

Those Covid Rules in full (updated):

- 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 sanitise your hands on entry and exit.
- Please observe the one way system: up the middle, down the sides, especially at Holy Communion.
- There are no hymn books or Mass books.
- If you take a newsletter, please take it home with you.
- You are free to bring your own Missal with you.
- There is no Holy Water in the stoups.
- There is no congregational singing.
- The Church doors are to remain open to ventilate the building.
- Mass is shorter than usual.
- There are no Bidding Prayers.
- There is no procession of the Gifts to the altar and no passing around of the collection baskets.
- There is no sign of peace.
- The collection will be taken as you leave the church.
- 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 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.

All Hall users please note the following:

- The Hall has to be well ventilated. The windows in the loos are to be kept open. When the Hall is in use the street door must be propped open. Windows to be closed when you leave.
- After you have used the chairs, place them stacked in place with a note on them saying when they were used. When you use chairs, pick the stack that has been used least recently. This is to ensure that the use of chairs is rotated.
- The capacity of the Hall is 30 people.
- Enter the Hall from the link; leave by the street doors; please respect this one way system.
- Do not form queues by the loos.
- Children must be accompanied when they use the loos.
- Please use the hand sanitiser provided.
- Please wash your hands after using the loos.
- Please respect social distancing.
- At Hall events, the organisers need to note who is attending, for any track and trace measures. These names and contact details must be kept for three weeks.
- Every time the Hall is used, it has to be cleaned afterwards.

Interfaith Prayer -This hour of prayer is

sponsored by our local Interfaith Contact Group. It is hosted each year by a different faith community and this year St Peters has volunteered. Because of COVID we are not able to meet face to face so we plan to continue from September to November on Zoom and reconsider the situation in January. Our prayer hour for this year will be 7-8pm on the last Thursday of the month: September 24th; October 29th; November 26th.

Our prayer hour is open to anybody and consists usually of meditative silence and occasional contributions from participants. If you wish to attend please email to register attendance on: bqclerk@outlook.com Once registered the Zoom link will be emailed to you. If you want to know more about this, feel free to email me on: katewilliamson50@gmail.com Kate

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20 September 2020

Twenty-Fifth Sunday of the Year

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Today is the Twenty-Fifth Sunday of the Year.

The first reading from the prophet Isaiah urges us to seek the Lord and to realise that His thoughts are not our thoughts. God is wholly other. In the Gospel we have the parable of the labourers in the vineyard, where the latecomers are paid the same as those who have worked hard all day, for God is generous, and we should not be upset that He seems to show the same favour to the deserving as to the not so much deserving. His ways are not our ways. God transcends human expectation. When we seek Him, we are seeking not an image of ourselves, but someone who exceeds human expectation. The search is carried out through prayer and meditation, and through cultivating a spirit of wonder at the thought of what God has done.

This Sunday the diocese has asked us to

take up the second collection for Home Mission Sunday, which should have been taken earlier in the year. This goes to support the work of the Church in this country in spreading the Gospel. There are baskets in front of the altar, as last week, where you can leave your donations. The parish collection will be taken as in previous

weeks, at the door, as you leave. Next Sunday we shall be collecting for the training of future priests.

Our next baptism Course will be on

Monday 5 October, at 8pm in the Hall. If you have a baby to baptise, please get in touch with Fr Alexander who will come and see you at home, and arrange for you to be enrolled on the course.

Mass Intentions for the week starting 20 September

Saturday 19 Sep 6pm Thanksgiving (C. Lloyd)
Sunday 20 Sep 8.30am Desmond Adolphus Dacres RIP
Sunday 20 Sep 10am For all parishioners
Sunday 20 September 11.15am GE Sr Anna O'Toole
Monday 21 Sep 10am Elizabeth Crosby RIP
Tuesday 22 Sep 10am Basil Pemberton RIP
Wednesday 23 Sep 10am Funeral Mass of Adrian van Twest RIP
Thursday 24 Sep No Mass
Friday 25 Sep 10am Frances Raimondo RIP
Saturday 26 Sep 10am Sue Stringer RIP (2nd anniv)
Saturday 26 Sep 6pm GE Catherine Reynaud
Sunday 27 Sep 8.30am For all parishioners
Sunday 27 September 10am Domenico Nappi RIP
Sunday 27 September 11.15am Maria McCarthy RIP

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Our website www.stpeters-hove.org.uk is constantly being updated. Please visit it.

It is that time of year again! Over the next four Sundays the congregation is to be counted. This is of great importance, and all are kindly asked to help in making sure that we come up with an accurate figure. Counters with clickers will count you as you leave the church by the main entrance. Please go out the main entrance only. This count is particularly important this year, after the ravages of Covid, which have severely affected congregations everywhere.

Liturgical Notes:

September is month dedicated to the Seven Sorrows of Our Lady. On days when there is no feast, we shall celebrate a Votive Mass of the Blessed Virgin. Monday is the feast of Saint Matthew. Wednesday is the feast of Saint Pius of Pietralcina, known as Padre Pio. Saturday is the feast of Saints Cosmas and Damian.

We have now finished our Confirmation Masses and First Holy Communion Masses, eleven celebrations in all, all done according to the restrictions placed upon us. Now it is time to think of next year’s sacramental programme, which several people have been asking about. Registration for First Holy Communion and for Confirmation will start after the half term holiday and conclude on the Second Sunday of Advent, that is from 1 November until 6 December. So please watch out for forms at that time, and please have them in in good time. Both courses will start in January. Because of restricted space and resources, we regret that we will not be accepting registrations from outside the parish. In addition, we are unable to accept late registrations. As in previous years, Fr Alexander will visit all the candidates at home when they have registered.

The funeral Mass of Adrian van Twest will take place here at 10am on Wednesday 23 September, to be followed by burial at Hove cemetery. Let us continue to pray for the repose of his soul and the comfort of his family.

Are you thinking of becoming a Catholic? Are you an adult baptised Catholic who has never been confirmed? Are you a baptised Christian who wishes to be received into full Communion with the Catholic Church? Are you an adult who has never been baptised? If so, you need to speak to Fr Alexander to explore your further Christian initiation. We aim to start after Christmas, so the sacraments can be administered at Easter.

Our Parish Social Club meets on Friday at 1.30pm in the Hall. All are invited to the Hall, for tea, cake, chat and other activities, though, thanks to the Covid rules, you must bring your own refreshments. This Friday, 25 September, we shall be having the film ‘Seven Years in Tibet’, starring Brad Pitt, which has stunning scenery and an amazing soundtrack, being the story of the young Dalai Lama and his German tutor. On Friday 9 October, Michael Wilkinson, who used to teach American politics, will talk about what is at stake in the upcoming US Presidential election.

We are collecting donations for the Food Bank, as announced in last week’s newsletter. Please leave your donation in the tub inside the door of the Outer Sacristy.

A note on forms: 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.

Times for Evening Opening of the Church for Adoration, Private Prayer and Confessions:

Sunday 20 September, 6-7pm
 Monday 21 September 6-7pm
 Tuesday 22 September 6-7pm
 Friday 25 September 6-7pm
 Sunday 26 September 6-7pm

As you all know, Covid meant the closure of all churches in the land, and their re-opening under certain restrictions. We are very grateful to our team of volunteers who are opening the Church for prayer after Mass until noon, and on the evenings listed below. Before Covid we had piloted Adoration on Saturdays. Thanks to the new way of doing things, Adoration is now on the evenings specified, so please do come round to pray in Church on those evenings if the Spirit moves you. We have several regulars, which is wonderful, and a few passers by who drop in too, which is also good. On a related subject, if people ask you if the Church is open, please tell them that it is, and that all Masses are according to the usual time table.

The Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church is a handbook of the Catholic faith in manageable form. We are looking at what it says about Prayer in the Christian Life, a very important subject. These extracts are for you to take away with you and ponder over.
 550. What are the essential forms of Christian prayer? They are blessing and adoration, the prayer of petition and intercession, thanksgiving and praise. The Eucharist contains and expresses all the forms of prayer.
 551. What is “blessing”? The prayer of blessing is man’s response to God’s gifts: we bless the Almighty who first blesses us and fills us with his gifts.
 552. How can adoration be defined? Adoration is the humble acknowledgement by human beings that they are creatures of the thrice-holy Creator.

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, Liz Perkins, Richard Martin, Sheila Coldicott, Charlotte and Jenny Essex, Charlotte Lloyd.

Forthcoming events:
Wednesday 23 September 10am: Funeral Mass of Adrian van Twest RIP.
Friday 25 September, 1.30pm: Social Club film: ‘Seven Years in Tibet’.
Monday 5 October, 8pm: Baptism Course.
Friday 9 October, 1.30pm: Social Club - Michael Wilkinson on what is at stake in the US election.
Sunday 1 November: registration for First Holy Communion and Confirmation opens.
Tuesday 2 December, 7.30pm: Care Group meets.
Sunday 6 December: registration for First Holy Communion and Confirmation closes.

Parish Notice Board

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.

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