

### Sick Parishioners

Please pray for; Jim McFarlane, Caroline Audy, Margaret Chapman, Vincent O' Rourke, Jim and Valerie Lee, Eileen Banks, Matthew Garcia, Beverley Coughlan, Sonia Wall, Dennis Tribe, Rosemary Kilcourse, Adrian Van Twest.

### Parish Events

Saturday 8 February, 9-10.30am/11-12.30am First Holy Communion.
Sunday February 9, 7-8.15pm: Confirmation session 4.
Tuesday 11 February, 10am: Our Lady of Lourdes/World Day of the Sick, healing Mass.
Friday 14th February, 7pm: Junior Choir party
Saturday/Sunday 22/23 February: Apostolate of Adoration visit.
Wednesday 26 February: Lent begins.
Friday 28 February, 7.30pm: Stations of the Cross.
Saturday 29 February, 10.30am-4pm: Adoration and Confessions.
Monday 2 March, 8pm: Reading St Matthew's Passion.
Tuesday 3 March, 7.30pm: Praying Saint Matthew's Passion.
Sunday 8 March, after 10am/11.15am Mass: Cake Sale for stained glass appeal.
Tuesday 21 April, 8pm: Baptism course, Upper Room.
Friday 24 April, 8pm: Quiz Night for stained glass appeal.
Sunday 10 May, after 10am/11.15am Mass: Bring and Buy for stained glass appeal.
Tuesday 21 April, 8pm: Baptism course, Upper Room.

**UCM:** meeting in the hall 5 February at 7.30pm, this week its Beetle Drive.

**Social Dancing** in the hall this Thursday. All are welcome!

**Thursday mornings Scripture Reflection:** 10am all welcome.

### From the Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church:

**287.** Why is the Holy Eucharist the paschal banquet? The Holy Eucharist is the paschal banquet in as much as Christ sacramentally makes present his Passover and gives us his Body and Blood, offered as food and drink, uniting us to himself and to one another in his sacrifice.

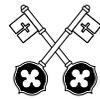
The fundraisers for the stained glass have decided on the following community building and fundraising initiatives. There will be another Cake Sale on Sunday 8 March after the 10am and 11.15am Masses. There will be a Quiz Night on Friday 24 April in the Hall, with hard and not so hard questions set by Fr Alexander and others. There will be a Bring and Buy on Sunday 10 May after the 10am and 11.15am Masses, at which you can offload your unwanted items and pick up some wonderful bargains. More details, needless to say, nearer the time! We are also going to have periodic retiring collections for the stained glass appeal at the end of Mass. Meanwhile the stained glass debt stands at £14, 210, after a superb donation of £210 by Adrian van Twest who has been collecting loose change.

We seem to be getting more and more requests for counter-signatures to passport forms, and other types of document which need the parish stamp and the signature of a priest. From now on you are kindly asked to submit all these forms to Aisling, our parish secretary, who will collate and prepare them for Fr Alexander to sign, and will advise you when they are ready for collection. Please note Aisling's working hours and her email, both of which appear at the head of this newsletter.

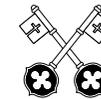
**Collection** Sunday 26 January, £1, 594.

### St. Peter's Catholic Church Portland Road Hove

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2 February 2020



Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

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### Mass intentions this week:

Saturday 1 Feb 6pm Michael Green RIP

Sunday 2 Feb 8.30am All parishioners

Sunday 2 Feb 10am Josie Keating RIP

Sunday 2 Feb 11.15am Jimmy O'Meara RIP

Monday 3 Feb 10am Michael Stringer RIP

Tuesday 4 Feb 10am Mr and Mrs Hunt RIP

Wednesday 5 Feb 10am Kitty Fitzgerald RIP

Thursday 6 February No Mass

Friday 7 Feb 10am In Thanksgiving

Saturday 8 Feb 10am GE Family of Lilly

Clotherly

Saturday 9 Feb 6pm Mary Gallagher RIP

Sunday 9 Feb 8.30am GE Family of Margo Brown.

Sunday 9 Feb 10am For all parishioners

Sunday 9 Feb 11.15am Murphy family intention

Jesus up to the Temple to be presented to the Lord, and on which Simeon hailed Jesus as the light to enlighten the gentiles. Because of this association with light, and because February marks the welcome lengthening of the days, on this day candles are blessed, and hence the feast is commonly known as Candlemas. We will provide candles, of course, but you can bring your own, which you can then take home with you afterwards. In today's Gospel we read of Simeon and Anna welcoming the infant Messiah into the temple in Jerusalem. These two persons of great age represent the people of Israel who have so devoutly looked forward to this moment of the coming of the Messiah. However, Simeon makes it clear that Jesus is a sign destined to be rejected and that His sufferings will cause distress and suffering to His Blessed Mother. So Jesus is not the sort of triumphant Messiah that many in Israel are expecting; rather He is the Suffering Servant who will redeem His people through the Cross. Thus, today's feast looks backwards to the joy of Christmas, and forward to the drama of Easter.

Next Sunday is the Fifth Sunday of the year. This Sunday is designated as Racial Justice Sunday by the Church, a day for thinking about whether we are as welcoming to all people as we would hope to be. Confessions are heard every Saturday morning, from 10.30 to 11.15am.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Marie Hall, who died on Sunday 26 January in Regent House, The Drive, at the age of 88, having received the Sacrament of the Sick and the Apostolic Pardon the day before. She used to live in Hangleton Valley Drive, and was for many years an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist in this parish. Her Requiem

**This Sunday is the feast of the Presentation of the Lord**, which marks the occasion, forty days after Christmas, when Joseph and Mary took the Child

Mass will take place here in due course; details will be announced when known. Let us pray for the comfort of her family.

The next baptism course is going to be after Easter and will take place on Tuesday 21 April in the Upper Room. (Note the change of venue.) Parents who have a child to baptise need to see Fr Alexander in advance, so he can come round and see you at home beforehand.

### **Liturgical notes:**

Monday is the feast of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr. On this day, throats are blessed using the invocation: 'Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God preserve you from all harm to your throat and all other harms besides.' This pious tradition springs from story of how Saint Blaise cured a boy who was choking on a fish bone at the request of his mother, as he was being led to martyrdom. Wednesday is the feast of Saint Agatha, virgin and martyr. Friday is the first Friday of the month, and thus dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Saturday is the feast of Saint Josephine Bakhita. February is the month dedicated to the Holy Family. On days when there is no feast we shall be saying the Mass for the Sick, given that the eleventh of the month is the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and World day of the Sick.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Exposed takes place here every Friday after the 10am Mass for 30 minutes. The Apostolate of Adoration has visited us and will be coming again to speak at all Masses on the weekend of 22/23 February 2020 about the importance of Adoration.

Please remember the following points about the Hall. All booking enquiries are to be addressed to Jo Chamberlain, our manager. Her contact details are as follow: telephone 01273 204439 after 3.30pm or email stpetershallbn3@gmail.com Hall and Church users are urged to park their cars in strict keeping with the law, and not to block pavements.

Our Social Club meets in the Hall this Friday at 1.30pm, for fun and games, with refreshments provided. On Friday 14 February, we will be hearing from Annie, who is a retired police officer, who will be sharing various experiences about "the job", which should be interesting. On Friday 21, it will be bingo, and on Friday 28 we will be hoping to show a suitable film, namely the classic romance, Brief Encounter.

Tuesday 11 February is the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, and is designated World Day of the Sick, a day of prayer for all those who are unwell. At the 10am Mass that day we will be praying for the sick, and celebrating the Anointing of the Sick. Anyone who is unwell is invited to come along, and you are invited to make this known to anyone you know who is in need of healing. Needless to say, the Sacrament of the Sick can be celebrated at other times too on request.

The Junior Choir party is on Friday 14th February, which is Saint Valentine's day, and will start at 7pm in the Hall and run until 8.30pm. There will be food, drink and games! Adult helpers are welcome!

Brace yourselves! Lent is on its way. It is still some time off, but it is good for us to get thinking about it now. Lent is a

time of preparation for Easter through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. To this end, we have the following arranged.

- Stations of the Cross, every Friday in Lent at 7.30pm, a great way to meditate on the Passion of the Lord.
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, every Saturday in Lent, from after Mass until 4pm, with Confessions available. The best possible way to deepen your devotion to Our Blessed Lord, by adoring Him present in the Blessed Sacrament on the Altar.
- An appeal by Lepra, the charity that works with people suffering from leprosy on the First Sunday of Lent, March 1. This will be our chance for Lenten almsgiving, though, of course, we can also give to other people in need as well.
- The Cafod Family fast day, scheduled for the Second Sunday in Lent, March 8. The idea, as ever, is that you go without some food one day and donate the money saved to the poor of the developing world. This covers fasting and almsgiving in one, along with an important awareness-raising of those for whom involuntary hunger is a daily challenge.
- On the Third Sunday in Lent, 15 March, Matthew Conneelly will be speaking about HCPT, the Pilgrimage Trust that takes disabled children to Lourdes, and making an appeal, which will be another chance for Lenten almsgiving.
- Finally, in keeping with Bishop Richard's encouragement, we are having some Lectio Divina and Bible study. On Monday nights in Lent we will be 'Reading Saint Matthew's Passion' in the Upper Room at 8pm, which will be led by Fr Alexander; and on Tuesdays Kate Williamson will be leading 'Praying Saint Matthew's Passion', at 7.30pm. The idea is that both these sessions will be complimentary. Lent is the time to

think of the Passion of Our Lord, and we are in Year A for the readings at Mass, which is the year of Saint Matthew. We have held a meeting with Mark Anderson, our architect, to look at the refurbishment of our Hall. He will soon report back with some sketches and then we will be able to consult the whole parish and see what exactly we want. The areas of work to be done are several. Some of it is essential maintenance, such as dealing with rotting windows and damp, and changing the outmoded lighting system. Other aspects concern improvement such as a better kitchen, designed with its users in mind, and better lavatories, which can be accessed by church users without entering the Hall itself but from the corridor, so as not to disturb meetings. In addition, we would like more space, and more light, which can be achieved by removing the gallery. Finally, there is the aesthetic angle, which means better decoration, and polishing the floor. This will cost money, naturally, but the parish has reserves, so it will not involve raising additional funds. Currently we charge £20 an hour for the use of the Hall, which is cheap; if the hall were more attractive and practical, we could raise this fee somewhat, without, of course, making it prohibitive. Watch this space for further developments.

Did you know that this parish has three sets of crib figures, all of which are roughly the same size? As it is, we only ever use one set, and so it seems a shame the other two sets should just gather dust. We are thus thinking of giving them away to any parishioner or any school nearby that might like them. Do please ask Fr Alexander or Debbie Forsdyke (co-ordinator at the 10am Mass) about them, if you are interested. If no one in the parish wants them, then we will offer them to another parish that might be without a large crib, in return for some piece of Church equipment that we ourselves are lacking.

**Evening of prayer for the separated, divorced & remarried:** The diocese is holding an afternoon of welcome, listening, conversation & afternoon tea for the Separated, Divorced and Remarried. This event will be held at St John the Evangelist parish in Horsham on Sunday 23 February at 3pm and will conclude with the celebration of Evening Prayer. Please respond to Katherine Bergin on [Katherine.Bergin@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:Katherine.Bergin@abdiocese.org.uk) to assist with catering.

**Curious about Catholics?** To learn more and talk in an unpressured and confidential environment, please contact Sue Hollow on 0755 730 1796 or Fr Alexander.

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