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Many other churches have started using Dona and have found it very successful.

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### The Synod

Here at St Peter's we will be having a final meeting about this stage of the Synod on Tuesday 18th January at 7.30pm in the Upper Room and on Wednesday morning, January 19th, at 10.30am -11.45am. Please come and contribute to the parish reflection.

After these meetings a few of us will put together what has been said over these weeks and the final document will be on the parish website. This will be sent to the Diocese along with the submissions of other parishes to inform the Diocesan document which will in turn go to the national Bishops' Conference.

Meanwhile our neighbours at the Sacred Heart are having their Synod sessions this month and we are warmly invited to take part. Dates/times: Tuesday 18th and 25th, 10.30-12.30pm and Thursday 20th and 27th, 7-9pm.

Outcomes - Bishop Richard will present his summary of the feedback received during an online meeting on 9 March 2022 at 7.30pm. To book: <https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/8yaw6po>

### Mass with Evening Prayer on Mondays

From Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January, and Mondays thereafter, the Worth Benedictine monks in Brighton ("*Monks in the City*") invite you to join them for Evening Prayer (Vespers), following the evening Mass, 6pm to 7pm in St Joseph's Elm Grove. All are most welcome.

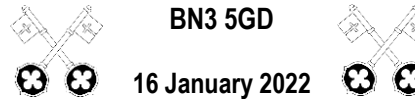
### Offertory Collections:

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9 January 2022- £1,324.34.

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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 Second Book of the Kings. Please visit our website which is constantly being updated. Do ask to join our WhatsApp group.

### This Sunday is the Second Sunday of the Year.

The readings and prayers for today can be found in the purple books on page 127. In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah likens the relationship of Israel to the Lord to a marriage, a common metaphor used in the Old Testament, reminding us of the joyful union between God and His people. The Gospel, from Saint John, concerns an actual wedding, that of Cana in Galilee, where Jesus turns the water into wine in His first miracle, thus showing His glory to His disciples. This miracle is practical and also symbolic: it shows us

that Jesus in His ministry has come to bring joy to the world, and to shower on us all the good gifts of God.

### Mass intentions

Saturday 15 January, 6pm: Jabe Cathb� (20 anniv)
Sunday 16 January, 8.30am: For all parishioners
Sunday 16 January, 10am: GE Maureen O'Grady Forde
Sunday 17 January, 11.15am: Ignacy Mackowiak (anniv)
Monday 18 January, 10am: Bridie Fitzgerald RIP
Tuesday 18 January, 10am: Guiliana Sussex RIP
Wednesday 19 January, 10am: Mahesh Dahar
Thursday 20 January, no Mass.
Friday 21 January, 11am: Funeral Mass of Jill Dunn RIP
Saturday 22 January, 10am: Ahline Lock, RIP
Saturday 22 January, 6pm Mary Gallagher RIP
Sunday 23 January, 8.30am: Michael Oliver RIP
Sunday 23 January, 10am: For all parishioners
Sunday 23 January, 11.15am: Stanislaw Szczerbiak RIP

### Liturgical Notes

We are now in the Ordinary Time of the year, which continues up until Lent, which this year begins on Wednesday 2 March. In Ordinary Time, the vestments are green, which represents growth. The month of January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus. On days when there is no feast we

shall celebrate the Votive Mass of the Holy Name of Jesus.

Monday is the feast of Saint Anthony, abbot.

Friday is the feast of Saint Agnes, martyr.

Saturday is the feast of Saint Vincent, deacon and martyr.

**For centuries, Christians have invoked** the Holy Name, and have believed that there is intrinsic power in the name of Jesus. Reverence for the name of Jesus is emphasized by Saint Paul in Philippians 2:10 where he states: "That in the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those that are in heaven, on earth, and under the earth". In Romans 10:13 St. Paul reiterates the salvific nature of the Holy Name by stating that those who "call on the name of the Lord" will be saved. The power of the name Jesus used in petitions is stressed in John 16:23, where Jesus states: "If you ask the Father anything in my name he will give it you." Several episodes in the New Testament refer to the power of the invocation of the Holy Name. In Mark 9:38-39 demons are driven out by the power of the name Jesus.

Devotion to and veneration of the IHS monogram, derived from the Greek word for Jesus, ΙΗΣΟΥΣ also dates back to the early days of Christianity, where it was placed on altars and religious vestments, ornaments and other objects. Medieval devotions to the Holy Name in England were promoted by Anselm of Canterbury early in the 12th century. In continental Europe, shortly after Anselm, the veneration of the Holy Name was strongly encouraged by Bernard of Clairvaux. Bernard's writings such as the Sermon on the Canticles later influenced others such as Richard Rolle who expressed similar views, e.g. that of the Holy Name acting as

a "healing ointment" for the soul. In the 15th century, the Franciscan Bernardine of Siena actively promoted the devotion to the Holy Name. At the end of his sermons he usually displayed the trigram IHS on a tablet in gold letters. Bernardine would then ask the audience to "adore the Redeemer of mankind". Given that this practice had an unorthodox air, he was brought before Pope Martin V, who instead of rebuking Bernardine, encouraged the practice and joined a procession for it in Rome. The devotion to the Holy Name became so popular in Italy that the IHS trigram was often inscribed over the doorways of houses.

**We have heard the sad news of the death of Jill Dunn**, which took place in the Bon Accord Nursing Home before Christmas. Her Requiem Mass will take place here on Friday 21 January at 11am, and will replace the usual 10am Mass that day. Let us pray for her soul, as she would have wished. Jill received the sacraments shortly before her death, which followed a short illness.

**We would like to inform you of the sad news of the death of our faithful and much-loved parishioner, Margaret Heffernan** (mother of Simon & Christopher Frow, Anne York and Jane Noble). Margaret worshipped here at St Peter's for over 40 years and during that time gave so much of her time, particularly in supporting the elderly and musical life of the church. Her funeral will take place on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January at 11am. She will be buried with her husband Roger at Hove Cemetery, following which, a celebration of her life will take place in our church hall. She always spoke about how her funeral should not be a sad occasion but full of joy

and colour. Therefore, if you are able to come, please feel free to wear lots of colour (her favourite being pink)!

**Please remember our Social Dancing**, every Thursday at 8pm in the Hall, and our Social Club, which meets at 1.30pm in the Hall. All are invited to come along, to meet other parishioners and to, well, socialise. (Non-parishioners are welcome too, needless to say; the more the merrier.) We will be organising more social events in due course. Please watch this space.

**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.

**There are several children in the parish** who, for whatever reason, have missed the usual catechism classes for Holy Communion, or who have not been baptised before the age of seven. For such children we are proposing a tailored catechism class in Lent, so they can celebrate the Sacraments at Easter. Lent next year begins on Wednesday March 2 and Easter is on Sunday 17 April. The classes will take place on Saturdays of Lent at 4.45pm. If you would like to join this group, then please make your interest known to Father Alexander.

**If you are a reader, a Eucharistic minister**, on duty at Mass, please come into the sacristy for prayers before the Mass begins at about seven minutes prior to the start.

**Congratulations to Edna Sellen who celebrates her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday** this week. Edna is our Sacristan John Sellen's mother

and he will be celebrating in style with her in Swanage.

## Forthcoming Events

Saturday 5 February, 9 - 10.30am/11 - 12.30pm, FHC: The Sacrament of Reconciliation
Sunday 6 February, 10am: FHC Mass
Monday 7 February, 7.45pm: Jubilee Action Committee
Tuesday 8 February, 7pm: Care Group meets.
Wednesday March 2: Lent begins.
Saturday 5 March, 9-10.30am: Sacrament of Reconciliation Preparation and Service (9am Group)
Saturday 5 March, 4.45pm: Catechism for Older Children I
Saturday 12 March, 11.- 12.30pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation Preparation and Service (11am Group)
Saturday 12 March, 4.45pm: Catechism for Older Children II
Saturday 19 March, 4.45pm: Catechism for Older Children III
Saturday 26 March, 4.45pm: Catechism for Older Children IV
Saturday 2 April, 9.00 - 10.30am/11 - 12.30pm: FHC
Saturday 2 April, 4.45pm: Catechism for Older Children V
Sunday 3 April, 10am: FHC Mass
Saturday 9 April, 4.45pm: Catechism for Older Children VI
Sunday 10 April: Palm Sunday
Sunday 17 April: Easter Sunday
Saturday 14 May, 9- 10.30am/11.00 - 12.30pm: FHC
Sunday 15 May, 10am: FHC Mass

## 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

**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@lifeofibra.com

**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.

**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.

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

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