

We are still 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.

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.



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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 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) 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.

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 **20 December 2020** 

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Mass Intentions
Saturday 19 Dec 6pm For donors of the stained glass
Sunday 20 Dec 8.30am Edith Ming RIP
Sunday 20 Dec 10am All Parishioners
Sunday 20 Dec 11.15am Adrian van Twest RIP
Monday 21 Dec 10am William Lucie-Smith's intention
Tuesday 22 Dec 10am William Lucie-Smith's intention
Thursday 24 Dec 6pm Mary Peyton RIP (2 anniv)
Thursday 24 Dec midnight For all parishioners
Friday 25 Dec 8.30am GE UCM
Friday 25 Dec 10am Donors of the stained glass
Friday 25 Dec 11.15am Rosemary Sheppard RIP
Sat 26 Dec 6pm Madeleine Cockell RIP
Sunday 27 Dec 8.30am For all Parishioners

Sunday 27 Dec 10am GE Peter Morrison
Sunday 27 Dec 11.15am Joy Lowe, Sue Fisher RIP
Monday 28 Dec 12pm Michael Green RIP (1 anniv)
Tuesday 29 Dec 10am Freda & John McAtamney
Wednesday 30 Dec 10am John Tomlinson RIP
Thursday 31 Dec noon In Thanksgiving (Lock)
Friday 1 January noon N & M Lock int
Saturday 2 January 6pm Sheila O'Rourke RIP
Sunday 3 January 8.30am GE Norah Murphy
Sunday 3 January 10am For all parishioners
Sunday 3 January 11.15am For benefactors

This Sunday is the Fourth Sunday of Advent. Christmas is now very near! In the first reading we hear the promise made to King David by God through the prophet Nathan, that his descendant will bring about peace and happiness for the Chosen People. In the Gospel we have the Annunciation to the Blessed Virgin by the angel Gabriel, in which she is told that she will conceive a Son who will be the Saviour of the human race.

The Church is celebrating Sea Sunday today (this date has been changed because of lockdown). This is the day on which we pray for all those who go to sea and whose work makes our lives possible, dependant as we are on so many imported goods. Today there is a retiring collection which goes to support the chaplains who work on land and sea ministering to seafarers, many of whom are Catholics and who are far from home

and greatly value their ministry. The baskets for this are at the front. The parish collection will be taken in the usual way as you leave.

This Sunday afternoon, we are having our 'Open Afternoon' of Music, Carols and Readings. Drop in for a period of quiet listening, prayer, and a chance to see the crib, and the Baby Jesus, which will be displayed on the altar. There is no formal beginning, middle or end (starts at 4pm and ends at 6pm), come and go as you please. Please invite all your friends.

Programme of Events over Christmas.

In the last week of Advent, Mass will be at 10am on Monday and Tuesday as usual, followed by confessions. On Wednesday there will be no Mass, and the Church may be shut for much of the day for cleaning and flower arranging. Confessions will be heard in the presbytery. Just come to the door!

Thursday 24 December is the Eve of Christmas. The Vigil Mass takes place at 6pm and is particularly aimed at children; there will be music but no congregational singing. Mass during the night is at Midnight and the choir will be singing, accompanied by the organ.

Friday 25 December is Christmas Day. The Dawn Mass is at 8.30am and will be a said Mass, accompanied by organ music. The Day Mass will be celebrated at 10am, and again at 11.15am. At both Masses the choirs will be performing. At all the Masses over Christmas day and Eve the collection is the gift of the parish to the parish priest. If you are not attending at Christmas, you can still contribute to this using one of the envelopes marked 'Christmas Offering' and placing it in a later collection.

Saturday 26 December is the feast of Saint Stephen, deacon and the first martyr. There will be no morning Mass, but there will be Mass at 6pm, which will be the Vigil of the feast of the Holy Family.

Sunday 27 December is the Sunday after Christmas and thus the Feast of the Holy Family. Mass will be at the usual times of 8.30am, 10am, 11.15am.

Monday 28 December is the Feast of the Holy Innocents, the children killed by King Herod in his attempt to kill the Child Jesus. Mass will be at noon.

Tuesday 29 December is the Feast of Saint Thomas Becket, patron saint of the pastoral clergy, and Mass will be at 10am.

Wednesday 30 December is Sixth Day of Christmas and Mass will be at 10am.

Thursday 31 December is the Feast of Saint Sylvester, Pope, New Year's Eve or 'Old Year's Day'. There will be no music at Mass, but we will recite the Te Deum of Thanksgiving for all the blessings we have received in 2020. In addition we shall be praying for all those who have died this year and in recent times, and all those who are suffering bereavement. Mass will be at noon, and all are invited to come and show your support for those who are grieving.

Friday 1 January is the Feast of Our Lady, Mother of God, the Octave Day of Christmas and New Year's Day. Mass will be at noon and will include the invocation of the Holy Spirit for 2021, with the recitation of the Veni, Creator.

Saturday 2 January is the ninth day of Christmas. There is no morning Mass, but there will be Mass at 6pm which will be

the Vigil of the Second Sunday after Christmas.

Sunday 3 January is the second Second Sunday after Christmas and Masses are at the usual times of 8.30am, 10am, 11.15am.

Please note the following: The Church is cold thanks to the doors being open, even if the heating is on. This is because ventilation is thought to be an important factor in stopping the spread of Covid. Because of the cold, woolly and other hats may be worn by men and boys, dispensing from the ancient law about men uncovering their heads in Church, while the doors remain open.

We have decided not to have a booking system for any Mass, including those over the Christmas season. It is first come, first served, and the Church's capacity is 100 persons or 100 'bubbles', provided the latter allows for social distancing. When capacity is reached, the stewards on the door will turn people away or ask them to stand outside. Naturally, we count on your co-operation with the stewards in this matter.

This year is dedicated to Saint Joseph. Fact One about Saint Joseph; he was a carpenter, a man who made his living with his hands, a sign to us all that work is a vocation from God and ennobles and enriches our lives. The 1st May is the feast of Saint Joseph the Worker.

The Blessed Carlo Acutis said: "Continuously ask your guardian angel for help. Your guardian angel has to become your best friend."

Good news! We have now got all permissions we need to commence work on the refurbishment of the Hall. Watch this space!

Many thanks to all those who have volunteered to read over Christmas and who have volunteered to steward. There are lists of both on the sacristy. At the end of all Masses we will be in need of 'covid-busting' cleaners; do please join in, as many hands make light work.

Forthcoming events:

Friday 8 January 2021, 1.30pm: Social club reconvenes: Bingo!

Saturday 9 January, 9.30am/11am: Opening sessions of the First Holy Communion Programme.
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Sunday 10 January, 7.30pm: Opening session of Confirmation course.
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Sick Parishioners.

Please pray for Jim McFarlane, Caroline Audy, Margaret Chapman, Vincent O'Rourke, Jim and Valerie Lee, Eileen Banks, Matthew Garcia, Sonia Wall, Dennis Tribe, Rosemary Kilcourse, Liz Perkins, Richard Martin, Sheila Coldicott, Charlotte Essex, Maria Knight.
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Please visit our website
<http://www.stpeters-hove.org.uk/> which is constantly being updated.

Offertery : 13 December - £ £1,235.45

Parish Notice Board

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Our Admissions page also has a range of other relevant and supportive information to help prospective parents through their decision-making process. For quick access, you can click on the following link <http://www.cottesmore.brighton-hove.sch.uk/page/admissions/>

For further information, or to arrange a Zoom / potential visit, please do get in touch.

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We hope that you enjoy watching our video and look forward to hearing from you. We are here to do all that we can to support you and look forward to potentially welcoming you to becoming part of our school family.

Many thanks
Rachel Breen, Headteacher

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

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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07855169344

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

Caroline's Kitchen – Tel 595922

Caterers for Baptisms, etc. Tel 595922 or carolineriley@carolines-kitchen.co.uk

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

Host Families needed

All year round. Single/twin room accommodation required. Ring Maureen 01273 778918 or 07801827323
Studenthomes.me@hotmail.com

Guitar Lessons- all styles.

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

Seagull Delivery - they deliver newspapers all over Brighton and Hove. If you want your paper delivered contact raj@seagulldelivery.co.uk

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.

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>