

Fr Alexander writes: Some months ago I asked Bishop Richard if I could have a half sabbatical, that is, a period of six months, for travel, prayer and study, and he graciously said this was possible. As a result, on 1st January, I shall be flying off to visit members of my family in Trinidad, then in Italy, and will also be visiting the Holy Land for Easter, all being well. I will return home to the diocese on July 1st. More recently Bishop Richard decided, and this of course is a decision I am happy to accept, that for the good of Saint Peter's, a new parish priest should take over on 1st January, and then when I get back I should take up a new post as parish priest elsewhere. This is a good decision, as it means that Saint Peter's will not be left without a parish priest for six months, and it also enables the Bishop to put in someone (who at present is to be decided, but will be decided soon) who will help with the unification of all the Hove parishes, which, as we all know, has been on the cards for some time and which needs to happen soon. I will of course be sad to be leaving Saint Peter's after five and a quarter years, but that is the normal length of time that parish priests should serve in one place, according to usual practice.

The Annual Interfaith Service in our City has, over the years become an important fixture. With contributions from people of many faiths within our City, we have a chance to hear some beautiful words and share some special songs and music. The Mayor, Lord Lieutenant and our popular Members of Parliament will be there. This year we celebrate the very special spirit of our City. The event is also made memorable with a legendary tea, offering a variety of special cakes and ethnic dishes, and provides an opportunity



for our friends and members to get together. Please join us for the Interfaith Service at 3pm on Sunday, November 26th at Hove Methodist Church, on Portland Road.

Forthcoming Events

Sun19 Nov, 1.30pm: Eastern Orthodox Liturgy.
Sun19 Nov, 6pm: Altar Servers' training and party.
Tue 21 Nov, 3.45-5.15pm: First Holy Communion.
Thursday 23 Nov, 8pm: Social Dancing.
Fri 24 Nov, 1.30pm: Social Club.
Sat 25 Nov, 9.15-10.45am: First Holy Communion.
Sun26 Nov: feast of Christ the King. Altar servers' enrolment. Pastoral Letter.
Tue 28 Nov, 11am: Funeral Mass of Oonagh Jones RIP
Tue 28 Nov, 3.45-5.15pm: First Holy Communion.
Fri 1 Dec, 11am: Funeral Mass of the late Brida Leslie RIP.
Sat 2 Dec, 9.15-10.45am: First Holy Communion.
Sun 3 Dec, Advent Sunday, First Holy Communions.
Sun 3 Dec is the First Sun of Advent.
Tue 5 Dec, 7am: Rorate Mass.
Fri 8 Dec: Immaculate Conception of Our Blessed Lady. Mass at 10am. Funeral of Doris Mitchell RIP at 10.45am.
Sun 10 Dec: Santa Claus is coming to town, after 10am and 11.30am Masses.

Offertory 12/11/2023: Baskets: £853.79; Dona: £55.00; S/O: £627.56.

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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 in bite size chunks. We are currently in the midst of the prophet Daniel. Please visit our website which is constantly being updated.

This Sunday is the Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. The prayers and readings are to be found in the yellow books on page 155. The first reading is from the conclusion of the Book of Proverbs, and is an extract from the poem that describes the perfect wife. In the Gospel, from Saint Matthew, Jesus tells the parable of the talents that are entrusted to the servants of the king. Some are able to use the talents to good effect, others less so. As last week, these readings are about Wisdom, the way we organise our lives in accord with the will of God and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

We can spend our time profitably, or we can waste our opportunities. And profit is not to be confused with money, fame and other passing things, but with what lasts forever.

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

This Sunday there is the annual retiring collection for the Arundel Cathedral Maintenance Fund.

This Sunday at the 11.30am Mass, Alberto and Tina Amodio are celebrating 50 years of marriage. Many congratulations to them. They will have a special blessing at the end of Mass.

Mass intentions

Sat 18 Nov, 6pm: Holy Souls
Sun 19 Nov, 8.30am: Wilfrid Usher RIP
Sun 19 Nov, 10am: For all parishioners
Sun 19 Nov, 11.30am: Tom J Fitzgerald (Granddad) RIP
Mon 20 Nov, 10am: John Barrett RIP
Tue 21 Nov, 10am: Bill Murphy RIP (birthday)
Wed 22 Nov, 10am: Anne Marie Kelly RIP (1 anniv)
Thu 23 Nov: No Mass.
Fri 24 Nov, 10am: GE the Mountain family
Sat 25 Nov, 6pm: Jim Burke RIP (anniv)
Sun 26 Nov, 8.30am: DM the Cashman and Smyth families
Sun 26 Nov, 10am: Donal Payne RIP
Sun 26 Nov, 11.30am: For all parishioners

This Sunday at 6pm, we are having our Altar Servers' training and party. Please confirm attendance by signing the list in the sacristy. Pizza will be served, we hope, and we shall be playing the Bomb Game. We start in Church and then move into the Hall.

Liturgical notes

The month of November is dedicated to prayer for the faithful departed. On days when there is no feast, we will be celebrating the daily Mass for the Dead. Let us devote ourselves assiduously to this intention.

Tuesday is the feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Temple.

Wednesday is the feast of Saint Cecilia, martyr, patron saint of music.

Friday is the feast of Saint Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions, martyrs of Vietnam.

Confessions are heard after Mass on Friday morning, at 10.30am. On Saturday Confessions are heard before the evening Mass, at 5.15pm until 5.45pm.

Repeated from last week: It is a commonplace to say that everyone is welcome in a Catholic Church; while it is easy to say, it needs to be backed up by deeds if it is not just to be hollow words. In the Royal Family, children under the age of 4 are not taken to Church, but left at home with the nanny. We, however, accept and welcome children of all ages, babies, toddlers and those of school age, all children, without exception. Some parents may worry that their children seem exuberant, even boisterous, but all children are from time to time, so do not worry. None of us are dismayed or put off by little ones crying, shouting, screaming or running around. Indeed, we welcome it, as

this is the upcoming new generation of Catholics and we want to see them coming to Church with their parents, and we want them to keep on coming. So do not be worried if you think your child is worse than anyone else's – they are probably not, and even if they are, so what! We were all young once. While one of our Masses is traditionally thought of as a Family Mass, ALL our Masses are family Masses, and children are welcome at all of them. While on this subject, let us all show that we are pleased to see children in Church, and remember that body language as well as words are important. Let us also remember that we encourage children to take active part in the Liturgy, in accord with their age and inclination: bringing up the collection and the gifts, joining in children's liturgy, and as readers and servers, once they have done their First Holy Communion.

We have heard the sad news of the death of Oonagh Jones, which took place on Sunday 5th November, in the Royal Sussex County Hospital. She was 86 years old. Let us pray for the repose of her soul and for her family at this sad and difficult time for them. Her funeral will take place here at 11am on Tuesday 28th November. This will replace the 10am Mass on that day.

The funeral of Brida Leslie RIP is taking place here at 11am on Friday December 1st, to be followed by burial at Hove cemetery. This will replace the 10am Mass on that day.

The funeral of Doris Mitchell RIP will take place here on Friday 8th December. The coffin will arrive in Church at 9.45am. Because that day is a solemn feast, Mass at 10am will be the Mass of the Immaculate Conception, and Doris's funeral will take place immediately

afterwards at 10.45am, to be followed by burial at Portslade Cemetery.

Brace yourselves! Advent is coming and starts on Sunday 3rd December. We have organised the following events for the Season.

- There will be three Rorate Masses by candlelight on Tuesdays in Advent at 7am. They begin in total darkness and end as dawn breaks. Afterwards we shall have a power breakfast at Scottie's.
- On Sunday 10th December, the Sunday following his feast, Saint Nicholas will be making an appearance in our parish and giving out sweet and chocolates to children after the 10am and 11.30am Masses.
- The Carol Service will take place at 6.30pm on Sunday 17th December.
- This Advent, as last year, we will have one hundred £10 Sainsbury vouchers to give away as Christmas presents from the community of Saint Peter's. You may remember how this worked last year; ask your parish priest for a voucher and give it to anyone you think needs cheering up. This is financed by our Poor Fund.
- Advent is also a time for going to Confession, as we prepare for Christmas. We shall have an extra session of Confessions on Saturday 16th December from 3pm until 5.45pm, with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Fr Colin and Fr Tony will be in attendance.
- Our Advent Day by Day books have arrived, for Infants, Juniors and Adults. Please help yourself from the back of the Church.

The latest round of First Holy Communions is almost upon us. Let us pray ardently for our children making their First Holy Communion, and for their families that this may be an occasion for the renewal of their faith and ours.

On Saturday 2nd December 6pm: Oliver O'Shea.

On Sunday 3rd December at 10am: Jake Morek, Poppy and Holly Goodman, Florence Ottaway and Elliott Langford. At 11.30am: Alex Hacking, Sophia Bean, Iseult and Oscar Flanagan, Clemence Brown, Cleo Housely, Lola and Millie Roiser, Tiernan Boyce, Rosie Nikolli and Claudia Ibrahim, Shams and Massia Jarabanda, and George Mandreja.

December 10th at the 10am Mass: Louie Monaghan, and Bubble and Mimi Oyesola.

The main church doors, which were damaged by storm Ciaran, have now been rehung, with new brass hinges.

Winter Appeal for children's coats, hats, gloves for children ages 0-12: We are collecting for a local charity, Pelican Parcels. If you have any preloved winter clothing for children in good condition, please contact Emily on 07976 583 593. Many thanks.

Social Dancing takes place in the Hall at 8pm this Thursday. All are welcome.

The Social Club meets this Friday, in the Hall at 1.30pm – its Bingo this week!



Parish Notice Board

The Royal Sussex County Hospital Chaplain is Fr Celestine, and he can be reached via tel. 01273 696955 ext. 64122 or this email: celestine.nnolim@nhs.net. He is in the hospital from 8.30am to 4.30pm every weekday.

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

We have a permanent Book Exchange in the Hall, which you will find by the windows above the cupboard to one side of the main entrance. Please help yourself to all the books you like the look of, as they all need good and appreciative homes. We have lots of books in stock at present, so please help yourselves! We are not particularly soliciting donations for the moment.

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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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.

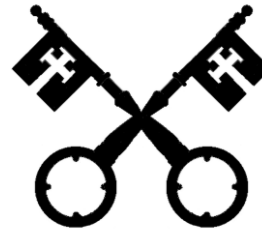
Music Tuition

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.

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



List of Hall Clubs at St Peter's

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