

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.

200 Club Winners:

Congratulations to the April Draw

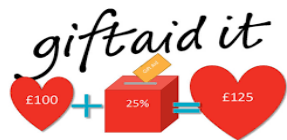
winner:

£50 – Dolores Milonas

£90 – Mary Foord

£200 – Janice Mottram

The 200 Club has been running now for 20 years and was initially set up to help fund the building of the 'Link' corridor into our church hall. Today it helps raise funds for two of our parish charities, Sussex Nightstop and Reaching the Unreached. We need more members in order to keep supporting these charities. Members pay £13 a quarter (£52 a year) for a chance to win prizes of £200, £90 and £50 every month. If you would like to join please contact the office or pick up a registration form from the back of the church.



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Forthcoming events:

Monday 17 May: Subcommittee on Spiritual life of the parish.
Tuesday 18 May, 7pm: Meeting of the Care Group.
Sunday 13 June, 7pm-8.30pm: Third Session of Confirmation preparation.
Monday 14 June, 8pm: Baptism course.
Thursday 24 June, 7.15pm: Meeting of the Parish team.
Sunday 4 July, 7pm-8.30pm: Fourth Session of Confirmation preparation.
Sunday 18 July, 7pm-8.30pm: Fifth Session of Confirmation preparation.
Friday 6 August, 1.30pm: Social Club meets.
Saturday 7 August, 7pm: Grand Re-opening of the Hall.
Saturday 14 August, 7pm: International Dinner.
Saturday 21 August, 7pm: Film Night.
Sunday 5 September, 7pm-8.30pm: Sixth Session of Confirmation preparation.
Sunday 10 October, 7pm-8.30pm: Seventh Session of Confirmation preparation.
Sunday 14 November, 7pm, Confirmation rehearsal
Saturday 20 November, 3pm Confirmation Mass

1521 was a momentous year for the Church.

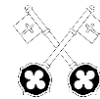
One of her most ambitious and fiery sinners fell in battle and began his pilgrim journey to becoming one of her greatest saints.

On Thursday 20th May 2021 at 8pm you are welcome to join Howard on Zoom to hear about the extraordinary conversion of **Saint Ignatius of Loyola**. If you would like to join please email either Howard on howard109@icloud.com or Aisling on st.peters.parish.ad@gmail.com to be sent a Zoom invitation beforehand.

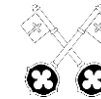
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Follow us on Twitter @HoveSaint Join us on Facebook: search for 'Saint Peter's, Hove'.

Find our YouTube channel: search for 'Alexander Lucie-Smith'. Please visit our website which is constantly being updated.

Do take a copy of this newsletter and give it to someone who is staying at home!

This Sunday is the Seventh Sunday of Easter. In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles we hear how Saint Peter arranges for the deceased Judas to be replaced, and how Saint Matthias is chosen, by lot. This is an illustration of the way the Holy Spirit, dwelling in the Church, can inspire us to make decisions that reflect the will of God. In the Gospel, also from Saint John, we hear Jesus' words about remaining in the truth. The Church will adhere to the truth in so far as it follows the promptings of the Holy Spirit.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 15 May 6pm For all Parishioners
Sunday 16 May 8.30am Fr Alexander's intention
Sunday 16 May 10am William James McGoldrick RIP (6 anniv)
Sunday 16 May 11.15am For Benefactors
Monday 17 May 10am Grantleigh Button RIP
Tuesday 18 May 10am Michael O'Beirne RIP
Wednesday 19 May 10am Lilly and Tom Clotherly RIP
Thursday 20 May 10am Anna Fitzgerald RIP
Friday 21 May 10am Geraldine and Kathy O'Brien RIP
Saturday 22 May 10am Giuliana Sussex RIP
Saturday 22 May 6pm For all parishioners
Sunday 23 May 8.30am Rita Hearn RIP
Sunday 23 May 10am A private intention (MB)
Sunday 23 May 11.15am GE BL

Liturgical notes

Last Thursday, forty days after Easter, we celebrated the Ascension of the Lord. Next Sunday, 23 May, fifty days after Easter, is Pentecost, which closes the Easter season. The period in between the two feasts is the original nine days of prayer ('novena') of the Church imploring the gifts of the Holy Spirit. During this time, we shall be imploring the coming of the Holy Spirit by daily recitation at Mass of the Veni Creator. Please note the 'extra' Mass this Thursday coming. If you cannot come to Mass, do recite the Veni Creator at home.

The text is as follows:

*Come, Holy Ghost, Creator, come
from thy bright heav'nly throne;
come, take possession of our souls,
and make them all thine own.*

*Thou who art called the Paraclete,
best gift of God above,
the living spring, the living fire,
sweet unction and true love.*

*Thou who art sevenfold in thy grace,
finger of God's right hand;
his promise, teaching little ones
to speak and understand.*

*O guide our minds with thy blest light,
with love our hearts inflame;
and with thy strength, which ne'er
decays,
confirm our mortal frame.*

*Far from us drive our deadly foe;
true peace unto us bring;
and through all perils lead us safe
beneath thy sacred wing.*

*Through thee may we the Father know,
through thee th'eternal Son,
and thee the Spirit of them both,
thrice-blessed three in One.*

*All glory to the Father be,
with his coequal Son;
the same to thee, great Paraclete,
while endless ages run.*

Tuesday is the feast of Saint John I, pope and martyr Wednesday is the feast of Saint Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury and martyr. Thursday is the feast of Saint Bernadine of Siena, priest.

Friday is the feast of Saint Christopher Magellanes and his companions, the Mexican martyrs.

Saturday is the feast of Saint Rita of Cascia, religious.

The month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin. Usually this month we try to sing hymns to Our Lady, but with Covid restrictions still in place this will not be possible. The Pope has asked all Catholics to recite the Rosary for the intention of the end of the pandemic. We will do so after every weekday Mass on which there is no funeral. Those who do not like communal recitation of the Rosary are warmly invited to pray the Rosary at home.

We have heard the sad news of the death of Jim McFarlane, who died at the Martlets Hospice on Tuesday 11 May. Let us pray for the repose of his soul, and the comfort of his widow Dolores and their family. Details of Jim's funeral will be announced when known.

Of our target of £30,000 for the Hall restoration fund, we have raised the further sum of £219.30 which brings our total to £6,360.42 so far. Many thanks to Mary and Mary for their superb offer of Fish and Chips in return for a £5 donation, plus other things sold at the shop at 6, Boundary Road. And may thanks to Armanda for her foot-doctoring for £25, which had raised £100 so far. Work on the Hall has now begun, and will last until August. Please do not go into the Hall, and please advise young children of this, for health and safety reasons. In addition, please note that the Presbytery driveway is occupied and not free for parking. With the Hall closed, the only loo available is on the ground floor of the presbytery approachable via the outer

sacristy. You may like to ask the stewards about access if you do not know where this is.

Fundraiser Number Three: Are your feet killing you? Relief is at hand! Armanda Christides is offering a full podiatric treatment, usually worth £40, to all comers for a mere £25 donation to the Hall refurbishment fund. Please buy a ticket in the sacristy, and then make your appointment with Armanda our parish foot doctor/beauty therapist.

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.

The Care Group is meeting on Tuesday 18 May. The purpose of this group is to organise the parish's care of those who are stuck at home or those who are in any type of need. This matter is particularly pressing thanks to the challenges imposed by lockdown. One of the things that we aim to set up in the new Hall is a bereavement group and this is something we wish to discuss. If there is anything else we should be looking at, or you wish to get involved with, please just say.

From May 17 gatherings out of doors up to a certain number are allowed. This means we can have coffee on the pavement after the 10am Mass, and indeed after the 11.15am Mass, on Sundays. We have some volunteers who would like to activate this; but if you would like to get involved, please say so. If we solicit donations for coffee and perhaps other things too (biscuits etc) these could be for the Hall refurbishment. In addition, the sight of happy people

enjoying the sunshine (!) after Mass is a good advertisement for the parish.

Our next baptism class will be on Monday 14 June at 8pm. Because the Hall is out of use, it will take place in the Church. If you have a baby to baptise, then you need to see Father Alexander before enrolling on the course, and he will come and visit you at home.

We do not have any Bidding Prayers at Mass any more, but people have suggested we pray for certain intentions, among which are:

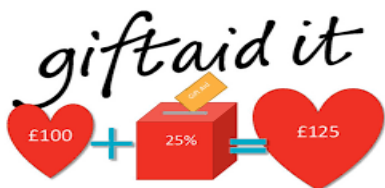
- Political prisoners in Hong Kong, especially Jimmy Lai.
- The people of India, facing a dire Covid crisis, and the various nations around the world which do not have an adequate supply of vaccines.
- The sick of the parish, and all those who are looking after them.
- All students facing exams at this time of years, all who are teaching them, and their families.
- All people who are facing hardship and unemployment thanks to the pandemic. If you have any prayer intentions you would like to bring to the notice of the parish, please email them in, or submit them in writing.

Rediscover Your Marriage – Retrouvaille simply means 'rediscovery'. The programme offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. To register for the programme commencing with a 'Virtual' weekend on 1–4 July 2021, call or text +44 788 7296983 or +44 797 3380443 – or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk.

Offerory Collection 9 May: £1,902.09



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Guitar Lessons- all styles.

Dr James Westbrook Dip. Mus.,
FLCM, PhD (Music, Cambridge).
jrw84@cam.ac.uk or: 07836 550210

Marriage Preparation Course

You will need to contact Esther Lyon
01273 698182.

www.stpetersbrighton.org

Those Covid Rules:

- The capacity of the church is 100 people: two people per bench, spaced at one metre apart, and one person per chair. (Families can sit together.) Please spread out as widely as possible and do not bunch together.
- Please check in for track and trace purposes, either electronically or in writing.
- Please sanitise your hands on entry and exit.
- Please observe the one way system: up the middle, down the sides, especially at Holy Communion.
- If you take a newsletter, please take it home with you.
- There is STILL no congregational singing.
- The Church doors are to remain open to ventilate the building.
- Mass is shorter than usual.
- There is no procession of the Gifts to the altar and no passing around of the collection baskets. Your offering will be taken as you leave the Church.
- There is no sign of peace.
- Holy Communion will be received under one kind only.
- Communion must be given silently, avoiding any physical contact.
- Please remove your mask (if wearing one) and gloves to receive Holy Communion.
- As you leave do not to linger in doorways or other 'choke points'.
- Once Mass is over the Church will be closed and cleaned.
- People are urged not to come to the sacristy before and after Mass, unless they are servers or sacristans.

- Face coverings are mandatory for all who are not exempt.
- The Bishops also urge readers to wear disposable gloves.

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.

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.

Guitar Lessons

Fun friendly lessons. Full CRB

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

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