lent is a time of fasting (that is, eating less, abstaining from luxury foods), a time of increased prayer, and a time of almsgiving, all in preparation for Easter, and as a way of commemorating the 40 days Our Lord spent in the desert, and the 40 years the Children of Israel spent in the wilderness before entering the Promised Land.

Here is your Lenten check list.

Fasting: what are you giving up? Sweets, chocolate, alcohol, cigarettes,

cigars, meat? One of these would be a symbolic action showing your desire to live more for God and less for the world and the flesh.

Prayer: What are you taking up? Daily Mass, the rosary, Stations of the Cross, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, study of Scripture, lectio divina? All of these are good ways of growing closer to God, and preparing oneself for a more fruitful Easter.

Almsgiving: Who are you going to give money to? We have numerous retiring collections, for the hungry of the developing world through Cafod, for people with leprosy, and for sending the HCPT to Lourdes. In addition, you can donate to the parish poor fund, which makes regular disbursements to those in need locally, via the collecting box in the Church porch.

Confession: Lent is the time to go to the sacrament of penance, particularly if you have not been for some time. There will be confessions here every Saturday in Lent, usually with a visiting priest. In addition, we have several times when our First Holy Communion candidates can make their first confessions.

Our Care Group consists of Fr Alexander, Sue Hollow, Trish Longley, Claire Gwynn, Wendy Wallis and Josie Staunton. If there is anyone else who you think might like to be visited at home, for whatever reason, please mention it to a member of the group. We would particularly like to hear about those who are housebound. Currently there are about sixty people on our 'list', and it is growing. If you are an Extraordinary Minister and wish to take Holy Communion to people at home or in nursing homes, we would like to hear from you! Or if you would simply like to befriend those who are housebound, we would love your collaboration. Care of the sick is part of the God-given mission

of the Church. The Care Group meets next on Tuesday, 3 March.

From the Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church:

292. What are the fruits of Holy Communion? Holy Communion increases our union with Christ and with his Church. It preserves and renews the life of grace received at Baptism and Confirmation and makes us grow in love for our neighbour. It strengthens us in charity, wipes away venial sins and preserves us from mortal sin in the future.

293. When is it possible to give Holy Communion to other Christians? Catholic ministers may give Holy Communion licitly to members of the Oriental Churches which are not in full communion with the Catholic Church whenever they ask for it of their own will and possess the required dispositions. Catholic ministers may licitly give Holy Communion to members of other ecclesial communities only if, in grave necessity, they ask for it of their own will, possess the required dispositions, and give evidence of holding the Catholic faith regarding the sacrament.

294. Why is the Eucharist a "pledge of future glory"? The Eucharist is a pledge of future glory because it fills us with every grace and heavenly blessing. It fortifies us for our pilgrimage in this life and makes us long for eternal life. It unites us already to Christ seated at the right hand of the Father, to the Church in heaven and to the Blessed Virgin and all the saints. [This concludes the section on the Blessed Eucharist. One hopes readers have found it useful.]

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.

Social Dancing in the hall this Thursday. All are welcome!

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