

## Thoughts about Stewardship II

Last week we talked of the challenges involved with the maintenance of the building, which cannot be avoided. One also has to think about the development of the parish buildings, in other words, projects that add some value to the parish and its mission. Of late we have added a stained glass window, which has attracted much positive comment, and we have refurbished the Hall. Both of these are to be understood as missionary projects, that is to say, designed to bring people closer to God and His Church, directly or indirectly. We have also done a few minor things, like bought a new candle stand, and put up several pictures; we have also set up the shrine to the Blessed Carlo; but there are certainly other things to be done to make the Church more accessible, more transparent in its mission as a Church and a Catholic church as well. We do not have any bells, though we have a fine bell tower, and one can install electronic bells at a reasonable cost. Bells are, believe it or not, a very old, but very effective, marketing tool. We do have leaflets of various types and a shop, likewise tried and tested marketing tools. Our notice boards, outside and in, perhaps need attention. It is good that the Church is open every day bar Thursdays, and that many people come in (one knows this because of the number of candles lit); this provision of a sacred space in which people can reflect and pray is very important. We are very lucky to have two members of our parish, Mark and Lee, who put in many hours looking after the Church when it is open. We do have problems with abusive people coming in and creating a disturbance, and sometimes frightening people at prayer, or doing things they ought not to in Church (or indeed anywhere else). This is something we do have to be aware of. We must not tolerate or encourage abusive behaviour of any sort. One final point: the Church is made available to the Eastern Orthodox and the

Oriental Orthodox on a frequent basis, which they appreciate very much. Contact with other communities is very important. In conclusion, given that we have a fine set of buildings, we should, as part of our stewardship, evaluate and develop their functions as places of encounter with the Lord. This will involve an appreciation of the way 'soft' marketing works. With every footfall in the Church, the Kingdom of God spreads.

## Forthcoming Events

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| Sunday 19 June, 11.30am: First Holy Communions                                    |
| Sunday 19 June, 6pm: Reception of the body of the late Sheila Coldicott RIP       |
| Monday 20 June, 11am: Funeral Mass of Sheila Coldicott RIP                        |
| Tuesday 21 June, 2pm: Funeral of Angus Galbraith at Downs Crematorium.            |
| Thursday 23 June, 8pm: Social dancing.  |
| Friday 24 June, 10am: Solemnity of the Sacred Heart, Mass, followed by breakfast. |
| Friday 24 June, noon: Funeral Mass of Anne Key RIP                                |
| Friday 24 June, 1.30pm: Social Club   |
| Saturday 25 June: Day retreat (Saint Martha's)                                    |
| Wednesday 27 July, 7pm: Feast of Saint Charbel celebration.                       |
| Monday 12 Sep, 8pm: Baptism course.   |
| Sunday 18 Sep: Stewardship Sunday I   |
| Sunday 25 Sep: Stewardship Sunday II  |
| Sunday 25 September, 3pm: Aneesa Chaudhry concert.                                |
| Sunday 2 October: Stewardship Sunday III  |
| Sunday 8/9 October: collection for Lepira   |

**200 Club May Winners:** Congratulations to £50 – John Rogers, £90 – J Johnson, £200 – B Gallagher.

## St Peter's Catholic Church Diocesan Shrine of the Blessed Carlo Acutis. Portland Road Hove BN3 5GD



19 June 2022



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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. We are currently on the Book of Psalms. Please visit our website which is constantly being updated. Do ask to join our WhatsApp group.

### This Sunday is the feast of Corpus

**Christi**, the day on which we celebrate the mystery of the Body and Blood of Christ. The prayers and readings can be found in the maroon books on page 83. The first reading is taken from the Book of Genesis, and tells the story of Melchizedek, who comes to meet Abraham with offerings of bread and wine, who then gives him a tithe (i.e. ten percent) of everything. The second reading comes from Saint Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, and is the

oldest account we have of the institution of the Eucharist. After the second reading we will recite the sequence together, just the last three asterisked verses. The Gospel, taken from Saint John, recounts the feeding of the five thousand.

## Mass intentions

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| Saturday 18 June, 6pm: For all parishioners                |
| Sunday 19 June, 8.30am: Iris McGoldrick RIP                |
| Sunday 19 June, 10am: Pdraig Grealish RIP                  |
| Sunday 19 June, 11.30am: Krystyna Szczerbiak RIP (1 anniv) |
| Monday 20 June, 11am: Funeral Mass of Sheila Coldicott RIP |
| Tuesday 21 June, 10am: Delia Fetteroll RIP                 |
| Wednesday 22 June, 10am: Pdraig Grealish RIP               |
| Thursday 23 June, No Mass                                  |
| Friday 24 June, 10am: Holy Souls                           |
| Friday 24 June, noon: funeral Mass of Anne Key, RIP        |
| Saturday 25 June, 10am: Leon Hudson RIP                    |
| Saturday 25 June, 6pm: Angela Dangerfield RIP              |
| Sunday 26 June, 8.30am: Holy Souls                         |
| Sunday 26 June, 10am: For all parishioners                 |
| Sunday 26 June, 11.15am: GE TFR Lucie-Smith                |

**Offertory:** Offertory collection Sunday 12 June 2022. = £2,067.52

**This weekend we have the final one of our First Holy Communion celebrations** at 11.30.

Sara Madej, Monica Gomez, Sofia Milani, Daisy Turner, Joseph Simpson, Adam Eke, Scarlett Zakikhani, Teddy Mullans, Rio Ally, Ellie Daly, Ronell Ally, Luca Sassi.

Many congratulations to them and their families and all who helped prepare them for this day. As we end the First Communion season, many thanks to our catechists for all their hard work this year. They are now retiring from the fray and our gratitude goes with them. At the 10am Mass, James Grealish will be receiving his first Holy Communion; our prayers go with him and his family.

#### **Liturgical notes**

After Pentecost, the Church enters the season of Ordinary Time, when the vestments are green. This Sunday is Corpus Christi. Next Sunday will be the Thirteenth Sunday of the year. The month of June is the month dedicated to the Sacred Heart, and on days when there is no feast we shall celebrate a Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart, the solemnity of which falls this Friday. After the 10am Mass, you are all invited to a Power Breakfast at Scottie's. On the same day there is an additional Mass at noon, which is the funeral of Anne Key.

**Monday** is the feast of Saint Alban, the first martyr of this land.

**Tuesday** is the feast of Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, religious, patron saint of Catholic youth and those suffering from plague.

**Wednesday** is the feast of Saints John Fisher and Thomas More, martyrs.

**Friday** is the solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

**Saturday** is the feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Let us continue to remember the three deceased members of our parish whose funerals take place this week, and keep their families in our prayers. Please note that in accord with pious custom, Sheila Coldicott's coffin will be received into the Church at 6pm on Sunday evening. There will be a brief vigil service, the Rosary, and then silent reflection for as long as those who wish to stay. Those who cannot make the funeral next day can take part in our farewell to Sheila and our prayers for her soul by attending the reception and vigil.

**Our next baptism course** is on Monday 12 September at 8pm in the Hall. If you have a baby to baptise, please see Fr Alexander who will come and see you at home, before inviting you on the course.

**The Social Club** meets on 24 June at 1.30pm, for tea, coffee, games and chat.

**We recently had a meeting with the architects and the builders to sign off the Hall.** It was interesting, to say the least, to understand the amount of damage done to the Hall since it was reopened. There are clear instructions in notices about what to do and what not to do, which some people have ignored. One hates to put up these bossy notices everywhere, but it has to be pointed out that sticking things to the walls with masking tape damages the paintwork, and so on. It is distressing to note that the lock on one of the doors has been broken, and the hinges in the kitchen cupboards have been damaged, and the windows too. One

of the floorboards has been broken thanks to someone dropping something very heavy on it. This is in addition to the usual wear and tear that one would expect. Please note the following, and spread the word.

- The dishwasher is very easy to use and has a clear set of instructions on the inside door under the sink. If you are uncertain how to use it, please ask someone who does.
- The water boiler should be used for large scale teas and coffees. It works well, is easy to use, and does not leak. Please ask if you do not know how to use it.
- If you do not know how to shut or open the windows without damaging them, please leave them well alone. The Hall has no curtains, please do not attempt to cover up the windows.
- Please do not overload the electrical system, as this damages equipment. Do not use more than one kettle at a time. We have just had to replace the speakers and the amplifier.

**First Holy Communion:** Next year there will be three courses, one each term. The first course is going to be on Saturdays from 10<sup>th</sup> September to 26<sup>th</sup> November inclusive (but not the two Saturdays that fall within the half term holiday). Each session will be from 9.15am to 10.45am. First Holy Communion will be celebrated on Advent Sunday, which falls on Sunday 27 November, at the 11.15am Mass. Numbers are limited. If you wish for a place for your child (and this course is for children accompanied by at least one parent), then please get in contact with Fr Alexander by email as soon as possible. In January another course will begin; and a

further course will take place in the summer term.

**If you are a reader, a Eucharistic minister,** on duty at Mass, please come into the sacristy for prayers before the Mass begins at about seven minutes prior to the start.

**We are collecting donations for the Food Bank.** Please leave your donation in the tub inside the door of the Outer Sacristy. If locked, by the door. Quality carrier bags always welcome.

**Saint Michael the Archangel,** defend us in the day of battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; may God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls.  
Amen.

**All Welcomers & Stewards are invited to attend a Deanery time of Reflection and Formation on Saturday 9 July from 11.00 – 15.00 at St. Peter's Church Hall, Hove, BN3 5GD to consider moving forward and reflect on how we can enable our Parish and Church communities to reach out to welcome and include everyone. This Formation enables you to explore how this can be achieved through, scripture, prayer and reflection using a multi-sensory approach, as well as considering disability awareness and different groups who may not feel included. Please bring your own packed lunch. This will be led by Margaret Fraher, the Diocesan Inclusion Adviser, who is also a member of the Diocesan Formation Team. Please contact Caroline Kelly E: [bena\\_kid@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:bena_kid@yahoo.co.uk) to book a place at this event or if you have any queries.**



## Parish Notice Board

**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

**Deep Waters Sunday lunches are back**, 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.

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

**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.

**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

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

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