

'Let Us Dream' activity workshop

In response to the cries of the earth and the cries of the poor, The Catholic Deanery of Brighton invites you to its 'Let Us Dream' workshop. This event is for surrounding parishes, schools and communities of Brighton, Hove, Sussex and Brighton Universities, Patcham, Preston Park, Rottingdean, Woodingdean and Southwick. Are you concerned about climate change? Local poverty issues? Come and join the discussion: 'What would you like your community to look like in the year 2030?'

From 10am to 1pm, on Saturday 2 March 2024, at St George's RC Church, Court Farm Road, Hove BN3 7QR.

Have you considered becoming a Governor at a Catholic School?

All governors are able to contribute their experience, values and views to enhance and promote the school's ethos and vision. Real and exciting opportunities exist for regular discussions and debate across numerous aspects of school life and provision.

The governor plays a key role in the direction of and accountability for the school but is also part of a network of relationships which includes children and young people, parents, staff, priests, religious, the diocese, local authority, DfE, and the wider community.

Governors need to be able to commit interest, enthusiasm and time to the tasks that being a governor means. Further details may be obtained from the Diocesan Education Service,
gill.sajnog@abdiocese.org.uk
Or Tel 01293 651144.

Offertory Sunday 11 February £1,322.59



The National Board of Catholic Women brings together women from many different backgrounds. They work nationally and internationally to challenge discrimination and promote the right of women to gender justice. They actively promote the presence, participation and responsibilities of catholic women in the church and society. They work ecumenically with women of other faiths and secular groups.

'INSPIRING WOMEN: Women and Synodality.' The National Board of Catholic Women invites you to a webinar, organised by the Women in the Church committee. Saturday 16 March 2024, 11.00am - 12.45pm

Avril Baigent and Helen Burgess
Avril is the pastoral ministry advisor and synod co-lead for the Diocese of Northampton. She is also a doctoral student at Durham University, developing the notion of Lived Catholicism and exploring the reality of the lives of catholic teenagers in the UK. Avril is co-director of the School for Synodality. She is committed to a synodal vision of the whole church journeying together, of a pastoral encounter that draws us into an encounter with the living Lord.

Helen is a NBCW diocesan link for the Northampton Diocese. She convenes the Women in the Church committee and has led the women's working party in her diocesan assembly. She is lead chaplain at the University of Bedfordshire.
Email: nbcw@abdiocese.org.uk to register your interest. For other events and information go to <https://www.nbcw.co.uk/>

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Mass intentions

Sat 17 Feb, 6pm: For all parishioners
Sun 18 Feb, 8.30am: Louis Side RIP
Sun 18 Feb, 10am: Margaret Heffernan RIP
Sun 18 Feb, 11.30am: Jadwiga Mackowiak
Mon 19 Feb, 10am: For all parishioners
Tue 20 Feb, 10am: For all parishioners
Wed 21 Feb, 10am: For all parishioners
Thu 22 Feb, no Mass.
Fri 23 Feb, 10am: no Mass.
Sat 24 Feb, 6pm: For all parishioners
Sun 25 Feb, 8.30am: For all parishioners
Sun 25 Feb, 10am: For all parishioners
Sun 25 Feb, 11.30am: Charlotte & John Lloyd

The Mathematics of Lent

Lent is 40 days long! Or is it? From Ash Wednesday to Holy Saturday is, in fact, 46 days! It is sometimes said that Sundays don't 'count' in some way. But while Sunday is always, in the first instance, the celebration of the Resurrection (and therefore, one could argue, not a day of fasting), they are still Sundays of Lent. We still wear purple, and refrain from singing All****a. Another option is to say that Lent is a preparation for Holy Week, and so ends the Saturday before Palm Sunday. But that only gives 39 days. To complicate things further, there are one or two Solemnities in Lent (Just one this year for us: St Joseph; the Annunciation is celebrated on Monday 8th April, because 25th March is in Holy Week). And solemnities take precedence over days of Lent.

A more fruitful way of approaching this mathematical conundrum is to consider the significance of the number 40. In the first instance it is the number of days Jesus spent in the desert, as we hear in this Sunday's Gospel. But that figure also reminds us of other biblical forties. This Sunday's readings also speak of the story of the flood. According to Genesis it rained for '40 days and 40 nights' (Genesis 7:12). Also, before receiving the Law, Moses was on the mountain '40 days and 40 nights' (Exodus 24:18). Then there is the 40 years the Israelites spent in the wilderness (Numbers 32:13).

In the book of Judges, we encounter the phrase 'the land had rest for 40 years' in several places' (3:11, 5:31, 8:28). It is also the length of David's reign, (2 Samuel 5:4), and of Solomon (1 Kings 11:42), and it is the time that Elijah took to get to Mount Horeb (1 Kings 19:8).

In these latter cases it seems to mean 'quite a long time' or, perhaps, 'a generation' when referring to years. But in many places it seems to carry the deeper meaning of 'a time of preparation'. Combining these two, we get the sense of Lent being 'a good length of time to prepare to celebrate Easter'. We are blessed with these days to be given the chance to focus on the greatest truth of our faith – that Jesus died and rose for us to free us from sin and lead us to eternal life. And we should remind ourselves of this on every day of lent, however many days there are!

Message from Fr Rod Jones.

As the parish awaits the arrival of Canon David Parmiter, I would like to express my thanks for your understanding. This 'interregnum' does present various challenges – and opportunities - for us all! I would in particular, like to thank Aisling Brombley (parish secretary) and Carmel Johnstone (parish treasurer) for their dedication and generosity in ensuring that the parish continues to run as smoothly as possible. I know you will be both supportive and considerate towards them. There will certainly be opportunities for parishioners to generously offer their time and skills in the weeks ahead. Please do contact the parish office if you would like to be involved in supporting the work of the parish. The priests of the deanery will continue to celebrate the Sunday Masses at St Peter's. I know they have appreciated your welcome and support! We will also cover weekday Masses where this is possible but there may be occasions at short notice where a priest is not available.

There are some adjustments to the times that the church will be open during the day. Please see this newsletter or website for details.

You may be aware that a new arrangement for access to keys has had to be introduced because of security concerns regarding both the church and presbytery. Please contact the parish secretary if you do need access. Unfortunately, refreshments after Mass will need to be temporarily halted, but it is planned to re-introduce them once concerns have been addressed. On behalf of you all I would like to sincerely thank Sylvia for all the work she has done in providing the refreshments each Sunday. This has been a ministry of generous service to the parish. Once again, I thank you for your understanding and support in this situation. We look towards the coming season of Lent with hope and anticipation. May the blessing of the Lord Jesus be upon us all in these days of grace. Fr Rod Jones OSB
Dean of Brighton and Hove

Please note weekday mass will be

celebrated Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday at 10am but Friday masses are suspended until further notice.

Sound system in the church.

We are in the process of assessing some issues with the speakers and apologise if you are struggling to hear. Hopefully Ed will be able to repair the speakers soon so please bear with us for the moment. We will update you as soon as we can.

Mass intentions are being managed by the office and our team of priests. Please

do make requests using the envelopes at the back of the church or by email.

Confessions are held on Saturdays

from 5.15 to 5.45pm followed by mass at 6pm.

Reminder of church opening times

Please see changes as follows:

1. Monday, open after 10am Mass until 12.00pm
2. Tuesday, open after 10am Mass until 3.30pm
3. Wednesday, open after 10am Mass until 3.30pm
4. Thursday, closed all day.
5. Friday, closed all day.
6. Saturday, open for 6pm Mass only.
7. Sunday, open for all Masses then closed after 11.30am Mass.

(Times subject to alteration.)

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 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 Sale in support of Aid to the

Church in Need. Gifts and Pretty Things will be on sale with coffee after 10.00 and 11.30 Masses on Sunday 25 February and Sunday 3 March. Lots of bargains for Mother's Day and Easter. Come along even if you have been to a different Mass. Donations of new goods in the basket by the main door, please.

Gardener wanted to tend a grave at hove cemetery, please contact the parish office if you think you can help or know of someone who can help.

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.

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

Thinking of driving lessons? Please contact Phil Harris (Bartholomew's 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.

Join CAFOD's Big Lent Walk: Put your faith into action this Lent by connecting with your local and global community in a meaningful way. Sign up for CAFOD's Big Lent Walk and challenge yourself to walk 200km in 40 days. You'll be joining a big team all over England, Wales and Scotland walking, raising money and helping people around the world as they overcome poverty. You can sign up as an individual, parish or school here: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/>. Thank you so much for all your support in your parish this Lent.

Message from the Hall Manager, Jo Chamberlain. The thermostat has been moved again please do not adjust it under any circumstances one of our hall users endured a chilly class one morning this week. It has been set to accommodate all hall users. Any changes may stop the heating from actually coming on which causes problems for various users. All our regular private hires have also been notified.

Thanks to our builder the leak in the hall roof has been repaired & the lights are now all working again. Any questions, please contact Jo at stpetershallbn3@gmail.com

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.

Please remember, if you need a baptism certificate, a confirmation certificate, or a marriage certificate, the email address you need to use is as follows:
SaintPeterArchives@gmail.com

Counselling Service. Contact Lara who is experienced in counselling people with substance abuse, sexual abuse, bereavement, couple counselling.
Tel 07787 555168.

Thank you for your offertory donations via the Dona device.

If you are an existing Gift Aid donor, you still need to opt-in for Gift Aid on this system – it is not linked to the envelope or standing order system.

You can also donate directly to St Peter's via the Dona donations webpage on our website at <http://www.stpeters-hove.org.uk/donations/>

Or just click on the Donate button on the home page and follow the instructions.

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! We are not particularly soliciting donations for the moment.

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



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

