

Forthcoming events:

Sunday 18 July, 7pm-8.30pm: Fifth Session of Confirmation preparation.
Monday 19 July, noon: Funeral service of Annemarie Ingham.
Friday 6 August, 6pm: Holy Hour for the recently deceased and for the bereaved.
Monday 9 August, 7pm: Meeting of the Finance Committee.
Saturday 21 August, 7pm: Grand Re-opening of the Hall.
Saturday 28 August, 7pm: International Dinner.
Sunday 5 September, 7pm-8.30pm: Sixth Session of Confirmation preparation.
Monday 6 September, 8pm: Baptism course.
Friday 25 September, 7pm: Choral concert
Thursday 29 September, 9am: Saint Christopher's School Harvest Festival.
Saturday 9/Sunday 10 October: Exhibition by Society of Catholic Artists.
Sunday October 10, 11.15am: Unveiling of picture of Blessed Carlo Acutis.
Sunday 10 October, 7pm-8.30pm: Seventh Session of Confirmation preparation.

As from Monday 19 July all Covid legal restrictions are lifted and become voluntary. If people still want to wear masks, they may do so, and if they do not want to do so, they are free not to. We will all have to learn to respect each other's choices. But let us remember that many people may feel very worried about catching Covid, so let us not add to their worries, but try rather to

reassure them and make things easier for them. We have gradually brought back various aspects of the Liturgy that had been suspended, and the time now seems ripe to re-start the Sign of Peace, though this can be offered by a look or a gesture that does not involve physical contact, and needless to say we shall not force physical contact on the unwilling but respect their space if that is what they want. The distribution of the precious Blood can wait for now, and Children's Liturgy will have to wait until the Hall has reopened. **In the meantime, Aisling our parish secretary, is going to restart the rotas for EEMs and readers. Please email her if you wish to volunteer, before she emails you.**

First Holy Communion begins this

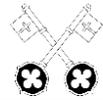
October. Fr Alexander has started visiting all the candidates at home with their parents. Don't miss out! He is looking forward to seeing you all.

The Society of Catholic artists is going to hold an exhibition in the Hall in October, on the weekend of 9/10 October which coincides with the unveiling of our painting of the Blessed Carlo by John Armstrong.

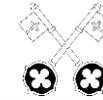
Redundant iPads and Laptops are desperately needed by the Gatwick Detainees' Welfare Group. An IT company has agreed to 'clean' devices to remove any data. These devices can enable a person whether in detention or after release, to help themselves; to access classes for speakers of other languages, to communicate with friends, family, our staff, their volunteer visitor and to access resources such as Food Banks and to join our post detention services. Contact Josie at: josiwade@gdwg.org.uk.

Offering Total 11th July: £1,712.65

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Follow us on Twitter @HoveSaint Join us on Facebook: search for 'Saint Peter's, Hove'. Find our YouTube channel: search for 'Alexander Lucie-Smith'. Right now we are doing a virtual Walking Tour Through the Bible, starting with the Book of Genesis, in bite size chunks. Please visit our website which is constantly being updated. Do ask to join our WhatsApp group.

This Sunday is the Sixteenth Sunday of the Year.

The first reading is from the prophet Jeremiah and contrasts the bad shepherds of Israel who have brought about the scattering of the flock, and the just ruler, the Messiah, who will restore the fortunes of Israel, practising honesty and integrity. In the Gospel we are told that Jesus takes pity on the people who follow Him because they are like sheep without a shepherd. He teaches them at some length, which is the sign that He is our Good Shepherd.

This Sunday there is a retiring collection for Stella Maris, formerly known as the Apostleship of the Sea, the Catholic organisation that provides chaplains for seafarers, many of whom do dangerous, low

paid work far from home and far from their families. Many of these seafarers are Catholics from countries such as India and the Philippines, and they greatly value the services of their chaplains. This annual collection is a major way of financing the Stella Maris chaplains. Needless to say, things have been tough for sailors during the Covid pandemic, and things have been very tough for Catholic charities, so please do all you can to support them. Gift aid envelopes are available on the benches. These envelopes can be returned at a later date too.

This Sunday the Confirmation group

meets once more in Wish Park at 7pm. Let us hope it is a bit warmer than the last time! This is our last session until September, when we shall meet in the Hall.

Our next Baptism Class is on Monday 6 September at 8pm in the refurbished Hall. If you want to enrol, you need to see Father Alexander first; please email him and he will arrange to come and see you at home.

Once more we are raffling something in aid of the hall. It is a Cuzco style painting of the Madonna, and tickets are £1 each, or £5 for a strip. The draw will be done after Mass on Sunday 25 July. Many thanks to the kind donor. Tickets are now on sale and the picture is by the font for you to admire.

Fr Alexander will be away on 19-23 July inclusive. Canon Oliver Heaney will celebrate Mass on Tuesday 20 and Wednesday 21, and Father Alan Sharpe will be celebrating Mass on Friday 23 July. Many thanks to them. The parish office is going to be shut for two weeks from the 27 July, and will reopen on Wednesday 11 August. Fr Alexander also plans to be away

from Monday 30 August to Friday 3 September inclusive.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 17 July 6pm Louis Side RIP
Sunday 18 July 8.30am For our benefactors
Sunday 18 July 10am For all parishioners
Sunday 18 July 11.15am Jean and Larry Donnelly RIP
Monday 19 July 10am Tom McCauley RIP
Tuesday 20 July 10am Wally Lock RIP
Wednesday 21 July Guiliana Sussex RIP
Thursday 22 July No Mass
Friday 23 July 10am GE Hayley and Brendan Dunne
Saturday 24 July 10am Sue Dring RIP
Saturday 24 July 6pm For all Parishioners
Sunday 25 July 8.30am Michelle Evans RIP
Sunday 25 July 10am For our Benefactors
Sunday 25 July 11.15am Massimo Policari and Rosalia Gizzarelli RIP

We have heard the sad news of the death of Annemarie Ingham, who died at home in Portland Road on 19 May at the age of 46. Let us pray for the repose of her soul and the comfort of her family at this very difficult time. Her funeral service will take place here at 12 noon on Monday 19 July, followed by burial in Hove Cemetery.

Last week we mentioned the topic of helping the bereaved. Have you decided what you are going to do? On Friday 6 August the church celebrates the important feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord, which seems like a good occasion to have a Holy Hour, given that Saint Peter said at the Transfiguration 'It is good for us to be here.' We can use this occasion to pray for the recently deceased and for the bereaved. The Holy Hour will be from 7pm to 8pm, and will

include the lighting of candles in memory of the departed. We can do this for any departed soul we have known without time limit, but Fr Alexander will send out a personal invitation via email to all who have celebrated a funeral here this year, of which there have been many. This will be an occasion (there will be others) where your presence will be sign of your sympathy with and standing with the bereaved.

Liturgical notes

The month of July is dedicated to the Precious Blood of Christ. On days when there is no feast we will be celebrating a Votive Mass of the Precious Blood. This devotion reminds us of the Passion of Our Lord and of the way we are redeemed through the Precious Blood of the Lamb. Tuesday is the feast of Saint Apollinaris, bishop and martyr. Wednesday is the feast of Saint Lawrence of Brindisi. Friday is the feast of Saint Bridget of Sweden, patron of Europe. Saturday is the feast of Saint Charbel Makluf. Born into humble circumstances in Lebanon during 1828, Youssef Antoun Makhoul was the youngest of Antoun Zaarour Makhoul and Brigitta Elias al-Shediyaq's five children. Antoun died when his youngest son was only three. Youssef studied at the parish school and tended to his family's cow. Engaged in prayer and solitude from an early age, he spent a great deal of time outdoors in the fields and pastures near his village, contemplating God amid the inspiring views of Lebanon's valleys and mountains. His uncle and guardian Tanious wanted the boy to continue working with him, while his mother wanted him to marry a young woman. Youssef had other plans, however, and left home in 1851 without informing anyone.

Youssef would become "Brother Charbel," after making a pilgrimage on foot to his new monastic home. In this, he followed the example of his maternal uncles, who were already living as solitary monks at the Hermitage of Saint Paul in the Qadisha Valley. Charbel took his monastic vows in November of 1853, during a solemn ceremony which was closed to the public and off-limits even to his family. He subsequently studied for the priesthood and was ordained, returning to the Monastery of St. Maron. The priest-monk lived and served in the monastery for 19 years, showing great devotion to the life of prayer, manual work, and contemplative silence. Charbel's superiors observed God's grace at work in his life, and he became known as a wonder-worker even among some Muslims. In 1875, he was granted permission to live as a solitary monk in a nearby hermitage dedicated to Saints Peter and Paul. Rigorous asceticism, and a profound union with God, continued to characterise the monk's life for the next 23 years. Deeply devoted to God's Eucharistic presence, he suffered a stroke while celebrating the Divine Liturgy of the Maronite Catholic Church on December 16, 1898. He died on Christmas Eve of that year. St. Charbel's tomb has been a site for pilgrimages since his death. Hundreds of miracles are believed to have occurred through his intercession with God, both in Lebanon and around the world. He was canonised in 1977 by Pope Paul VI, who had earlier hailed the Lebanese Maronite saint as an "admirable flower of sanctity blooming on the stem of the ancient monastic traditions of the East. "

Of our target of £30,000 for the Hall restoration fund, we have raised the further sum of £257.90 from the sale of delicious things after Mass last Sunday. That brings

our total to £9,800.76 so far. Many thanks to all who have helped and donated. For updates of progress of the hall refurbishment, please do check out our social media accounts. We will be showing week by week pictures of how things are going.

The Parish Finance Committee is meeting on Monday 9 August. As the name suggests, this committee advises the parish priest on financial matters. If you have any concerns which you wish the committee to discuss please make them known to one of the members: Vincent Joyce (treasurer), Eileen Harris, Mary Whitehead or Ruth Meaden-Jones.

Dates for your diaries. Provided everything goes as planned, Saturday 21 August is going to be an Open Day when we show off the newly refurbished Hall to all interested parties. We shall aim to advertise this widely, and we shall have tea, coffee, sandwiches, cakes, etc all day to showcase our new facilities. At 7pm on that day we shall have a Grand Re-opening, with the mayor of Brighton and Hove as guest of honour; there will be drinks, and His Worship will be serenaded from the gallery by one of our golden voiced parishioners. The following week, on Saturday 28 August, at 7pm, we will be holding our International Dinner in the newly opened Hall. All are invited to bring a dish that best represents their national cuisine, and drinks as well; afterwards there will be music and dancing to Adrian's disco. Numbers will be limited, so tickets will be sold in advance, but we look forward to having as many as we can squeeze in. (Bear in mind that we will have a larger hall than previously, and an overflow onto the pavement outside.)



Parish Notice Board



Please leave your donations for the Food Bank in the tub inside the door of the Outer Sacristy. If locked, by the door. Please remember we cannot accept perishable goods, opened packets or out of date food. We have bought some new tubs and boxes for donations.

Bags for Life used by our clients to carry their goods home, also urgently needed.

Professional Organiser & Photo

Manager. If you're looking for help decluttering and organising your home, business or photographs please contact Nicola Austin on 07747798858 or nicola@lifeoflibra.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.

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 Visit www.learnuitarbrighton.com 07855169344

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

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.



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.

Yellow envelopes are available at the back of the church for anyone who wishes to donate regardless of being a member of our scheme. Thank you for your continued support.