

### Sick Parishioners.

Please pray for Jim McFarlane, Caroline Audy, Margaret Chapman, Vincent O'Rourke, Jim and Valerie Lee, Eileen Banks, Matthew Garcia, Sonia Wall, Dennis Tribe, Rosemary Kilcourse, Liz Perkins, Richard Martin, Sheila Coldicott, Charlotte Essex, Maria Knight.

**Please note the Parish Office is now closed to visitors during Lockdown and will only be able to answer any queries by phone or email during revised Office hours (noted at the top of this Newsletter).**

**We are still collecting donations for the Food Bank.** Many thanks for all your donations over Christmas. Please leave your donation in the tub inside the door of the Outer Sacristy. If locked, by the door. A list of most needed items is on the porch noticeboard or on the Parish Facebook page.

### Forthcoming events:

Monday 18 January to Monday 25 January: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

Tuesday 2 February, 10am: Feast of the Presentation, Candlemas.

Wednesday 17 February: Ash Wednesday, Lent begins.

Sunday 25 April, 11.15am: Mass of Thanksgiving for 25 years of priesthood

**2021 Diocesan Directories** now available please contact the Parish Office.

**Offertory 10 Jan 2021: £906.51**

### 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 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) 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.

### St Peter's Catholic Church

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

**This Sunday is the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time.** The vestments are green. For those following in a Missal, the readings are from Year B. The first reading is taken from the First Book of Samuel and tells of his call from God, and his response to that call. In the Gospel we have Saint John's account of the calling of the first disciples. Just as last week was a good week to consider our common baptism, today we should ask ourselves what it is that God is calling us to do.

**Note: At present, happily, we have a lot of Mass intentions.** They will all be said in due course, so please be patient if your Mass intention seems delayed. Currently we are booked up until February 28. This is a good thing, as it is a sign that we realise

that the Mass is the greatest of prayers, being the source and summit of Christian life.

### Mass Intentions

Saturday 16 January 6pm Private Intention (MB)  
Sunday 17 January 8.30am For all parishioners  
Sunday 17 January 10am Sophie Rose Johnstone RIP  
Sunday 17 January 11.15am Bridie Fitzgerald RIP  
Monday 18 January 10am Holy Souls  
Tuesday 19 January 10am Private Intention  
Wednesday 20 January 10am Janice Johnson RIP (10 anniv)  
Thursday 21 January No Mass  
Friday 22 January 10am Ahline Lock RIP  
Saturday 23 January 10am Fr Alexander's intention  
Saturday 23 January 6pm Margot Brown RIP  
Sunday 24 January 8.30am For all Parishioners  
Sunday 24 January 10am Justin Hooper RIP  
Sunday 24 January 11.15am Lily Clothier RIP

### Liturgical Notes.

This Monday, 18 January, the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity begins and lasts until 25 January, the feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul. During the Octave we shall endeavour to celebrate the Mass for Christian Unity when there is no feast. During this time, we are urged to pray for the unity of all those who are baptised. This can be done, of necessity, alone, but we should do our best to remember this intention. The ecumenical movement is one of the great fruits of the

Second Vatican Council, and we should constantly strive to cultivate friendly relations with other Christians and engage in constructive dialogue with them. To facilitate the week of prayer, the World Council of Churches publishes a series of reflections that can be accessed online, and which will be shared via the parish website and social media. (One can google “Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2021”.)

**Brace yourselves! Lent this year begins** on 17 February. Avoid ‘dry January’ and ‘Veganuary’, be traditional, and save the fasting for Lent. Start thinking now about what you can give up.

**Wednesday is the feast of Saint Sebastian**, martyr, one of the saints traditionally invoked in times of plague.

**The Hall: we have had our meeting of the Finance Committee**, and have made our decision to go ahead with the full refurbishment of the Hall; in addition, at the same time, we need to carry out the repairs mandated by the quinquennial report into the Church and annexed buildings, which are chiefly electrical and to do with repointing brickwork. An ‘all at once’ strategy will perhaps minimise disruption and also make the best of the opportunity given by lockdown. The work is now going out to tender. Now may not seem the ideal time to go ahead with expensive works, but we have already (pre-Covid) spent quite a bit on the plans, and we do have sufficient funds to start, and the work is in many ways necessary and will be of lasting benefit. The restored Hall will be better ventilated, more aesthetically pleasing, and have a new kitchen and loos. The restored Hall will be open to all hirers (our fees are reasonable) and will, we hope, act as a community hub. Pre-Covid, it hosted coffee after Mass, social dancing, a social club, film nights, catechetical activities such as fun packed

meetings of the UCM, First Holy Communion and Confirmation, Children’s Liturgy, children’s parties, other social functions and many other activities. We hope to bring these back, and to increase them: one important project is hosting a bereavement group. The new Hall will be of benefit to the parish and to the wider community, who are invited to many of our activities. All this costs money, of course, and we have a fundraising committee, and we will be raising funds. All good ideas are welcome. More on this next week.

**Lockdown 3.0 does not affect public worship**; in other words, all Masses are as scheduled and the Church is open as normal. Many will of course not want to come out, but you are allowed, if you wish, to come to Mass and to visit the Church. All precautions are in place to make the Church ‘Covid-secure’, and many thanks to all those who are working away to maintain this. Moreover, our Church is large and very well ventilated, which greatly diminishes the chances of catching Covid in Church. (To date there have been no cases of anyone contracting Covid thanks to a visit to any church, as far as we know.) Cardinal Nichols has said: “The regular practice of our faith in God is a well-established source of both personal resilience and dedicated service to those in need. Such resilience and enduring service are vital in these difficult circumstances. I am glad that no measures have been introduced that would obstruct or curtail this essential source of energy for the common good. Catholic parishes will continue to serve the needs of their local community. In one parish, for example, the provision of food for the needy has increased by 400% since March last year.”

**Please note the following: Because the Church is cold** thanks to the doors being

open, woolly and other hats may be worn by men and boys, dispensing from the ancient law about men uncovering their heads in Church. Please try and sit somewhere as far away from everyone else as possible!

**We are hearing of lots of parishioners** who are having their Covid vaccines, and we are also hearing of lots of our parishioners who are involved in giving the vaccine. Congratulatuons to the former, and well done to the latter. Let us hope that with the million plus vaccines already given confidence may soon return.

**This year is dedicated to Saint Joseph.** Fact Four about Saint Joseph: Though Joseph and Mary were married, theirs is what we call a ‘marriage blanche’, in other words, Mary remained a virgin all her life. In Church law, a marriage only becomes indissoluble when it is ‘consummatum ac ratum’, that is when it is consummated after the wedding ceremony. So, were Joseph and Mary really married? The answer is ‘yes’, because the love they had between themselves was real and deep, even if it had no physical expression. This tells us that there are many ways of expressing love, not all of which take physical form. This is a useful reminder that love is essentially spiritual.

**The Blessed Carlo Acutis said:** “The only thing we have to ask God for, in prayer, is the desire to be holy.”

**The Compendium of the Catechism** of the Catholic Church is a handbook of the Catholic faith in manageable form. We are looking at what it says about Prayer in the Christian Life, a very important subject. These extracts are for you to take away with you and ponder over.

**569. How can vocal prayer be described?** Vocal prayer associates the

body with the interior prayer of the heart. Even the most interior prayer, however, cannot dispense with vocal prayer. In any case it must always spring from a personal faith. With the Our Father Jesus has taught us a perfect form of vocal prayer.

**570. What is meditation?** Meditation is a prayerful reflection that begins above all in the Word of God in the Bible. Meditation engages thought, imagination, emotion and desire in order to deepen our faith, convert our heart and fortify our will to follow Christ. It is a first step toward the union of love with our Lord.

**571. What is contemplative prayer?** Contemplative prayer is a simple gaze upon God in silence and love. It is a gift of God, a moment of pure faith during which the one praying seeks Christ, surrenders himself to the loving will of the Father, and places his being under the action of the Holy Spirit. Saint Teresa of Avila defines contemplative prayer as the intimate sharing of friendship, “in which time is frequently taken to be alone with God who we know loves us.”

**200 Club Winners** Congratulations to the following:

November Draw:  
£50: Nicola Austin  
£90: Rebecca Martin  
£200: Mary Thomson

December Draw:  
£50: Christine Kilgallon  
£90: Michael Wilkinson  
£200: Angela Fishenden

Could 200 Club Member **P Colley**, please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible.

## Parish Notice Board

**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.

**Thinking of driving lessons?** Please contact Phil Harris (Bartholomews Driving School) on 07711 688147.

### 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  
Visit [www.learnuitarbrighton.com](http://www.learnuitarbrighton.com)  
07855169344

### 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](mailto:nicklee@pebble-financial.co.uk)

**Caroline's Kitchen – Tel 595922**  
Caterers for Baptisms, etc. Tel 595922 or [carolineriley@carolines-kitchen.co.uk](mailto:carolineriley@carolines-kitchen.co.uk)

**Small Group maths tuition** for children 7 to 11. Experienced primary school teacher. Call Katie Jackson 07776 098522

### Host Families needed

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

### Guitar Lessons- all styles.

Dr James Westbrook Dip. Mus., FLCM, PhD (Music, Cambridge).  
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### Marriage Preparation Course

You will need to contact Esther Lyon 01273 698182. [www.stpetersbrighton.org](http://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.

### 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>