

Mass Intentions

Saturday 18 December, 6pm: Eddie and Kathleen McMahon RIP
Sunday 19 December, 8.30am: Cecil Courtis Uiren RIP
Sunday 19 December, 10am: For all Parishioners
Sunday 19 December, 11.15am: Holy Souls
Monday 20 December, 10am: Holy Souls
Tuesday 21 December, 10am: Vincent Whitehead RIP
Wednesday 22 December, 7am: Holy Souls
Wednesday 22 December, 10am: GE Bayston family
Thursday 23 December No Mass
Friday 24 December, 6pm: Dulcie Preston RIP
Friday 24 December, midnight: Mary Peyton RIP, 3 anniv.
Saturday 25 December, 8.30am: GE family of Dulcie Preston
Saturday 25 December, 10am: GE Dave Gibbons
Saturday 25 December, 11.15am: For all parishioners
Sunday 26 December, 8.30am: For all parishioners
Sunday 26 December, 10am: GE Norah Murphy
Sunday 26 December, 11.15am: Liz Hall RIP, 1 anniv.
Monday 27 December, noon: Nicolo Iacono RIP
Tuesday 28 December, 10am: Holy Souls
Wednesday 29 December, 10am: Giuliana Sussex RIP
Thursday 30 December No Mass

Friday 31 December, noon: For all who have died in 2021/In thanksgiving (NML)
Saturday 1 January, 6pm: Colin J. Morgan RIP
Sunday 2 January, 8.30am: GE Wendy Wallace and family (KB)
Sunday 2 January, 10am: For all parishioners
Sunday 2 January, 11.15am: Intentions of N and M Lock
Monday 3 January, 10am: Russell Cameron RIP
Tuesday 4 January, 10am: Siobhan and Kieran McDonald RIP
Wednesday 5 January, 10am: Frances Raimondo RIP
Thursday 6 January, 6pm: Gibbons family intentions
Friday 7 January, 10am: Audrey Fitzgerald RIP
Saturday 8 January, 10am: Siobhan and Kieran McDonald RIP
Saturday 8 January, 6pm: Sue Addis RIP (1 anniv)
Sunday 9 January, 8.30am: Maureen Monaghan
Sunday 9 January, 10am: For all parishioners
Sunday 9 January, 11.15am: Nancy Stewart
Monday 10 January, 10am: GE Alex Gibbons
Tuesday 11 January, 10am: Ann O'Halloran RIP
Wednesday 12 January, 10am: Edith Ming RIP
Friday 14 January, 10am: Sophie Rose Johnstone RIP (19 birthday)
Saturday 15 January, 10am: Giuliana Sussex RIP.

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This newsletter covers this week and the entire Christmas season up to the feast of the Baptism of the Lord on Sunday 9 January.

This Sunday is the Fourth (and final) Sunday of Advent. In the first reading, the prophet Micah predicts the birth of the Messiah, the Chosen One of God, in the small and humble town of Bethlehem. In the Gospel, from Saint Luke, we have the visit of Our Lady, pregnant with Jesus, to her cousin Saint Elizabeth, pregnant with Saint John the Baptist. Elizabeth and her yet to be born son are the very first after

Our Lady to greet the arrival of the as yet unborn Saviour. The emphasis is on the joy that Jesus the Saviour brings to the world through His presence among us.

This Sunday is our Carol Service, to which all are invited. Please come along and bring all your family and friends. It starts at 6.30pm.

We need readers, welcomers, Eucharistic ministers and servers for all Masses over Christmas. Do please sign up; there is a list in the sacristy for this purpose. You can also make your availability known via email.

Programme of Events and Liturgies.

On Monday 20 and Tuesday 21 December, Mass is at 10am, followed by confessions. At both Masses we will sing the Advent carol, 'O Come, o come, Emmanuel'.

On Wednesday 22 December, the last Rorate Mass of Advent takes place at 7am. Please bring your own candle. Breakfast follows. There is also Mass at 10am, followed by confessions. We shall sing 'O Come, o come Emmanuel' at both Masses.

On Thursday 23 December, the Church is closed, as usual, for cleaning and for flower arranging. The cleaners will start their work at 10.30am. If anyone would like to join them, please feel free. (Access through the Presbytery.) Those who wish to go to confession may call at the Presbytery.

On Friday 24 December, Christmas Eve, the Church is open for private visits during

the hours of daylight. There is no morning Mass. Those who wish to go to confession are invited to speak to the priest either in Church, between the hours of 10 and 11am, or call at the presbytery at other times.

On Friday 24 December, Christmas Eve, the Vigil Mass of Christmas is at 6pm. This Mass will have a child-friendly sermon, and Baby Jesus will be placed before the altar. The prayers and readings for this Mass can be found in the purple books on page 94.

On Friday 24 December, Christmas Eve, Midnight Mass takes place at 12 midnight. The crib will be blessed. The readings and prayers for this Mass can be found in the purple books on page 97.

On Saturday 25 December, Christmas Day, Masses are at the usual times of 8.30am, 10am, and 11.15am. Christmas Carols will be sung at all of them. For the early Mass, see page 100 of the purple books. For the later Masses see page 102. At all of the Christmas Masses the collection is for the support of the parish priest.

On the afternoon of Christmas Day, our brethren from the Oriental Orthodox Church will be celebrating the Divine Liturgy. There will be no Lusophone Mass that evening, and no 6pm Mass.

Sunday 26 December is the Sunday within the Octave of Christmas and the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Mass will be at the usual times of 8.30am, 10am and 11.15am. Christmas Carols will be sung at all Masses. The readings and prayers for this day can be found in the purple books on

page 105. The Lusophone Mass will be at 5pm.

Monday 27 December is a Bank Holiday, and Mass will be at 12 noon. Please note the 'special' time. It is the feast of Saint John, apostle and evangelist. Christmas carols will be sung.

Tuesday 28 December is the feast of the Holy Innocents, and Mass will be at 10am. Christmas carols will be sung.

Wednesday 29 December is the feast of Saint Thomas of Canterbury, martyr, patron saint of the English parochial clergy. Mass is at 10am. Christmas carols will be sung.

On Thursday 30 December, the Sixth Day of the Christmas Octave, will be a dies non. The Church will be shut and there will be no Mass.

Friday 31 December is the feast of Saint Sylvester and the last day of 2021. Mass will be at noon, and will be offered for all who have died and all who are mourning the dead. There will be no singing. The Te Deum will be recited to thank God for all the blessings we received in 2021.

Saturday 1 January is the feast of Mary, Mother of God. Mass will be at 6pm and will be the Vigil Mass of the Second Sunday of Christmas. It will begin with the hymn to the Holy Spirit, to invoke God's blessing on the new year, 2022.

On Sunday 2 January, Second Sunday of Christmas, Mass will be at the usual times of 8.30am, 10am and 11.15am. The readings and prayers are to be found on page 111 of the purple books.

Monday 3 January is the feast of the Most Holy Name of Jesus. Mass will be at 10am. Tuesday and Wednesday, 4 and 5 January, are ferial days in the season of Christmas. Mass will be at 10am.

Thursday 6 January is the Feast of the Epiphany, and the Twelfth Night of Christmas, when we commemorate the visit of the Magi to the new-born Jesus. Mass will be at 6pm in the evening. The prayers and readings are on page 115 of the purple books. After this feast Christmas decorations should be removed, though cribs can stay in place until the 2 February, the feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple, known as Candlemas.

Friday 7 January is the feast of Saint Raymund of Penafort, and Mass is at 10am.

On Saturday 8 January, Mass is at 10am.

Sunday 9 January is the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which closes the Christmas season. Mass is at 6pm (Vigil), 8.30am, 10am and 11.15am. The readings and prayers are to be found in the purple books on page 118.

Father Alexander writes: A very Happy and Holy Christmas to you all, and a Happy and Prosperous New Year. This year one really hopes that 2022 will indeed be a good year for us all, and that very soon we will be able to live as we used to before the Covid pandemic. We all know people who have died in these last two years, some of Covid and some not; and we have all experienced the pain of being isolated from our loved ones and our friends. The forced closure of churches has done lasting damage to all parishes, including this one, and we may be living with the consequences for a long time. But let us not be despondent. Christ the Lord

has been born for us and has come to bring us joy; let us try our best to respond to His invitation to live joyful lives. There has certainly been a lot of gloom around, and as Christians and Catholics we are meant to be counter-cultural: so let us try our best to spread hope, joy and peace this Christmas! Many thanks to all of you have given me so many delicious things to eat and drink this Christmas (and congratulations to those who remember so cleverly the things I like in particular!) Many thanks too for the Christmas cards, and the kind gifts of the non-edible and drinkable kind. Many thanks too to all those who have supported the parish in these very lean times, either by their financial generosity, their moral support, their giving of time and expertise, or the hours they have put in often unnoticed tasks, or all of the above.

Particular thanks to all who helped with the Hall, either in fundraising, giving useful advice, or in practical matters, such as the parishioner who washed all the chairs. Many have said that the Hall now looks splendid, and one hopes that this is something that future generations will be grateful for, and that the money spent will prove to be a good investment. Now that the Hall is done, we can move onto perhaps more important things, in particular building up the spiritual life of the parish which has had so many setbacks in the pandemic. Finally, once more, may I wish you a very Happy and Holy Christmas, one full of the blessings of the Newborn Christ; may it be a very happy and relaxing time, as well as a spiritually rewarding one. With all best wishes, Father Alexander.

Offertory collection Sunday 5 Dec 2021. - £1,565.33. **Offertory Sunday 12 Dec 2021.** - £1,525.55.

Coffee after mass will resume on Sunday 23 January 2022, as our hard workers are taking a well deserved rest.

Parish Notice Board

Carer required for young lady with Downs Syndrome. India is 24 years old currently living in a private house in Brighton with two other girls with DS. She attends a cafe training course 4 days a week called Team Domenica. India's mother is looking for a carer to live in with India 4 days a week to assist in the mornings, get India to her course, collect her in the afternoon and care for her until she goes to bed. The wages are approximately £800 per week. Please contact Caroline on 07773 280623

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

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

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

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

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

Caroline's Kitchen – Tel 595922
Caterers for Baptisms, etc. Tel 595922 or carolineriley@carolines-kitchen.co.uk

Host Families needed
All year round. Single/twin room accommodation required. Ring Maureen 01273 778918 or 07801827323
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You can also donate directly to St Peter's via the Dona donations webpage on our website if you wish to donate that way, go to the following link <http://www.stpeters-hove.org.uk/donations/>
Or just click on the Donate button on the home page.

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