

and one for myself before Joseph. Almost accidentally I stopped in front of a wood-carving of the Sacred Heart. Caught somewhere between rage and tears, I looked up at the heart and, for the first time, saw beyond the barbed-wire crown of thorns encircling it, into its gentleness. A prayer rose up in me, "Jesus, give me a bigger heart." I looked at Peter in shame and in hope, and I went out into the day. I remain irritable and irritating. I continue to struggle with a stoniness that shuts out so many. I know ever more clearly my deep sinfulness. But in continuing to pray to the Sacred Heart, I have also come to know God's still deeper mercy. I am strengthened by a heart pierced but unvanquished. I am welcomed by a heart that knows only tenderness and so makes me tender. I look on that pulsing, fleshy heart: courageous and vulnerable, compact and capacious, never one without the other." dealt with in more personal conversations, and in this devotion I myself possess one of the deepest sources of vitality for my interior life."

### Forthcoming Events

Saturday 17 June: Parish forum after the 6pm Mass, in the Hall.
Sunday 18 June: Parish forum after 8.30am Mass in the Hall.
Sunday 18 June, 7pm-8.30pm: No Confirmation, Duke of Edinburgh weekend.
Tuesday 20 June, 3.45pm to 5.15pm: First Holy Communion.
Thursday 22 June, 8pm: Social Dancing
Friday 23 June, 1.30pm: Social Club: Bingo with Gretta.
Sunday 25 June, Parish Forum after the 10am Mass, in the Hall.
Sunday 25 June, 7pm-8.30pm: Confirmation final session.

**Someone has asked me what we are doing for Sudan**, which, as we know, is currently wracked by civil disturbances, and which was home to many of our congregation and many of our fellow citizens of Brighton and Hove. The answer is... nothing, at least not yet. Any suggestions?

**Hall news, we have hired someone to fix the broken floorboards.** You may not have noticed that two of the floorboards are broken, as the damage is minor, but they may be dangerous. Watch this space.

**More Hall news:** Recently we have experienced problems with the Hall and more specifically with the Link corridor. People have been coming in, uninvited and unauthorised, leaving stuff, storing stuff in our cupboards and creating a mess, which other people have had to clear up. To prevent this, I have asked John our sacristan to keep the communicating door between the Church and the link corridor locked at all times, apart from Sunday mornings. In addition, Hall users are asked to keep the door into the Link locked from the inside, and enter and exit via the wooden doors between the Hall and Tamworth Rd; this will hopefully discourage people entering the corridor while people are using the Hall. Let us hope these measures will make an impact.

**In September we have two young ladies, aged twelve**, who wish to start catechesis prior to baptism. Are there any other people of the same age of thereabouts who wish to be baptised or receive their First Holy Communion? If so, please speak up before September.

**The First Holy Communion course for Saturday mornings in September is FULL.** No more applications can be accepted. However, if there is demand we will run a course on Tuesday afternoons. Let us see.

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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'. We are doing a virtual Walking Tour Through the Bible, starting with the Book of Genesis, in bite size chunks. We are now doing the prophet Jeremiah. Please visit our website which is constantly being updated.

**This Sunday is the Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, and the vestments are green, which symbolises growth in the spiritual life.** The prayers and readings are to be found in the yellow books on page 91. The first reading is from the Book of Exodus in which God tells the Children of Israel that they are His chosen people, bound to Him by a covenant. In the Gospel, from Saint Matthew, Jesus feels sorry for the people who follow Him because they are like sheep without a shepherd. He then appoints twelve apostles and sends them out to minister to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. Today is a good day to think about the covenant that binds us to God, into which we entered at our baptism, and the need the Church has for the ministry of the apostles.

**This Sunday is the Day for Life, the annual day dedicated to raising awareness about the dignity of human life at all stages and in all conditions.** There is a retiring collection for the life work of the Bishop's conference.

**This Sunday, there is Children's Liturgy at the 10am Mass.**

**This Saturday after the 6pm Mass, and this Sunday after the 8.30am Mass, there will be a chance to talk about the future of the Hove parishes in the Hall;** a glass of wine will be served in the evening only to help discussion; the discussion will not be long; last time people said

- No to Project Fear and Project Gloom and yes to a forthright and joyful proclamation of the Catholic faith.
- Yes to evangelisation and to keeping our Church physically open as much as possible.
- A recognition that things will have to change due to declining clergy numbers and that we need more volunteers.

We will continue with these conversations after the 10am Mass on Sunday 25 June, also in the Hall.

**It was very nice to see Father Arockiaraj here on Monday to talk to us about reaching the Unreached, the charity which we have been supporting for some years to the tune of roughly £3,000 per annum.** Believe it or not, a mere £20 pays for the food and clothing of one of their orphans for a month. RTU is a comprehensive charity in that it feeds, homes, clothes and educates hundreds of otherwise unwanted children, both girls and boys. If you want to contribute, please join the 2000 Club, half the the profits from which go to RTU.

## Mass intentions

Saturday 17 June, 6pm: Jimmy and Una O'Meara RIP (anniv)
Sunday 18 June, 8.30am: For all parishioners
Sunday 18 June, 10am: Sophie Rose Johnstone RIP (3 anniv)
Sunday 18 June, 11.30am: Krystyna Szczerbiak RIP (2 anniv)
Monday 19 June, 10am: Kasamaki intention
Tuesday 20 June, 10am: Bill Murphy RIP
Wednesday 21 June, 10am: Kasamaki intention
Thursday 22 June: No Mass
Friday 23 June, 10am: Margarita Fung Lam Cheung RIP
Saturday 24 June, 6pm: John Kam Mon Ling RIP
Sunday 25 June, 8.30am: For Benefactors and for Vocations
Sunday 25 June, 10am: GE Eli Burns
Sunday 25 June, 11.30am: For all parishioners

### **Bill Murphy's funeral Mass will take place here on Tuesday 27 June at 12 noon, to be followed by burial in Hove Cemetery.**

(There will be no 10am Mass on that day.) Let us continue to pray for the repose of his soul and for his widow Anne and their family at this sad and difficult time for them.

### **We have heard the sad news of the death of Paul Ireland, who was not from this parish, but who was an old friend of Fr Alexander's.**

His funeral service will be here on Friday 30 June at 12 noon, to be followed by a private cremation. Please pray for Paul and his children at this sad and difficult time for them.

### **We have heard the sad news of the death of Eileen Patricia Warren, at the age of 89, recently, at Amherst Care Home in**

**Horley.** Until 2015 she was a member of our parish and of our UCM. Her funeral will take place at St Josephs, Redhill at 10.30am on 26 June, to be followed by burial at Redstone Cemetery. Let us pray for the repose of her soul and for her family at this sad and difficult time for them.

## Liturgical notes

The month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. We shall be singing some of the hymns to the Sacred Heart. We are in Ordinary Time, which continues until Advent. On days on which there is no feast we shall celebrate a Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

- Monday is the feast of Saint Romuald, abbot.
- Tuesday is the feast of Saint Alban, protomartyr of England.
- Wednesday is the feast of Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, patron saint of Catholic youth and all those suffering from bubonic plague.
- Friday is the feast of Saint Etheldreda, abbess.

### **Advance notice: Thursday 29 June is the feast of Saints Peter and Paul, a Holy Day of Obligation, and our patronal feast as well.**

There will be a Vigil Mass at 7:30pm on Wednesday 28 June at St Theresa's (followed by adoration with simple Benediction at 8:30pm). There will be a morning Mass at 9.30am at St John the Baptist in Brighton, and 10am on Thursday at St George's in Hangleton. There will be Mass at 12 noon at Sacred Heart and at 6pm at St Joseph's in Brighton. There will be an evening Mass here at 7pm, Andrew will be playing the organ, and there will be a glass of wine in the Hall afterwards.

**Confessions are after Mass** on Friday morning, at 10.30am. On Saturday

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### **We have had our meeting of Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, which was useful and productive.**

One thing that emerged was the manner of receiving Holy Communion. This is always to be done with the greatest reverence as is fitting for the reception of the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ.

- People may choose whether to receive the Body of Christ in the hand or on the tongue. When receiving in the hand, the communicant should be guided by the words of St. Cyril of Jerusalem: "When you approach, take care not to do so with your hand stretched out and your fingers open or apart, but rather place your left hand as a throne beneath your right, as befits one who is about to receive the King. Then receive him, taking care that nothing is lost."
- In the Roman rite intinction, dipping the Host in the Precious Blood, is not the norm. The Body and Blood are received separately.
- No one, under any circumstances whatever, is to walk away holding the Host; rather they should consume the Sacred Host at once, in full view of the altar and the priest or minister of Communion.
- When going up to Holy Communion, if someone is sitting down, and you need to pass them, do so in the normal way, with a quiet 'Excuse me' or similar words. Do not ask them if they are going up to Holy Communion or invite them to do so. This is not your business, or the business of any human being, but a matter between them and God alone.

**Social dancing's at 8pm in the Hall on Thursday; all welcome.** On Friday the

Social club meets at 1.30pm. This week is Bingo with Gretta & her fantastic sandwiches.

### **More from the writings of Fr James Martin SJ:**

*The Sacred Heart has been a devotion at the heart of the mission and spirituality of the Society of Jesus. But lately, it's been seen, unfortunately, as "outmoded" by the Catholic world in general. That's too bad: It's a powerful symbol of the Love of God that needs to be recovered in a world filled with hatred and bitterness. Here are two superb resources for meditation on the Sacred Heart. The first is an essay from the magazine (later collected in a book on devotions called Awake My Soul) by Christopher Ruddy, a theologian. Here's my favourite part:*

*"I did not grow up with any devotion to the Sacred Heart, and it is only in the last few years, as I have struggled with vocation and the demands of family life, that the practice has spoken to my own heart: the fearful heart that paralyzes me when I think of the future, rendering me unable to open myself in trust to God; the cramped heart that refuses to admit my wife and infant son, but clings to my own prerogatives, choosing to watch Peter out of the corner of my eye as I read the morning newspaper rather than get on the floor and play with him; the oblivious heart that holds forth at dinner on the recording history of The Beatles's Abbey Road, but forgets to ask Deborah how her class went that afternoon. At times like these I wonder, have I really let into my life those I love so much? Have I gone out to them? Are they part of my flesh or merely fellow travellers?"*

*On a particularly difficult afternoon last summer, I took Peter for a walk. We wound up at a church in our neighbourhood, and, almost unable to bear the despair and self-loathing that was consuming me, I went in to pray. I lit a candle before Mary for my wife*

## Parish Notice Board

**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.

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

**If you miss Mass on a Sunday morning,** and this does sometimes happen, remember that there is Mass in Portuguese at 5pm on Sundays, and the Brazilian and Portuguese community is always happy to welcome visitors.

**Deep Waters Sunday lunches,** organised by Wellspring Community, for students & young adults. Every 1st & 3rd Sunday of the mass after 11am mass (around 12pm) outside St Joseph's. It is a great opportunity to meet & have fellowship with other like minded young adults & students.

### 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. Please contact me Victoria Myall,

Victoriamyall@hotmail.com or Tel  
07788673097

### 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

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

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

**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. The social Club meets in the Hall at 1.30pm on Fridays.

### Music Tuition

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

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



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

## List of Hall Clubs at St Peter's

<b>Day</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Contact</b>
Monday 9.15 - 10.15	Yoga	lee.spearpoint@googlemail.com
Monday 10.15 - 11.30	Tai Chi	stpetershallbn3@gmail.com
Tuesday 17.00-19.00	Brownies	<a href="http://girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter">http://girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter</a>
Tuesday 19.15 – 21.00	Guides	<a href="http://girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter">http://girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter</a>
Tuesday 14.30	UCM	Winter meetings time January - 11 April
Wednesday 9.45–11.45	Baby Ballet	brightonwestandhove@babyballet.co.uk
Wednesday 14.15-19.00	Alta Academy of Dance	info@altadance.co.uk
Wednesday 19.00-21.00	Union of Catholic Mothers	wendywallis@ntlworld.com
Wednesday 09.30-12.00	Music with Mike	mike@musicwithmike.co.uk
Thursday 15.30.-16.30	West Hove Dance Academy	Westhovedanceacademy@hotmail.com
Thursday 09.30 - 12.00	Music with Mike	mike@musicwithmike.co.uk
Thursday 15.30.-16.30	West Hove Dance Academy	Westhovedanceacademy@hotmail.com
Thursday 16.45 -18.00	Rainbows	<a href="http://girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter">http://girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter</a>
Thursday 18.00 – 19.45	Brownies	<a href="http://girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter">http://girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter</a>
Thursday 20.00 – 22.00	Social Dancing	stpetershallbn3@gmail.com
Friday 9.30- 10.30 P	Pilates	nicolajhowarth@gmail.com
Fridays 10.30.13.30	ESOL (English language lessons)	KWadham@wea.ac.uk
Friday 13.30- 15.30	Apostles Lunch Club	stpetershallbn3@gmail.com