

Forthcoming Events

Saturday 18 March, 7pm: Choirs and musicians celebration.
Sunday March 19: Table Top Sale.
Monday 20 March: feast of Saint Joseph. Mass at 10am, followed by Power Breakfast.
Thursday 23 March, 8pm: Social Dancing.
Friday 24 March, 1.30pm: Social Club.
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
Holy Thursday 6 April, 8pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper, followed by watching at the Altar of Repose until midnight.
Good Friday 7 April, 12 noon, Stations of the Cross for families; 3pm: Liturgy of the Passion.
Holy Saturday, 8 April, 8pm: Easter Vigil.
Easter Sunday 9 April: First Holy Communions
Saturday/Sunday 15/16 April: Appeal by the Comboni Missionaries.
Sunday 16 April, 7pm-8.30pm: Confirmation.
Friday 21 April, 7.30pm: Meeting of Deanery with Bishop Richard.
Sunday 23 April, 7pm-8.30pm: Confirmation.
Tuesday 25 April: Meeting of the Finance Committee.
Sunday 30 April, 7pm-8.30pm: Confirmation.

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place in Arundel Cathedral. We have been assigned the date of Sunday July 2, at 3pm.

Your time to time reminder on Mass intentions. The Mass is a sacrifice, offered on Calvary, by Jesus Christ, for the salvation of all. Thus, every Mass is offered for all the living and all the dead, as is made explicit in the Eucharistic prayer. As a part of this, the priest can offer the Mass for a named individual, living or dead, at the request of the faithful, and for doing this, it is customary to offer the priest a stipend, which in this diocese is suggested to be in the region of £10. This is in keeping with tradition whereby the person who requests the Mass intention undertakes to provide for the upkeep of the priest for that day. The stipend is supposed to be the equivalent of a square meal. Priests in this diocese do not draw a salary but live off the stipends they receive, chief of which are the Christmas and Easter offerings. The list of intentions is published in the newsletter to encourage prayer for that intention and to remind people that the Mass is an efficacious sacrifice; RIP signifies 'requiescat in pace', rest in peace, in other words that the person has died. GE signifies 'good estate', in other words we are praying for the welfare of someone who is alive. Sometimes the intention is just marked 'a private intention'. If someone has died, and you request a Mass for them, you can send their family and friends a Mass card, which is signed by the priest as a sign that you have requested a Mass for the repose of the deceased's soul. These are available in our shop. Incidentally, every week, as laid down by canon law, one Mass is said for 'all our parishioners'.

Offertory collection

- Sun 12 March 2023 = £1,654.31

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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 beginning the prophet Jeremiah. Please visit our website which is constantly being updated.

This Sunday is the Fourth Sunday of Lent. The prayers and readings for today can be found in the yellow books on page 165. The first reading is from the first book of Samuel and is the story of how David was chosen, as a youth still, to be King over Israel and anointed as such by Samuel. We are told that 'the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on'. The Gospel is from Saint John and is the cure of the man who is blind from birth. We shall be reading the shorter version at all Masses. The man is cured and brought to faith after washing in the Pool of Siloam, which is a symbol of baptism.

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

- Eucharistic Prayer Three is on page 28

This Sunday is Laetare Sunday, when the colour is rose, which represents a softening of the penitential purple, as we are now over half way through Lent, and within sight of our goal of Easter. It is a good day for checking how we are progressing in our Lenten disciplines. The organ can play this Sunday, and not just to support the singing. Hence Hamish will be at the 6pm Mass and Andrew will be playing at the 11.30am Mass, so look out for some musical pyrotechnics.

This Sunday we are holding our Table Top sale in the Hall. Please do go in, and browse and find some wonderful bargains. The sellers have all donated to the Syrian Earthquake appeal in order to hire their tables. Do please support this community endeavour.

Mass intentions

Saturday 18 March, 6pm: Margaret Didsbury RIP (1 anniv)
Sun 19 March, 8.30am: For all parishioners
Sunday 19 March, 10am: William, James and Rose McGoldrick RIP
Sunday 19 March, 11.30am: Hedyie Allahuiran Zadeh RIP
Monday 20 March, 10am: Michael Hodgetts RIP
Tuesday 21 March, 10am: Holy Souls
Wed 22 March, 10am: WPLS intention
Fri 24 March, 10am: Giuliana Sussex RIP
Sat 25 March, 6pm: Angela Crowley RIP
Sun 26 March, 8.30am: For all parishioners
Sunday 26 March, 10am: Eileen dalla Mura RIP, Month's Mind Mass
Sunday March, 11.30am: SF Agbro family (in thanksgiving)

This Friday, and every Friday of Lent, there will be Stations of the Cross at 7pm. This Friday we will be doing all the Station, from one through to fourteen. It will last, as usual, about 25 minutes.

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.

We have heard the sad news of the death of Veronica Lloyd of Norway Street, who died last Sunday. She was for many years a parishioner here and at St Theresa's. Veronica's husband died last December. Her funeral will take place at St Therese's details to be announced. Let us pray for the repose of her soul and for the comfort of her family and friends.

Liturgical notes

Monday is the feast of Saint Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mass is at 10am as usual, and because this day is not a day of Lenten penance, we shall be having a Power Breakfast at Scottie's afterwards.

Saturday is the feast of the Annunciation of the Lord, which means that there are only nine months to go until Christmas.

Lent means:

- Fasting
- Almsgiving
- Prayer
- Penance, that is, going to Confession.

Easter is a feast spread over three days, namely:

- Holy Thursday, April 6, when we commemorate the Last Supper, the giving of the Eucharist, the foundation of the priesthood, and the call to serve. Mass is at 8pm, followed by silent prayer before the

Blessed Sacrament at the Altar of Repose until midnight. **WITNESS the last Supper and WATCH with Our Lord on the eve of His Passion in the Garden of Gethsemane.**

- Good Friday, April 7, the day of the suffering and death of Jesus on the Cross. Stations of the Cross at 12 noon for children and families. The Liturgy of the Passion is at 3pm, the hour at which Our Lord died. **STAND at the foot of the Cross.**
- Holy Saturday, April 8, our day of waiting at the tomb of Our Lord, which concludes with the Easter Vigil, which begins at 8pm, at which we celebrate the Resurrection and renew our baptismal promises. On Easter Sunday, April 9, Mass is at 8.30, 10am and 11.30am, and we will renew our baptismal promises at each one. **RENEW your baptismal commitment on the day of the Resurrection.**

WITNESS, WATCH, STAND, RENEW. Are you able to invite someone to one or other or more of the Easter ceremonies? The Watching at the Altar of Repose, where you can breeze in for 15 minutes or so of peace and quiet in the silence of the night, or the family Stations of the Cross (which lasts 25 minutes or so) might be just the thing that someone who does not normally go to Church might like. Again, the Mass of the Lord's Supper and the Good Friday Passion Liturgy might also be just the thing for someone who feels the day is important, but does not really know why they think this. There may be people who would love to be invited to Church, and are just waiting for the invitation....

As we get ready for Easter, Sarah Hall will be decorating our Paschal Candle once more, as she did last year. In addition, people have already mentioned the palms for Palm Sunday. If you have a palm tree, please harvest some palms for our use on Sunday 2 April. Other green branches are also welcome. This will be much appreciated. You can drop your greenery off in the Narthex on the day before Palm Sunday.

The Bishops of England and Wales have said that we may return to our normal practice of administering the Chalice to the lay faithful from Holy Thursday. We shall be doing this, following taking soundings in the parish. Holy Communion is under two kinds and one receives the Sacrament in its fullness when one receives the Sacred Host alone; but to make the sign more complete the faithful can receive the Precious Blood as well. The Precious Blood is always to be received with great care and reverence, as indeed is the Sacred Host. More on this in weeks to come.

The sale of mugs etc in the Hall has generated £30 for the Syrian earthquake appeal. In addition, we have been given £10 for the Ukraine DEC appeal. This brings our parish giving for the latter so far up to £3,866.50

Bishop Richard met with the priests of the deanery on Friday 10 March. The subject of the meeting was the pastoral plan, which essentially means the reorganisation of parishes and Mass times throughout the deanery. On Tuesday 14 March the deanery priests met at their usual meeting to consider what Bishop Richard had said, and that evening the Acutis Group met to consider this further. The Bishop foresees that the whole of Hove and Southwick will form a single parish with a central administrative hub by the year 2025,

and we should all prepare ourselves for this by working closely with other parishes. One thing this will involve is a change to Mass times, and getting used to thinking of ourselves as a joint mission area rather than single parishes. Moreover, we need to think about how we can invite people to Church, rather than just maintaining our present structures, which, from a practical point of view, are hard to maintain, and the maintenance of which may not be the best way of promoting the Church's mission in the first place. On Friday 21 April, after Easter, Bishop Richard will hold a meeting with the parish priests and with their leadership teams, which is our case means the Acutis Group, and with the various heads of local Catholic schools, for further discussion of the pastoral plan.

Did you know that in the last year we have run through more or less 30,000 votive candles? This means they have been used up at the rate of about 80 a day. That would indicate considerable footfall in the Church on weekdays. It is very encouraging that so many people come into our Church to savour the atmosphere, to pray and to light a candle.

Electric news: Mark our electrician has been hard at work renewing the lighting in the Narthex, the Link, the yard and the presbytery kitchen. We hope you notice the difference and like it!

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. This Friday 24 March we are going to be playing Bingo with Gretta and enjoying her wonderful sandwiches. All are invited.

Parish Notice Board

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.

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.

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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.

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

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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.

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

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

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