

### Sick Parishioners.

Please pray for Jim McFarlane, Caroline Audy, Margaret Chapman, Vincent O' Rourke, Jim and Valerie Lee, Matthew Garcia, Sonia Wall, Dennis Tribe, Rosemary Kilcourse, Liz Perkins, Richard Martin, Sheila Coldicott, Charlotte Essex, Maria Knight.

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Gift Aid Envelopes are now available at the back of the church. Please remember to collect them. Your number may have changed as part of our recent audit, this will not affect your donations.

Yellow envelopes are available at the back of the church for anyone who wishes to donate regardless of being a member of our scheme. Thank you for your continued support.

**You Can Help Your Marriage** – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. There is no group therapy or group work. This programme has helped 10s of 1000s of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about Retrouvaille, or to register for the next programme commencing with a 'Virtual' weekend on 1 – 4 July 2021, call or text +44 788 7296983 or +44 797 3380443 or email [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) – or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

### 200 Club Winners!

Congratulations to our February Draw winners:  
£50 – Nicola Austin  
£90 – Mary Thomson  
£200 – Mary Reeve

### Forthcoming events:

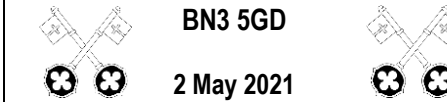
Sunday 2 May, 5pm: Oriental Orthodox Divine Liturgy.
Monday 3 May, 7pm: Holy Hour for the Birthday of Blessed Carlo Acutis.
Friday 7 May, 10am: Funeral Mass of Caroline Wojtowicz, RIP.
Sunday 9 May, 7pm-8.30pm: Second Session of Confirmation preparation.
Monday 10 May: Hall refurbishment starts.
Monday 17 May, 7.15-8.15pm: Subcommittee on spiritual life of the parish.
Thursday 13 May, 10am: Ascension Thursday Mass.
Sunday 23 May: Pentecost.
Sunday 13 June, 7pm-8.30pm: Third Session of Confirmation preparation.
Thursday 24 June, 7.15pm: Meeting of the Parish team.
Sunday 4 July, 7pm-8.30pm: Fourth Session of Confirmation preparation.
Sunday 18 July, 7pm-8.30pm: Fifth Session of Confirmation preparation.
Friday 6 August, 1.30pm: Social Club meets.
Saturday 7 August, 7pm: Grand Re-opening of the Hall.
Saturday 14 August, 7pm: International Dinner.
Saturday 21 August, 7pm: Film Night.
Sunday 5 September, 7pm-8.30pm: Sixth Session of Confirmation preparation.
Sunday 10 October, 7pm-8.30pm: Seventh Session of Confirmation preparation.
Sunday 14 November, 7pm, Confirmation rehearsal
Saturday 20 November, 3pm Confirmation Mass

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**Find our YouTube channel:** search for 'Alexander Lucie-Smith'. Please visit our website which is constantly being updated.

**Do take a copy of this newsletter and give it to someone who is staying at home!**

**This Sunday is the Fifth Sunday of Easter.** In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles we hear about the start of Saint Paul's ministry, and the way the Church has a period of growth and consolation in the Holy Spirit. In the Gospel, from Saint John, we hear about how the Church and its members grow, when Jesus tells us that He is the vine and we are the branches, and that if we remain in Him we shall bear much fruit. In the post-Covid world we need to think carefully about how to grow the Church once more, and these readings surely give us a very strong pointer. Growth

will come about not by 'new' initiatives, but by the grace of God alone. This means we need to activate the grace of God in our lives, and the way to do that is through prayer.

**Our Oriental Orthodox brethren** will be here to celebrate the Divine Liturgy at 5pm on Sunday, which is, according to the Julian Calendar, Easter Sunday. A warm welcome to them and to Father Aphram, and we wish them a very joyful celebration of the Lord's Resurrection!

**Father Alexander writes: Many thanks** to all who made the celebration of the Silver Jubilee last Sunday such a huge success. It was so nice to see so many people there from all over the diocese. Many of the visitors commented on the beauty of the music and the liturgy and the excellent sermon by Father Maul Martin. My particular thanks to him for his kind and stirring words. Many thanks also to all those who made the day a great success. I have received many presents and am thanking all the donors. Unfortunately, some cards had names which I could not read, or no names at all, and some bottles of wine became 'orphaned' from their cards, so it was not clear who gave them. If this was you, please take this as your very warm thank you.

**WANTED from August: one bedroom flat** to rent in Brighton or Hove within reasonable distance of a station, for a post-graduate couple at Sussex University (PhD and MA). Reliable tenants in their 30s, can provide references. Please contact Ashley and Jacob. Email [jake@remmuseventmanagement.co.uk](mailto:jake@remmuseventmanagement.co.uk) Tel: 07903 104689

## Mass Intentions

Saturday 1 May 6pm For all Parishioners
Sunday 2 May 8.30am Fr Alexander's intention
Sunday 2 May 10am For Benefactors
Sunday 2 May 11.15am Sheila Hermann RIP
Monday 3 May 10am Noel Joyce RIP
Tuesday 4 May 10am Maureen Monaghan RIP
Wednesday 5 May 10am Gill Ness-Collins RIP
Thursday 6 May No Mass
Friday 7 May 10am Funeral of Caroline Wojtowicz RIP
Saturday 8 May 10am Adrian van Twest RIP (birthday)
Saturday 8 May 6pm For all parishioners
Sunday 9 May 8.30am Rosalia Gizzarelli RIP
Sunday 9 May 10am For benefactors
Sunday 9 May 11.15am Fr Alexander's intention.

## Liturgical notes

Monday is the feast of Saints Philip and James, apostles. Monday 3 May is also the thirtieth anniversary of the birth of the Blessed Carlo Acutis, which took place in London at the Portland Clinic. As the Blessed Carlo was particularly devoted to the Eucharist and went to Mass every day, as well as making a Holy Hour, what better way to mark the occasion by going to Mass on this day, and having a Holy Hour. Our Holy Hour will be from 7pm to 8pm and all are welcome. Once a miracle is worked through the intercession of the Blessed Carlo, he will then be on the path to sainthood. Let us pray that the miracle he 'needs' may be worked here in this parish.

Tuesday is the Feast of the English Martyrs.

The month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin. Usually this month we try to sing hymns to Our Lady, but with Covid restrictions still in place this will not be possible. There will be the Rosary after Mass on Tuesday as customary and every other day on which there is no funeral. Those who do not like communal recitation of the Rosary are warmly invited to pray the Rosary at home. Please note that Thursday 13 May, forty days after Easter, is Ascension Thursday and this is a Holy Day to be treated as a Sunday, so we will have Mass at 10am on this day. Sunday 23 May, fifty days after Easter, is Pentecost, which closes the Easter season. The period in between the two feasts is the original nine days of prayer ('novena') of the Church imploring the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

**Advance notice:** Fr Alexander will be working remotely Monday 10 May to Wednesday 12 May inclusive, so on these days there will be no Mass. But there will be an 'extra' Mass for Ascension Thursday, and the following Thursday, 20 May, which forms part of the novena to the Holy Spirit.

**Fundraiser number one:** A parishioner has kindly given us an ornate Quaregnon fruit bowl. These retail for a sum of around £30, and are collectors' items. We are going to hold a silent auction for the vase in aid of the Hall restoration fund. Place the sum you want to bid with your name in an envelope marked Vase; whoever bids the most gets the vase. Bids can be put in with the collection or handed in to the sacristy. The fruit bowl is currently in the office or out on the font lid if you want to inspect it.

**Fundraiser Number Two:** Do you like Fish and Chips? Of course you do! Are you familiar with the **Hainault Fryers Fish and Chips of 6, Boundary Road Portslade**? Well, you should be. Mary and Mary our parishioners and proprietors will give you a free fish and chips if you buy a ticket from the sacristy. The money goes to the Hall refurbishment. The donation is £5, and the fish and chips are being given free by Mary and Mary. There is only a limited number of tickets available, so please get yours as soon as possible!

**Of our target of £30,000 for the Hall** restoration fund, we have raised £5,781.12 so far. Many thanks to all who have contributed one way or another. The Mass that we say regularly for benefactors is for those who have helped out in cash or in kind for the appeal. We are now activating our plans for the refurbishment and aftermath, and have asked the mayor to be present for the grand re-opening on Saturday 7 August at 7pm, after the evening Mass. His Worship has accepted our invitation. We also plan to have that day as an 'open day' so friends and neighbours and passers-by can see the 'new' Hall. This will be advertised, but please spread the word to your friends and neighbours, stressing that then Hall is a community space and for everyone whatever their religious allegiance of lack of it. In addition, this year we plan to have the International Dinner in the Hall with music afterwards on Saturday 14 August. On the 21 August we will have our first Film Night. The Social club will resume on the first Friday of August, all being well.

**In other Hall news:** when refurbishment starts, the builders will be using the

Presbytery driveway and having access to the Hall via the garage. This will save us a lot of money as we will not have to pay for parking places on the street. It will, however, mean that the driveway will be occupied and not free for parking.

**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.

**If you want to go to the loo during Mass,** then do please enter the Hall via the glass door in the Church porch, which should be open during Sunday Masses. (If it is not, please ask one of the stewards.) We are aware that this can be important for parents of young children. Unfortunately, from 10 May, the Hall will be closed for refurbishment for 12 weeks. The only loo available then will be for emergencies and that is in the ground floor of the presbytery approachable via the outer sacristy.

**Let us continue to pray for the wellbeing** of the country, and keep on invoking the saints who have helped us so far:  
Saint Sebastian, pray for us!  
Saint Frances of Rome, pray for us!  
Saint Rita of Cascia, pray for us!

Saint Charles Borromeo, pray for us!  
Saint Charbel the Miracle Worker, pray for us!  
Saint Pius of Pietralcina, pray for us!  
Blessed Carlo Acutis, pray for us!

**Offertory Sunday 25 April 2021:** = £1,365.35. Second collection for the Education of Future Priests: £95.19.



## Parish Notice Board

### **Guitar Lessons-** all styles.

Dr James Westbrook Dip. Mus.,  
FLCM, PhD (Music, Cambridge).  
jrw84@cam.ac.uk or: 07836 550210

### **Marriage Preparation Course**

You will need to contact Esther Lyon  
01273 698182.  
www.stpetersbrighton.org

**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.

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

### **Counselling Service**

Contact Lara who is experienced with counselling people with substance abuse, sexual abuse, bereavement, couple counselling.  
Tel 07787 555168  
<http://www.larasmith.co.uk>

**Caroline's Kitchen – Tel 595922**

Caterers for Baptisms, etc. Tel 595922  
or [carolineriley@carolines-kitchen.co.uk](mailto:carolineriley@carolines-kitchen.co.uk)

### **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](mailto:nicklee@pebble-financial.co.uk)

### **Host Families needed**

All year round. Single/twin room accommodation required. Ring Maureen 01273 778918 or 07801827323  
[Studenthomes.me@hotmail.com](mailto:Studenthomes.me@hotmail.com)

### **Seagull Delivery -** they deliver

newspapers all over Brighton and Hove. If you want your paper delivered contact [raj@seagulldelivery.co.uk](mailto: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.

### **Guitar Lessons**

Fun friendly lessons. Full CRB  
Visit [www.learnuitarbrighton.com](http://www.learnuitarbrighton.com)  
07855169344

**Small Group maths tuition** for children 7 to 11. Experienced primary school teacher. Call Katie Jackson 07776 098522

### **We are getting lots of passport forms**

and other forms to sign. Aisling has kindly taken this on. Please note that forms should be dropped off in office hours only, and all the details need to be filled in before submission for signature or counter-signature and stamping. They will then be handed back to you also during office hours,

within a reasonable time. It is not possible to offer a while you wait service. Neither is it possible to countersign identity papers for people who one does not know. With regard to baptism and confirmation certificates, requests are best submitted in writing, with a stamped addressed envelope. Please remember to include as much information as possible, as this makes tracking down the records easier. Dealing with forms does take time, and the parish does not charge for this service, but craves your patience.

### **Those Covid Rules:**

The capacity of the church is 100 people: two people per bench, spaced at one metre apart, and one person per chair. (Families can sit together.) Please spread out as widely as possible and do not bunch together.

- ☐ Please check in for track and trace purposes, either electronically or in writing.
- ☐ Please sanitise your hands on entry and exit.
- ☐ Please observe the one way system: up the middle, down the sides, especially at Holy Communion.
- ☐ If you take a newsletter, please take it home with you.
- ☐ There is STILL no congregational singing.
- ☐ The Church doors are to remain open to ventilate the building.
- ☐ Mass is shorter than usual.
- ☐ There is no procession of the Gifts to the altar and no passing around of the collection baskets. Your offering will be taken as you leave the Church.
- ☐ There is no sign of peace.
- ☐ Holy Communion will be received under one kind only.

- ☐ Communion must be given silently, avoiding any physical contact.
- ☐ Please remove your mask (if wearing one) and gloves to receive Holy Communion.
- ☐ As you leave do not to linger in doorways or other 'choke points'.
- ☐ Once Mass is over the Church will be closed and cleaned.
- ☐ People are urged not to come to the sacristy before and after Mass, unless they are servers or sacristans.
- ☐ Face coverings are mandatory for all who are not exempt.
- ☐ The Bishops also urge readers to wear disposable gloves.