

Forthcoming Events

Wednesday 22 February: Ash Wednesday, Lent begins, Mass at 10am, Liturgy of the Word at 7pm.
Thursday 23 February, 8pm: Social Dancing.
Friday 24 February, 11am: Requiem Mass for John Torres RIP.
Friday 24 February, 1.30pm: Social Club.
Friday 24 February, 7pm: Stations of the Cross.
Saturday 25 February, 9.15am-10.45am: First Holy Communion
Sunday 26 February, after 10am/11.30am Mass: Martlets Choir in the Hall.
Tuesday 28 February, 9am: Burial of Dennis John Geary RIP at Hove Cemetery.
Wednesday 1 March: feast of Saint David.
Friday 3 march: Cafod family fast day.
Friday 3 March, 7pm: Stations of the Cross.
Sunday 5 March: Second collection for the poor of the parish.
Monday 6 March, 8pm: Baptism course.
Friday 10 March: Visit of Bishop Richard to the deanery.
Friday 10 March, 7pm: Stations of the Cross
Saturday 11 March, 9.15am-10.45am: First Holy Communion
Monday 13 March, 8pm: Meeting of the Acutis Group.
Friday 17 March: feast of Saint Patrick.
Friday 17 March, 7pm: Stations of the Cross
Saturday 18 March, 9.15am-10.45am: First Holy Communion
Saturday 18 March, 7pm: Choirs and musicians celebration.
Sunday March 19: Table Top Sale.
Monday 20 March: feast of Saint Joseph.
Friday 24 March, 7pm: Stations of the Cross

Saturday 25 March, 9.15am-10.45am: First Holy Communion
Friday 31 March, 7pm: Stations of the Cross
Saturday/ Sunday, 1 and 2 April: Palm Sunday Great Spring Book Exchange
Easter Sunday 9 April: First Holy Communion
Saturday/Sunday 15/16 April: Appeal by the Comboni Missionaries.
Friday 21 April, 7.30pm: Meeting of Deanery with Bishop Richard.
Tuesday 25 April: Meeting of the Finance Committee.
Saturday 6 May: Coronation Day.
Sunday 7 May: Mass of Thanksgiving with Te Deum followed by Syrian lunch in the Hall.
Monday 8 May: Coronation Tea Dance.
Sunday 2 July, 3pm: Confirmations at Arundel Cathedral.

More Hall news: we are looking into having a Produce Market in the Hall, that is, an opportunity to sell plants, vegetables, and fruit, along with jams and chutneys. There is a demand for such a thing, that is, plenty of buyers, so let us see if we have any sellers. The date pencilled in for this is Sunday 23 April. Do please note the date. Do any of us know any farmers? If so, we would like to hear from them.

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.

Dona machine is now working again thank you for your patience.

Offertory Collection Sun 12 Feb 2023 = £1,407.22

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19 February 2023



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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 at the prophet Isaiah. Please visit our website which is constantly being updated.

This Sunday is the Seventh Sunday of the Year. The prayers and readings for today can be found in the yellow books on page 139. The first reading is from the book of Leviticus, and contains God's call to us to be holy and to love our neighbour, both of which are interdependent realities. The Gospel is from Saint Matthew, and contains Jesus' teaching about loving our neighbour, and doing so without hope of reward, imitating God who loves both good and bad alike.

- Eucharistic Prayer One is on page 18
- Eucharistic Prayer Two is on page 25
- Eucharistic Prayer Three is on page 28

- Eucharistic Prayer Four with its set preface is on page 32.

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.

The Lent Day by Day books have arrived.

Please take your free copy. There are three versions, as usual, which take you through the season of Lent: adult, junior and infant.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. Make sure you get those Ashes, so that you can have the best possible start to Lent. On Ash Wednesday Mass will be at 10am, and the Ashes will be imposed at that Mass. There will also be a Liturgy of the Word (not Mass) with the Imposition of Ashes at 7pm. In addition, there are going to be two Assemblies at Cottesmore, to enable every child in the school to have the Ashes. Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence for adults. This means that people of the ages 19 to 64 should refrain from eating meat and, at some point of the day, feel hungry. This does not apply to those who are dispensed from this, such as the sick.

This Friday, and every Friday of Lent, there will be Stations of the Cross at 7pm. This Friday we will be using the traditional stations written by Saint Alphonsus Liguori, as found in the Simple Prayer Book.

Next Sunday which is the First Sunday of Lent, the Martlets Choir will be serenading us in the Hall after the 10am and 11.30am

Masses. Once more a hat will be put out to raise money for the Hospice, a very worthy local charity.

Mass intentions

Saturday 18 Feb, 6pm: Louis Side RIP
Sunday 19 Feb, 8.30am: For all parishioners
Sunday 19 February, 10am: Margaret Heffernan RIP
Sunday 19 February, 11.30am: GE Fr Jerry O'Brien
Monday 20 February, 10am: Giuliana Sussex RIP
Tuesday 21 February, 10am: WPLS intention
Wednesday 22 February, 10am: Holy Souls
Friday 24 February, 11am: Requiem Mass of John Torres RIP
Saturday 25 February, 6pm: GE Fr Jerry O'Brien (UCM int)
Sunday 26 February, 8.30am: WPLS intention
Sunday 26 February, 10am: For all parishioners
Sunday 26 February, 11.30am: Hedyie Allahuiran Zadeh RIP

In Lent, Confessions are heard after Mass each weekday, that is, starting at 10.30am, and every Saturday before the evening Mass, from 5.15 to 5.45pm.

Liturgical notes

- On Monday, Mass will be the Mass for the Sick.
- Tuesday is the feast of Saint Peter Damian, bishop and doctor.
- Wednesday is Ash Wednesday.

Lent means

- Fasting: think of what food or drink you can give up. This is usually some sort of luxury (chocolate, cake, alcohol, etc). In addition, you can also renounce something that you spent too much time on, and choose to restrict television, the internet, screen time, or sleep.
- Almsgiving: you could donate to the foodbank, help some financially challenged people you know directly, or give to the collection for Lenten alms that we will hold on Sunday 5 March which will be for the earthquake victim in Syria and Turkey. You can combine fasting with almsgiving by undertaking the Cafod Family Fast day on 3 March.
- Prayer: the best prayer is attendance at Mass on Sundays and during the week. In addition, we will have the Stations of the Cross on Fridays. One can pray at home or privately, by saying the Rosary, and meditating on the Scriptures.
- Penance: Go to Confession. If you find this not your cup of tea, all the more reason to go. If you really really do not want to go to Confession, then that is a sign that you really really do need to go. Do not put it off. It is a bit like going to the dentist – highly beneficial.

We have heard the sad news of the death of John Torres, at the age of 91, which took place at Sycamore Court Nursing Home, in Brighton on 3 February. He had previously lived at Sunninghill Avenue, Hove. His funeral Mass will take place here at 11am on Friday 24 February, to be followed by a private cremation. This will replace the 10am Mass on that day. Let us pray for his children and grandchildren, family and friends at this sad and difficult time, and for the repose of John's soul.

We have heard the sad news of the death of Dennis John Geary who died at the Princess Royal Hospital on Saturday 11 February, at the age of 97, having received the Sacrament of the Sick and the Apostolic Pardon. His burial will take place at Hove Cemetery at 9am on Tuesday 28 February. Let us pray for the repose of his soul and for the comfort of his widow and six children at this sad and difficult time for them.

We have heard the sad news of the death of Barbara Rozario who died at the age of 87 in the Royal Sussex County Hospital on Wednesday 15 February. Let us pray for the repose of her soul and for her family at this sad and difficult time. Her funeral arrangements will be announced in due course.

We need to consider our parish response to the catastrophic earthquake in Syria and Turkey. We hope to organise some social and fundraising events in the Hall, on Sunday mornings. Please think what we can do! We have already donated £1,000 to the Cafod appeal for the earthquake victims. The retiring collection on Sunday March 5, our Lenten alms, will be for the same cause.

A Gap Year opportunity: Are you 18-30, or do you know someone who is? Do you want to develop a wide range of skills including leadership while learning about global justice and inspiring others to use their faith in action? CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, believes in equipping and inspiring young adults to contribute to a more just and peaceful world. Step into the Gap is a fully funded year of volunteering, with food, accommodation, stipend and training within a UK placement plus a Rome and Assisi pilgrimage. Visit the CAFOD website for more information: cafod.org.uk/gapyear

The next baptism preparation course for parents of babies to be baptised is on Monday 6 March at 8pm in the Hall. If you want to take part, please contact Father Alexander by email, and he will then arrange to meet up with you.

On Sunday 19 March it is our Table Top Sale in the Hall; it runs from 8.30am to lunchtime. This is not a money making exercise, but an opportunity for willing buyers and willing sellers in the community to come together. Last time there were lots of lovely things on sale, so please put the date in your diary. If you want a table, it is £5 for a small one and £7 for a large one. Place the money in an envelope with your name on, and that it is for the Table Top sale, and place it through the letter box of the presbytery, with your contact details if you want receipt to be acknowledged. The table money will be donated to the appeal for the Syrian/Turkish earthquake.

Confirmation: Easter Sunday falls on 9 April next year. Our confirmation course will be on Sunday nights starting on Low Sunday and lasting until half term. This is for those in Year Ten. The dates are 16, 23, 30 April and 7, 14, 21 May. Please note those dates and if you are interested, please make your interest known via email to Fr Alexander. In 2023, all confirmations are taking place in Arundel Cathedral. We have been assigned the date of Sunday July 2, at 3pm.

Great Spring Book Exchange. It is time for another clearout, and another opportunity to pick up some good pre-loved books. As with previous occasions, bring your books to the Hall and take whatever you like. Children's books are welcome too. We shall hold this on the Palm Sunday weekend, which is Saturday 1 April/ Sunday 2 April.

Parish Notice Board

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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

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.

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.

We are collecting donations for the Food Bank. Please leave your donation (in date items only please) in the tub inside the door of the Outer Sacristy. If locked, by the door.

Oncology yoga course aimed at supporting cancer patients, no matter where they are on their journey. Learn how to improve your body functions, provide a container for your emotions and become excited about your healing. Course runs at The Tree of Life on Fridays 16.00-17.00. Call Eva on 07962 505782 for more information.

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

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

Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 15th March 2023. £699.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight, all transfers, 4 nights in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre & National

Museum. Special St. Patrick's Day Celebrations. Single supplement £150.00. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

What is the 200 Club? This was set up initially twenty years ago to raise money for the parish Link construction between church and hall, and when that was paid off we kept the 200 Club going to support the charities which the parishioners voted for. It now supports two charities selected by our parishioners, namely **Reaching the Unreached** <https://www.rtu.org.uk/>, and **Sussex Nightstop** www.sussexnightstop.org.uk Information about these charities is available at the back of the church and on our notice boards in the Link.

How it works? Sign up for £52 per year for a chance to win a bi-monthly draw payable annually, half yearly or quarterly. 1st prize is £200, 2nd prize is £90 and third prize is £50, all the while your money is helping others. We are looking for new members, so please do get in touch with the Parish office if you wish to join.



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.

To date the parish has donated £4,999.75, £9.61 is the average donation and you have chosen to gift aid 41% of your donations, thank you!

SVP England & Wales Tower House provides sociable lunches and more for older people in Brighton & Hove. Tuesdays we host a memory café providing support, snacks and activities for people with dementia and their carers. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday join us for lunch, visit our pop-up or take part in art and activities. To book contact us on towerhouse@svp.org.uk or 01273 549604

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