

Children's Liturgy Training

Following on from the success of our previous Children's Liturgy training we are repeating the event on Saturday 20 April at the St Philip Howard Centre from 10.00am - 4.00pm. Please join us for a morning exploring an exciting style of delivering the liturgy of the word for children. Lucy Hall will be demonstrating a hands-on, tactile approach to wondering about the Gospel. Whether you have been working in this ministry for a long time or if you are new, come to be enthused by Lucy and to meet others who share your passion.

Please sign up here:

<https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events>

'The Promise of the Father' is an

exciting new course for Arundel and Brighton Diocese in support of the Word Who is Life Pastoral Plan.

The course is free and aims to help us to live our lives empowered by the Holy Spirit. It is held over seven sessions, each with a well renowned speaker and small group discussions and starts just after Easter, on 10 April 2024, and will run to 23 May.

'The Promise Of the Father' promises to be an exciting, enriching and, God willing, a life-changing experience for everyone. Spaces in the venue and online are limited so early booking is essential. Please book now to avoid disappointment.

You can find more information on the course and book your place here:

<https://www.catholicparishofworthingandlancing.co.uk/the-promise-of-the-father/>

The Royal Sussex County Hospital

chaplain is Fr Celestine, who can be reached by phone on 01273 696955 ext. 64122 or celestine.nnolim@nhs.net
Fr Celestine is in the hospital from 8.30am to 4.30pm every weekday.

Please pray for those who are sick.

Charlotte & John Lloyd, Colm Henry, Christine Hawkswell.

Please tell us in the parish office if you know of anyone who needs to be added to this list. Thank you!

Please remember, if you need a baptism

certificate, a confirmation certificate, or a marriage certificate, the email address you need to use is:

SaintPeterArchives@gmail.com

Reminder of church opening times

Please see changes as follows:

- Monday, open after 10am Mass until 12.00pm
- Tuesday, open after 10am Mass until 3.30pm
- Wednesday, open after 10am Mass until 3.30pm
- Thursday, closed all day.
- Friday, closed all day.
- Saturday, open for 6pm Mass only.
- Sunday, open for all Masses then closed after 11.30am Mass.

(Times subject to alteration.)

Offertory Sunday 10 March: £1,176.75.

£400.00 raised for Aid to the Church in need

St Peter's Catholic Church

Diocesan Shrine of the Blessed

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Portland Road, Hove



17 March 2024

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Mass intentions

Sat 16 Mar, 6.00pm: For all parishioners
Sun 17 Mar, 8.30am: For all parishioners
Sun 17 Mar, 10.00am: Angela Bernadette Crowley RIP
Sun 17 Mar, 11.30am: Mary O'Beine RIP
Mon 18 Mar, 10.00am: For all parishioners
Tue 19 Mar, 10.00am: Benny Smyth RIP
Wed 20 Mar, 10.00am: For all parishioners
Thu 21 Mar, Church closed no Mass
Fri 22 Mar, 11am: Funeral of Patrick James McCauley
Sat 23 Mar, 6.00pm: For all parishioners
Sun 24 Mar, 8.30am: For all parishioners
Sun 24 Mar, 10.00am: For all parishioners
Sun 24 Mar, 11.30am: For all parishioners

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Fr Tony Writes

Normally in our Sunday readings the first reading relates clearly to the Gospel. But something different is happening in our Lenten readings. The Old Testament readings are following a narrative of their own. On the first Sunday of Lent we heard of the Covenant with Noah, symbolised by the rainbow. The following week we had the Covenant with Abraham. The third Sunday was the covenant with Moses in the form of the Ten Commandments. Last week we heard of the punishment of Israel because they had broken the Covenant, yet God did not abandon them entirely, but rather brought them back to their own land. In today's first reading, God, through Jeremiah, speaks of a 'new Covenant'. But what exactly is a 'covenant'? It is an agreement between parties. Its origins lie in treaties between nations in the ancient world. It would include binding promises on both sides. This was a model for the relationship between the Israelites and God.

This was revolutionary for the period. For in it not only do the Israelites have obligations, so does God! God is committed to maintaining that relationship! Compare that with other religions of the period, where gods were capricious characters needing to be appeased! Yet not only does God bind himself to his people, God remains faithful to his Covenant even when Israel is unfaithful. God constantly seeks to renew that Covenant. And an age is envisaged where the Covenant will not be an external agreement, but an interior disposition. God's new covenant is written in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, and sealed with his blood, the 'blood of the new and eternal Covenant' as the words of the Mass say.

So we renew that Covenant every time we come to Mass, and in a particular way when we celebrate Reconciliation. We come to know the God of mercy, who never abandons his people, and is always willing to forgive and renew his relationship with us.

Paschal Triduum and Easter Services.

Easter is a feast spread over three days, namely:

- **Holy Thursday**, March 28, when we commemorate the Last Supper and the giving of the Eucharist. Mass is at 8pm, followed by silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at the Altar of Repose until 10pm.
- **Good Friday**, March 29, the day of the suffering and death of Jesus on the Cross. The Liturgy of the Passion is at 3pm, the hour at which Our Lord died.
- **Holy Saturday**, March 30, our day of waiting at the tomb of Our Lord. The Easter Vigil begins at 7pm, at which we celebrate the resurrection and renew our baptismal promises.
- **Easter Sunday**, March 31, Mass is at 8.30am, 10am and 11.30am, (Sung Mass)

We will renew our baptismal promises at each Mass.

The funeral of Patrick James McCauley of Hove will be here at St Peter's on Friday 22 March at 11am. Please pray for the repose of his soul and for the comfort of his family at this time.

Please note weekday Masses will be celebrated on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 10am only until further notice.

Please join us for the Rosary after Mass every Tuesday during Lent.

Confessions are held on Saturdays from 5.15 to 5.45pm followed by Mass at 6pm.

The Confirmation group got underway last week. Please remember them in your prayers and thanks to the Sacred Heart parish for undertaking the programme this year. This programme comprises of eight sessions with twenty two young people from our parish. The Confirmation ceremony takes place again this year at Arundel Cathedral on 30 June.

First Holy Communions

Please note there are no further programmes scheduled for this parish this year. Please contact the office in September if you wish to enquire about a place.

Dona – please note there is a fault with our machine at the moment. We will advise you once it is up and running again. This means you cannot make payments via the Dona machine or the online system, apologies for the inconvenience. Payments can of course still be accepted via bank transfer.

The Social Club is held on Fridays from 1.30pm in the hall. The team will be there to welcome you all. New members are always welcome.

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.

Spring Sales

We have now raised just over £500 from the sale of goods after Mass. This will go to Aid to the Church in Need. Until the new parish priest comes we shall continue with ACN as our charity, and there will be further small sales from time to time. There is a basket on the leaflet table at the back of the church for donations of suitable goods. Thanks go to all who have helped in various ways.

Toy Share

The toy swap set up by Fr. Alexander was very popular and it would be nice to continue this. We are looking at holding this mid-April, so have a sort out during the Easter holidays. If anyone or a small group is willing to organise this, please get in touch with the parish office.

Money Counters

We have a wonderful group who count each week after Mass and we really need just a couple of more people to step forward, please contact the office if you would like to join the team.

Music Tuition. Are you interested in learning to play the piano? Then contact John Byrne on 07989 413459. Theory, GCSE, etc.

The Bosco Catholic Education Trust, which exists to serve Catholic schools in Sussex, invites you to consider taking on the wonderful role of being a governor. You could do this to help your local Catholic school or support the strategic development of the Trust itself. To register your interest, join our 'talent pool' and find

out if this could be the role for you, please visit:

www.boscocet.org.uk/become-a-governor/.

You have something unique to offer and we'd love to hear from you.

Thinking of driving lessons? Please contact Phil Harris (Bartholomew's Driving School) on 07711 688147.

Children's Liturgy takes place at the 10am Mass. It is for children from year minus 1 to First Holy Communion age. Children and parents who wish to take part will be called up after the Gloria and Opening Prayer, and will then process into the hall. They will return for the Offertory. Children's Liturgy is every Sunday, irrespective of school holidays, except in the months of April, August and December. Thank you to the liturgy team who keep this running for the parish.

Seagull Delivery - they deliver newspapers all over Brighton and Hove. If you want your paper delivered contact raj@seagulldelivery.co.uk



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 any 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.

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.

Victoria Myall, Victoriamyall@hotmail.com
or Tel 07788673097

List of Events at St Peter's Hall

Day	Event	Contact
Mon 9.15 - 10.15	Yoga	lee.spearpoint@googlemail.com
Mon 10.15 - 11.30	Tai Chi	stpetershallbn3@gmail.com
Mon 16.40 - 17.00	Alta Dancing	info@altadance.co.uk
Mon 19.00 - 20.00	Paul Jukes Fitness	paul@pj-brands.co.uk
Tue 13.30	UCM Winter meetings. October - March	wendywallis@ntlworld.com
Tue 17.00-19.00	Brownies	http://girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter
Tue 19.15 – 21.00	Guides	http://girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter
Wed 9.15–12.15	Baby Ballet	brightonwestandhove@babyballet.co.uk
Wed 14.15-19.15	Alta Academy of Dance	info@altadance.co.uk
Wed 19.00-21.00	UCM Summer meetings. April - September	wendywallis@ntlworld.com
Thu 09.30 - 12.00	Music with Mike	mike@musicwithmike.co.uk
Thu 16.45 -18.00	Rainbows	http://girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter
Thu 18.00 – 19.45	Brownies	http://girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter
Thu 20.00 – 22.00	Social Dancing	stpetershallbn3@gmail.com
Fri 9.30- 10.30	Pilates	nicolajhowarth@gmail.com
Fri 10.30.13.30	ESOL (English language lessons)	KWadham@wea.ac.uk
Fri 13.30- 15.30	Apostles Lunch Club	stpetershallbn3@gmail.com

