

Those Covid Rules in full (updated):

- 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 sanitise your hands on entry and exit.
- Please observe the one way system: up the middle, down the sides, especially at Holy Communion.
- There are no hymn books or Mass books.
- If you take a newsletter, please take it home with you.
- You are free to bring your own Missal with you.
- There is no Holy Water in the stoups.
- There is no congregational singing.
- The Church doors are to remain open to ventilate the building.
- Mass is shorter than usual.
- There are no Bidding Prayers.
- There is no procession of the Gifts to the altar and no passing around of the collection baskets.
- There is no sign of peace.
- The collection will be taken as you leave the church.
- 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.

All Hall users please note the following:

- The Hall has to be well ventilated. The windows in the loos are to be kept open. When the Hall is in use the street door must be propped open. Windows to be closed when you leave.
- After you have used the chairs, place them stacked in place with a note on them saying when they were used. When you use chairs, pick the stack that has been used least recently. This is to ensure that the use of chairs is rotated.
- The capacity of the Hall is 30 people.
- Enter the Hall from the link; leave by the street doors; please respect this one way system.
- Do not form queues by the loos.
- Children must be accompanied when they use the loos.
- Please use the hand sanitiser provided.
- Please wash your hands after using the loos.
- Please respect social distancing.
- At Hall events, the organisers need to note who is attending, for any track and trace measures. These names and contact details must be kept for three weeks.
- Every time the Hall is used, it has to be cleaned afterwards.

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, Liz Perkins, Richard Martin, Sheila Coldicott, Charlotte and Jenny Essex, Charlotte Lloyd.

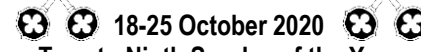
Our Scripture group will resume in the Hall this week on Thursday morning at 10am. All welcome.

Sunday 11 October: baskets £592.97 + s/orders average £663.47 = £1,256.44

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18-25 October 2020

Twenty-Ninth Sunday of the Year

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This newsletter covers two weeks

In case you missed it: Rejoice! Rejoice!

Rejoice! Thanks to the kindness of a parishioner, who has sent us a cheque for £1,311, the stained glass debt is paid off. This means we can now forget about how much it cost and enjoy it for the beautiful window it is. Many thanks to all who donated to the fund, and all who took part in fund raising activities, and many prayers for those who remembered it in their wills. Between now and the end of the year we will celebrate a Mass for the intentions of the donors and/or the repose of their souls every week, starting on the 23 October. Question: what should our next fundraising effort be directed at?

Today is the Twenty-Ninth Sunday of the Year.

The first reading from the prophet Isaiah tells us that God will use Cyrus, the Persian king and a pagan, to bring about his

will, even though Cyrus does not know Him. In the Gospel we have Jesus' famous words about the coin which bears Caesar's head, and how we should give to God what is God's and to Caesar what is Caesar's. This establishes the proper separation between Church and State, which has long been a difficult subject both in this country and elsewhere!

Next Sunday, 18 October, is World Mission Sunday and the Thirtieth Sunday of the Year. This is the Sunday when the whole Church prays for the Missions, and there will be a second collection for this cause. The baskets will be at the front. The parish collection will be taken as in previous weeks, at the door, as you leave. Many thanks, in advance, for your generosity.

In the first reading, from the Book of Exodus, we have some of the laws that God gave His people through Moses, all of which are very humane and sensible, and can still instruct us. In the Gospel Jesus gives us the New Law which is the love of God and the love of neighbour, the two things that go to make up the supreme law of charity.

The annual count of the congregation

has now finished. The last four weeks' counts were as follows: 35, 41, 47 and 40 at 6pm, 45, 47, 56 and 65 at 8.30am, 108, 100, 81 and 97 at 10am and 91, 71, 86 and 102 at 11.15am. That makes totals of 279, 259, 270 and 304 respectively. The averages are as follows: 40.75 at 6pm; 53.25 at 8.30am; 96.5 at 10am; and 87.5 at 11.15am. The overall average is 278. These numbers will now be sent to the diocese.

Times for Evening Opening of the Church

for Adoration, Private Prayer and Confessions: Sundays (not 25 October), Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays from 6pm to 7pm.

Mass Intentions for the weeks starting 18 October

Saturday 17 October 6pm Catherine McMahon RIP
 Sunday 18 October 8.30am Margaret Warhurst RIP
 Sunday 18 October 10am For all parishioners
 Sunday 18 October 11.15am In Thanksgiving (Felicité Sagna)
 Monday 19 October 10am Anthony Lin RIP
 Tuesday 20 October 10am GE Louis Side
 Wednesday 21 October 10am Peggy Haslam RIP
 Thursday 22 October No Mass
 Friday 23 October 10am Donors Stained Glass
 Saturday 24 October 10am GE Liz Hall
 Saturday 24 September 6pm Hugh Hudson RIP
 Sunday 25 September 8.30am M Farran intention
 Sunday 25 September 10am For all parishioners
 Sunday 25 September 11.15am GE Liz Hall
 Monday 26 October 10am Thanksgiving (M Lock)
 Tuesday 27 October 10am Private Intention (MB)
 Wednesday 28 October Private Intention (MB)
 Thursday 29 October No Mass
 Friday 30 October Giuliana Sussex RIP
 Saturday 31 October Donors Stained Glass

Liturgical Notes:

October is the month dedicated to prayer for the Missions of the Church, and also month of the Holy Rosary. On days when there is no feast we shall celebrate the Mass for the Evangelisation of Peoples or for the Progress of Peoples. We have no bidding prayers at present, but let us keep this intention in mind.

- Monday 19 Oct is the feast of Saint Philip Howard, chief patron of the diocese.
- Friday 23 Oct is the feast of Saint John of Capistrano.
- Saturday 24 Oct is the feast of Saint Antony Mary Claret.
- Monday 26 Oct is the feast of Saints Chad and Cedd, bishops.
- Wednesday 28 Oct is the feast of Saints Simon and Jude, apostles.

The Syrian Eastern Orthodox community

will be celebrating the Divine Liturgy here on Sunday 25 October at 5pm. The celebrant will be Abouna Michel. A warm welcome to them!

The Blessed Carlo Acutis said: "To always be close to Jesus, that is my life plan."

Fr Alexander will be on holiday from the evening of 11 October. He will be back on Saturday 24 October, all being well. During his absence Fr Paul Martin will be staying in the presbytery and all Masses will be as normal. Fr Paul has been here before, when he made an appeal for the Saint Barnabas Society. He said then that he greatly enjoyed his experience! Please make him welcome. Fr Alexander is extremely grateful to Fr Paul for stepping in and taking his place when he is away.

Our Parish Social Club meets on Friday at 1.30pm in the Hall. Next Friday it will be a Quiz. All are welcome.

Social Dancing is now taking place on a Tuesday from 1.30pm to 3.30pm. All are welcome.

The cupboards in the Narthex (on the right as you enter the Church) are going to be cleared shortly, in order to free up space. If

you have anything in the cupboards which you treasure, please do rescue it and put it somewhere safe, because otherwise it risks being thrown away! Naturally we are not going to throw away anything valuable, but quite a few things in the cupboards seem anything but.

Registration for First Holy Communion

(normally done in year three) **and for Confirmation** (normally done in year ten) will start after the half term holiday and conclude on the Second Sunday of Advent, that is from 1 November until 6 December. So please watch out for forms at that time, and please have them in in good time. Both courses will start in January. Because of restricted space and resources, we regret that will not be accepting registrations from outside the parish. In addition, we are unable to accept late registrations. As in previous years, Fr Alexander will visit all the candidates at home when they have registered.

Forthcoming events:
Tuesday 20 October, 1.30-3.30pm Social Dancing all welcome in the hall.
Friday 23 October, 1.30pm: Social Club – Quiz.
Sunday 25 October, 5pm: Syrian Eastern Orthodox Divine Liturgy.
Sunday 1 November: registration for First Holy Communion and Confirmation opens.
Monday 2 November: Holy Souls, Mass at 10am and 7.30pm (for Fr Albert RIP)
Tuesday 3 November, 7pm: Station Mass at Sacred Heart with Bishop Richard.
Tuesday 2 December, 7.30pm: Care Group meets.
Sunday 6 December: registration for First Holy Communion and Confirmation closes.

We are once again collecting donations

for the Food Bank. Please leave your donation in the tub inside the door of the Outer Sacristy.

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.

555. When is thanksgiving given to God? The Church gives thanks to God unceasingly, above all in celebrating the Eucharist in which Christ allows her to participate in his own thanksgiving to the Father. For the Christian every event becomes a reason for giving thanks.

556. What is the prayer of praise? Praise is that form of prayer which recognizes most immediately that God is God. It is a completely disinterested prayer: it sings God's praise for his own sake and gives him glory simply because he is.

Interfaith Prayer

This hour of prayer is sponsored by our local Interfaith Contact Group. It is hosted each year by a different faith community and this year St Peters has volunteered. Because of COVID we are not able to meet face to face so we plan to continue from September to November on Zoom and reconsider the situation in January. Our prayer hour for this year will be 7-8pm on the last Thursday of the month: September 24th; October 29th; November 26th.

Our prayer hour is open to anybody and consists usually of meditative silence and occasional contributions from participants. If you wish to attend please email to register attendance on: bqclerk@outlook.com Once registered the Zoom link will be emailed to you. Alternatively, feel free to email me on: kateewilliamson50@gmail.com

Parish Notice Board

Free First Holy Communion Dresses: -

Two lovely dresses aged 7 and 10 if any one would like them please contact Rita on 07823 886837.

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.

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