

Forthcoming Events

Saturday/ Sunday, 1 and 2 April: Palm Sunday Great Spring Book Exchange
Tuesday 4 April, 11am: Church Cleaners' Thank You Party
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
Friday 14 April, 10:30am: Funeral of Veronica Lloyd RIP (at Saint Theresa's)
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, 3.45pm to 5.15pm: First Holy Communion.
Tuesday 25 April: Meeting of the Finance Committee.
Friday 28 April, 11am: Funeral Mass of Gerald Meaden RIP
Sunday 30 April, 7pm-8.30pm: Confirmation.
Tuesday 2 May, 3.45pm to 5.15pm: First Holy Communion.
Saturday 6 May: Coronation Day.
Sunday 7 May: Mass of Thanksgiving with Te Deum followed by Syrian lunch in the Hall.
Sunday 7 May, 7pm-8.30pm: No Confirmation, Bank Holiday weekend.
Monday 8 May: Coronation Tea Dance.

Tuesday 9 May, 3.45pm to 5.15pm: First Holy Communion.
Sunday 14 May, 7pm-8.30pm: Confirmation.
Tuesday 16 May, 3.45pm to 5.15pm: First Holy Communion.

Easter is celebrated on the first Sunday after the Paschal full moon, which is the first full moon on or after the Spring Equinox. This year the Equinox, the day on which the day and night are of equal length, was Monday 20 March. The full moon after this was on April 6. This means that Easter falls the succeeding Sunday, provided there is a preceding Saturday as well, in this case, on Sunday April 9. In practice Easter almost always falls somewhere between 23 March and 23 April. You may have noticed that our Eastern brethren of the Orthodox and Eastern Catholic Churches celebrate Easter on a different date (this year on Sunday 16 April, one week later). This is because in liturgical matters that Eastern Churches are following the Julian Calendar not the Gregorian Calendar, and the former of which is currently some days behind the latter. Britain used the Julian calendar until 1752, when it adopted the Gregorian, which led to rioting in the streets and people shouting 'Give us back our eleven days!' Russia used the Julian Calendar until the time of Lenin; hence the October Revolution really took place in November, as by that time the difference in calendars was thirteen days.

Finally, the best news of all. Happy Holy Week and Happy Easter! The Easter celebrations continue for 50 days, until Pentecost, which falls on 28 May. Happy celebrations, one and all!

Offertory collection Sun 26 March 2023 = £1,755.88
DEC Syria Earthquake £70.00

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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 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, which is the beginning of Holy Week, in which we commemorate the suffering, death and Resurrection of Our Lord. The prayers and readings for today can be found in the yellow books on page 176. All Masses start in the Hall. After the Blessing of Palms and the Gospel of Our Lord's Entry into the Jerusalem we shall process into the Church. The yellow book is invaluable in guiding one through the Liturgy, and has the words of the processional hymn on page 180. Do please bring your yellow book and your palm/green branch with you into the Hall. The first reading of the Mass is from the prophecy of Isaiah, and treats of the Suffering Servant of the Lord. The Gospel, from Saint Matthew, is the account of the Passion, and because of its length there is no sermon today, but a

period of silent reflection. At the moment when Jesus dies, we kneel down for a moment of silence.

This Sunday, and for the rest of the month of April, there is no Children's Liturgy at the 10am Mass. This resumes in May.

This Sunday we shall have the retiring collection for Easter flowers at all Masses.

This Sunday is the Great Spring Book Exchange. No money changes hands: just bring your books, place them on the tables in the Hall, and then take anything you like. The Hall will be open and ready for your books (and palms, see above) from 5.30pm on Saturday and all morning on Sunday.

Confessions can be heard after Mass on Monday and Tuesday this week. On Saturday those wishing to go to Confession are asked to come to the Presbytery to do so.

On Wednesday the Chrism Mass takes place at the Cathedral in Arundel at 6pm. There is no Mass at 10am in the parish. At the Chrism Mass, the Bishop consecrates the Holy Oils for the following year, which will then be distributed to the various parishes. These are the Oil of the Sick, the Oil of Catechumens, and the Oil of Chrism, to be used to anoint the sick, those to be baptised and those to be confirmed. All the diocesan priests will be concelebrating and the faithful are invited as well.

On Thursday the Church celebrates Holy Thursday, 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, when we keep company with Jesus in His Agony in the Garden of Gethsemane on the eve of

His Passion. The details of the Liturgy can be found on page 192 of the Yellow books.

This Friday is Good Friday, the day of Jesus's suffering and death on the Cross. The Church will be open for prayer and reflection all day, until dusk. Stations of the Cross are at 12 noon for children and families. The Liturgy of the Passion is at 3pm, the hour at which Our Lord died, after which the stripping of the altar will take place. Yellow books, page 197. As usual the collection will be taken for the Holy Places in Jerusalem.

Saturday is a day at watching at the Lord's Tomb, awaiting His Resurrection from the Dead. The Church will be shut all day, but will open in good time for the Easter Vigil, which starts at 8pm outside the Church, as darkness falls, with the Holy Fire. (See yellow books, page 216.) On Sunday the Masses are at the normal times of at 8.30am, 10am and 11.30am, and we will renew our baptismal promises at each one. You may bring your own baptismal candle to this, but candles will also be provided. (Yellow books, page 251.) As you may remember the Easter collection is one of two every year (the other is at Christmas) which is for the support of your parish priest.

Congratulations to our children making their First Holy Communion this Easter Sunday, and in one case on the third Sunday of Easter. Let us pray for Lucas Ryan, Michael Reeve, Millie Finley, Anthony Vivas, Georgina Colley, Ada Whisker, Mirolla Adjouri, Ella Shoglu, Olive Bradley, Rose Mullans and Eva Zakikhani.

On Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday of Easter Week, Mass will be at 10am.

Mass intentions

Saturday 1 April, 6pm: WPLS intention
Sunday 2 April, 8.30am: For all parishioners
Sunday 2 April, 10am: For our benefactors and donors
Sunday 2 April, 11.30am: GE Bill and Anne Murphy
Monday 3 April, 10am: A private intention
Tuesday 4 April, 10am: Patricia Carroll RIP
Thursday 6 April, 8pm: WPLS intention
Saturday 8 April, 8pm: Giuliana Sussex RIP
Sunday 9 April, 8.30am: For all parishioners
Sunday 9 April, 10am: Ana Paula Meyer Velloso RIP
Sunday 9 April, 11.30am: Patricia Carroll RIP
Monday 10 April, 10am: Kieron Cashman RIP (anniv)
Tuesday 11 April, 10am: A private intention
Wednesday 12 April, 10am: Canon Foley's intention
Friday 14 April, 10am: Canon Foley's intention
Saturday 15 April, 6pm: Fr Franco's intention
Sunday 16 April, 8.30am: Fr Franco's intention
Sunday 16 April, 10am: Fr Franco's intention
Sunday 16 April, 11.30am: For all parishioners
Monday 17 April, 10am: Canon Foley's intention
Tuesday 18 April, 10am: Yet Ming RIP
Wednesday 19 April, 10am: Canon Foley's intention
Friday 21 April, 10am: Holy Souls
Saturday 22 April, noon: WPLS intention

On the Second Sunday of Easter, known as Low Sunday, we shall be having a missionary appeal at all Masses. Fr Franco Mastromauro, of the Comboni missionaries, will be celebrating all the Masses and speaking about the important work his confreres are doing in Africa and elsewhere. Please Fr Franco welcome and please give generously! Fr Alexander is very grateful to Fr Franco, as this enables him to be absent for the weekend.

Good news re the Doors. Our new Church doors are being installed on Wednesday 5th April, in time for Easter. The doors have been paid for with a legacy from the late Adrian van Twest, whom many will remember as a faithful altar server here for many years. Let us pray for the repose of his soul. We hope to install a plaque in due course.

Canon Foley, whom we all know, will be celebrating the 10am Mass on some days after Easter, while Fr Alexander is away. Please make him welcome. Fr Alexander is very grateful to Canon Foly for helping out in this invaluable way.

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.

On Saturday 22 April, there will be Mass at noon for the Union of Catholic Mothers, who are meeting here. All are welcome to come to this Mass.

More Good News. At Easter, we are returning to our previous practice of Communion under both kinds. This is not compulsory, but these who wish may receive from the chalice. Let us hope and

pray that this may be a great blessing to us all, and contribute to our deeper understanding of the Mass, where our Lord gives us His Body to eat and His Blood to drink. May it also deepen our understanding of the sacrifice of Calvary, where the Blood of the Paschal Lamb was poured out for the salvation of the world.

Even More Good News: We have made a donation to the DEC Syria appeal of £70, raised by parishioners selling things in the Hall. Well done to all who made this possible.

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

Confirmation: The first meeting is on Low Sunday in the Hall at 7pm and lasts until 8.30pm. Let us pray for all our candidates and their families.

Congratulations to Canon Oliver Heaney, former parish priest of Saint Mary's, Preston Park. Sixty glorious years. He informs us: 'I invite all the clergy of the Deanery to St Mary's Church, Surrenden Road, Preston Park on SATURDAY, 3RD JUNE to celebrate my Diamond Jubilee with Mass at Midday followed by a Reception in St Mary's Parish Hall.' Please note the date now, and if you want to go, please inform Fr Alexander who will pass this on. Cards, presents, etc for the Canon can be taken on the day.

The next edition of this newsletter will appear in time for the third Sunday of Easter, 23 April. Until then please check our parish social media for updates and news.

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.

Confirmation: Easter Sunday falls on 9 April next year. Many thanks to all those who have registered their interest. In

2023, all confirmations are taking place in Arundel Cathedral. We have been assigned the date of Sunday July 2, at 3pm.

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.

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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.

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.

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.



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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.



List of Hall Clubs at St Peter's

Day
Monday 9.15 - 10.15
Monday 10.15 - 11.30
Tuesday 17.00-19.00
Tuesday 19.15 – 21.00
Tuesday 14.30
Wednesday 9.45–11.45
Wednesday 14.15-19.00
Wednesday 19.00-21.00
Wednesday 09.30-12.00
Thursday 15.30.-16.30
Thursday 09.30 - 12.00
Thursday 15.30.-16.30
Thursday 16.45 -18.00
Thursday 18.00 – 19.45
Thursday 20.00 – 22.00
Friday 9.30- 10.30 P
Fridays 10.30.13.30
Friday 13.30- 15.30

Event
Yoga
Tai Chi
Brownies
Guides
UCM
Baby Ballet
Alta Academy of Dance
Union of Catholic Mothers
Music with Mike
West Hove Dance Academy
Music with Mike
West Hove Dance Academy
Rainbows
Brownies
Social Dancing
Pilates
ESOL (English language lessons)
Apostles Lunch Club

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