

Sick Parishioners.

Please pray for Jim McFarlane, 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.

Forthcoming events:

Monday 19 April, 10am: Funeral of Antoinette Maguire RIP.

Monday 19 April, 8pm: Baptism Course.

Sunday 18 April, 7pm-8.30pm: First Session of Confirmation preparation.

Friday 23 April, 10am: Mass for the feast of Saint George.

Friday 23 April, 11am: Funeral of Harry Ross RIP.

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

Sunday 9 May, 7pm-8.30pm: Second Session of Confirmation preparation.

Monday 17 May, 7.15-8.15pm: Subcommittee on spiritual life of the parish.

Monday 10 May: Hall refurbishment starts.

Sunday 13 June, 7pm-8.30pm: Third Session of Confirmation preparation.

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.

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]

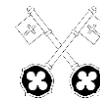
The Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church is a handbook of the Catholic faith in manageable form. We are looking at what it says about Prayer in the Christian Life, a very important subject. These extracts are for you to take away with you and ponder over.

594. Why do we say "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us"? By asking God the Father to pardon us, we acknowledge before him that we are sinners. At the same time we proclaim his mercy because in his Son and through the sacraments "we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins" (Colossians 1:14). Still our petition will be answered only if we for our part have forgiven first.

595. How is forgiveness possible? Mercy can penetrate our hearts only if we ourselves learn how to forgive – even our enemies. Now even if it seems impossible for us to satisfy this requirement, the heart that offers itself to the Holy Spirit can, like Christ, love even to love's extreme; it can turn injury into compassion and transform hurt into intercession. Forgiveness participates in the divine mercy and is a high-point of Christian prayer.

596. What does "Lead us not into temptation" mean? We ask God our Father not to leave us alone and in the power of temptation. We ask the Holy Spirit to help us know how to discern, on the one hand, between a trial that makes us grow in goodness and a temptation that leads to sin and death and, on the other hand, between being tempted and consenting to temptation. This petition unites us to Jesus who overcame temptation by his prayer. It requests the grace of vigilance and of final perseverance.

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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 Third Sunday of Easter. The first reading is part of Saint Peter's address to the crowd at Pentecost, in which he urges the people to repent of their sins, turn to God, and be saved.

The Gospel, from Saint Luke, recounts Jesus' appearance to His disciples in the Upper Room after His Resurrection, and His commission to them to preach the repentance of sins to all the nations, beginning in Jerusalem. What does this emphasis on repentance mean for us today?

Next Sunday, the Fourth of Easter, is Good Shepherd Sunday, dedicated to prayer for vocations, when there will be a retiring collection for the education of future priests and when we hear the Gospel in which Jesus tells us that He is the Good Shepherd. This Sunday marks the Silver Jubilee of Father Alexander's ordination. The 11.15 am Mass will be a Mass of Thanksgiving, and the preacher will be Father Paul Martin, who was present at the ordination. Two deacons will be present, Rev Robert Wellbelove, from Knaphill, who will read the Gospel, and Rev Stephen Sharpe. All other Masses will be as normal.

We have heard the sad news of the death of our oldest parishioner, **Caroline Wojtowicz**, who died on Saturday 10th April, having received the Sacrament of the Sick and the Apostolic Pardon, shortly before going to God. She was 100 years old, and was living in the Pines Nursing Home; before that she was resident in Sackville Gardens. Let us pray for the repose of her soul. Funeral arrangements will be announced when known.

We have heard the sad news of the death of Harry Ross, who died in hospital on Friday 9th April. aged 66. His funeral will take place here on Friday 23 April at 11am, followed by burial at Bear Road Cemetery. This will not affect the 10am Mass on that day, which is the feast of Saint George.

Gift Aid Envelopes are now available at the back of the church. Please remember to collect them. Your number may have changed as part of our recent audit, this will not affect your donations. Thank you for your continued support.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 17 April 6pm For all Parishioners
Sunday 18 April 8.30am Yet Ming RIP
Sunday 18 April 10am For Benefactors
Sunday 18 April 11.15am Fr Alexander's intention.
Monday 19 April 10am Funeral Mass of Antoinette Maguire RIP
Tuesday 20 April 10am Louis Side RIP
Wednesday 21 April 10am Anthony Lin RIP
Thursday 22 April No Mass
Friday 23 April 10am Private Intention (GR)
Saturday 24 April 10am Fr Alexander's intention
Saturday 24 April 6pm Liz Hall RIP
Sunday 11 April 8.30am For Benefactors
Sunday 11 April 10am For all parishioners
Sunday 11 April 11.15am Fr Alexander's intention.

Liturgical notes

Wednesday is the feast of Saint Anselm. Anselm was born in Aosta, Italy in 1033. At the age of 27, after a long period of prayer and deliberation, Anselm joined the Benedictine monastery at Bec in Normandy. Anselm immersed himself in his studies, becoming a great thinker and theological scholar. Others soon noticed Anselm's piety and devotion to the study of scripture and he was elected to the position of Prior at a young age. Anselm continued his studies and became a renowned philosopher and theologian. Anselm's philosophical premise was that God is "that which nothing greater can be conceived" and that theology is "faith seeking understanding". In 1093 Anselm

was named Archbishop of Canterbury. He reluctantly accepted the position but remained concerned at the brutality and impiety of the English king, William Rufus. Anselm suffered much for the rights of the Church, and was twice exiled. He died in 1109 and was canonized in 1494.

Friday is the feast of Saint George, patron saint of many countries, including England. He was a soldier and martyred possibly under Diocletian, but apart from that nothing can be known about his life with certainty. This year the best way to mark our national day is by attendance at Mass. Next year we hope to have some sort of social celebration.

Saturday is the feast of Saint Adalbert of Prague, bishop, who was martyred in the year 997 and canonised two years later.

Many thanks to all of you who made a success of the table top sale. We raised the amazing amount of £560.08. Many thanks to all those who sold, all those who bought, and all those who donated. Our sterling workers are incredible! This means that of our target of £30,000 for the Hall restoration fund, we have raised £5,781.12 so far. Many thanks to all who have contributed one way or another. The Mass that we say regularly for benefactors is for those who have helped out in cash or in kind for the appeal. There are quite a few books left over from the sale (at the time of writing this) and if you would like any of them, please go into the Link and help yourself. In addition, the Hall has a piano in it which is out of tune and hardly ever used which we are willing to give away to anyone who wants it. Any takers? Any other great

fundraising ideas? Please do not keep them to yourself!

The Social subcommittee and the

Communications subcommittee of the Parish Team have met. The first discussed the various things we hope to do in August when the newly refurbished Hall is open.

These include:

- An open day on the first available Saturday so the neighbours can admire the new facility, with a drinks party and an official re-opening and blessing in the evening, in the presence of a local figure.
- The social club, meeting on Fridays
- Film nights, for children, for families and for adults.
- A family fun day one Sunday in Wish Park.
- The International dinner with disco in the Hall.

The communications subcommittee discussed ways of advertising these events, and the use of our website and the use of emails to which people can opt in. We also discussed posters and leaflets about the Hall, as well as a sandwich board to go outside the Church when it is open. The next meetings are as follows: Monday 17 May, a subcommittee meeting to discuss the spiritual life of the parish from 7.15pm-8.15pm; and Thursday 24 June, a full team meeting followed by a meal; 7.15- 8.15pm meeting, 8.15-9.30pm meal.

Our next Baptism Course, for parents with children to baptise, will take place this Monday 19 April at 8pm.

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.

If you want to go to the loo during Mass, then do please enter the Hall via the glass door in the Church porch, which should be open during Sunday Masses. (If it is not, please ask one of the stewards.) We are aware that this can be important for parents of young children. Unfortunately, from 10 May, the Hall will be closed for refurbishment for 12 weeks. The only loo available then will be for emergencies and that is in the ground floor of the presbytery approachable via the outer sacristy.

It really does seem that the Covid crisis is drawing to an end, though the government seems nervous about new variants and other such unforeseen circumstances. Let us continue to pray for the wellbeing of the country, and keep on invoking the saints who have helped us so far: Saint Sebastian, pray for us! Saint Frances of Rome, pray for us!

Saint Rita of Cascia, pray for us!
Saint Charles Borromeo, pray for us!
Saint Charbel the Miracle Worker, pray for us!
Saint Pius of Pietralicina, pray for us!
Blessed Carlo Acutis, pray for us!

Offertory Collection:

Offertory Sunday 11 Apr 2021 =
£1,705.35



Parish Notice Board

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

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

All year round. Single/twin room accommodation required. Ring Maureen 01273 778918 or 07801827323
Studenthomes.me@hotmail.com

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
Visit www.learnuitarbrighton.com
07855169344

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

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.

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.