

Please pray for those who are sick.

John Lloyd, & Christine Hawkswell.

Please tell us in the parish office if you know of anyone who needs to be added to this list. Thank you!

The Royal Sussex County Hospital

chaplain is Fr Celestine, who can be reached by phone on 01273 696955 ext. 64122 or celestine.nnolim@nhs.net
Fr Celestine is in the hospital from 8.30am to 4.30pm every weekday.



We have a permanent Book Exchange

in the hall, which you will find by the windows above the cupboard to one side of the main entrance. Please help yourself to any books you like the look of, as they all need good and appreciative homes. We have lots of books in stock at present, so please help yourselves.

Children's Liturgy takes place at the

10am Mass. It is for children from Reception 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.** Thank you to the liturgy team who keep this running for the parish.

The monks of Worth Abbey living in the city invite you to join them. Pray with us. Join the monks for Prayer in St John the Baptist's Church:

- Lauds (Morning Prayer): Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat - 9am Vespers (Evening Prayer): Mon, Tues, Wed - 6pm
- LECTIO DIVINA every Wednesday, 8-9 pm Join online here or see our website MIDDAY STILLNESS Every Friday, 12noon to 1pm, an hour of music, prayer and reflection at SJB
- SATURDAY SANCTUARY 10:10 to 12:15 on Saturday 27 April A time to press the Pause Button! Why not take 2 hours out, to slow down and join the Monks for a time of connection, reflection and prayer! Starting in the Fitzherbert Community Hub.
- MONK TALKS- Join the monks for Evening Prayer at 6pm in the Church, followed by soup & bread supper at 6.30pm in the Fitzherbert Community Hub with a talk at 7pm.
 - 7th May – "Planted in the house of the Lord" – Exploring Stability
 - 11th Jun - 'Growing in the Freedom of Obedience'

Confessions are held on Saturdays from 5.15 to 5.45pm followed by Mass at 6pm.

Offertory collection Sun 14 Apr 2024 = £1,221.

St Peter's Catholic Church

Diocesan Shrine of the Blessed

Carlo Acutis.

Portland Road, Hove



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Mass intentions

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| Sat 20 Apr, 6.00pm: For all parishioners |
| Sun 21 Apr, 8.30am Michael Wilkinson RIP 1 st ann. |
| Sun 21 Apr, 10.00am For all parishioners |
| Sun 21 Apr, 11.30am Dr Nick Bodkin RIP |
| Mon 22 Apr, 10.00am: For all parishioners. |
| Tue 23 Apr, 10.00am: For all parishioners. |
| Wed 24 Apr, 10.00am: For all parishioners. |
| Thu 25 Apr, Church closed. |
| Fri 26 Apr, Church closed. |
| Sat 27 Apr, 6.00pm: Pdraig Grealish RIP |
| Sun 28 Apr, 8.30am For all parishioners. |
| Sun 28 Apr, 10.00am For all parishioners |
| Sun 28 Apr, 11.30am Sheila Hermann RIP |

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Our Lord Jesus Christ, during his earthly ministry, knew very well how to speak to the people about his person and his mission, using simple and direct words. The images or examples Jesus used in his teachings were taken from the daily lives of the people whom he addressed. Even so, the people did not always immediately grasp the meaning of these images or examples, so Jesus took pains to explain more clearly how the people should apply his teachings to their lives.

In the Gospel text for this Sunday, the image Jesus uses for himself is that of a good shepherd who lovingly tends his flock. Jesus also calls himself the gate by which the sheep come and go from the sheepfold.

All of this would have been familiar imagery for the nomadic and pastoral people who listened to Jesus. While few or maybe none who read this are shepherds of sheep, we should easily enough understand the idea being put forth of the importance of a good shepherd and a peaceful sheepfold. To adhere to Jesus without fear or doubt is the basic challenge the Lord presented to his first hearers and to us in this day and age as well.

Jesus contrasts himself as the good shepherd with the thieves who deceive and do not lead the sheep along good paths. Jesus says clearly that what he comes to bring is life, and life to the full. What the thieves bring may look like life, but in fact brings spiritual death. That would include the unbridled pursuit of pleasure, accumulation and hoarding of

goods, living for oneself and not for God and others in genuine and humble service; in short, living a life of vice and not of virtue.

Today, perhaps more than ever, in the face of so much loss of morality and direction in life, where apathy and mistrust abound in the social, political and even religious realms, we need to hear again the strong message of Jesus. The Lord is indeed our Good Shepherd, guiding us in right paths, giving us courage and strength even in our darkest moments, spreading a banquet for us and inviting us to dwell in God's house forever. If that be the case, then truly we shall not want for anything!

This is the theme of the famous and well-loved psalm 23(22) that begins, "The Lord is my shepherd. There is nothing I shall want." Another psalm of the Old Testament expresses the same sentiment with the beautiful phrase: "And now, Lord, what is there to wait for; in you rests all my hope" (Psalm 39(38), verse 8). The gentle message of the Lord today is applicable to all, the rich and the poor, the well and the infirm, the young and the old, leaders and followers, saints and sinners. No one is to be excluded from Jesus' sheepfold and all are lovingly invited to it.

Expressed another way, God continually gives grace so that we, the sheep of God's flock, may truly adhere to the one thing necessary, that is, participation in God's life, which Jesus came to give us to the full by dying a bitter death yet rising from the dead. "By his wounds you were healed," says Saint Peter in his First Letter, chapter

2, verse 24. Could there be a richer consolation for our weary hearts?

Our Good Shepherd knows our needs, shares our experiences, and is in communion with his flock. Because of this, we have confidence that we are never left without the help of a loving and saving God. As a flock gathers around its shepherd, we are called to assemble in worship with our Good Shepherd, Jesus, who feeds us with the finest wheat, and pours himself out for us.

At the Eucharist we truly "taste and see the goodness of the Lord," as the psalmist expressed it so well in Psalm 34(33):8, when we partake of the Body and Blood of the Lord in Holy Communion. Jesus assures us, "Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh" (John 6:51).

This is our peace and joy in this Paschaltide!

Abbot Christian Leisy, OSB

Message from Fr Rod: Our diocese begins a month of prayer for vocations from this Sunday until Pentecost. On Friday evenings at St Mary Magdalene from 5.30 to 6.30pm there is Adoration followed by Mass at 6.30pm. You would be most welcome to come along to this time of prayer.

We have heard the sad news of the death of **Nicholas Bodkin** who died on 2 April after a long illness. Nick was a GP in Hove and a member of St Peter's for many years and we ask you to pray for his wife Joan

and family at this sad time. The funeral has taken place at the Sacred Heart church.

Message from a parishioner: We are a young married couple who recently moved to the area and attend Mass at St Peter's. We are interested in connecting with other young couples in the parish for local recommendations, socialising and friendship. If you would like to connect please email us ellenandelroy@gmail.com
Thank you, Ellen & Elroy

Coffee after mass is working well at the 11.30am Mass thanks to our team of volunteers. If anyone would like to undertake this role after the 10am Mass, please don't hesitate to contact the office. It's a lovely social task that brings its own rewards. It does require a team of volunteers, so it doesn't become too onerous.

Toy Share

We aim to hold the toy swap on in the hall . So have a sort out & bring along any unwanted toys to swap. The idea being we have next to nothing left at the end. If you think you can help or if anyone has any other suggestions for events in the hall please contact the office.

The Social Club is held on Fridays from 1.30pm in the hall. 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.

Church hall: polite reminder please can we ask that users do not block the fire alarm with chairs access is required at all times.



You will see our Dona machine is finally back working in the church porch. Thank you for your patience. Donations can also be made online via our website or by using the QR code which is below and on the poster in the porch.



Gift Aid Envelopes If you currently regularly donate using an envelope, please collect your new set for this tax year from the porch bench—the envelope number may have changed again! Please remember if you pay any tax you really should sign up to Gift Aid. It's minimal effort and means the parish can claim 25% from the UK Government, so for every £4 you give we can claim £1! It doesn't cost you anything - nor is this information used for any other purpose.

First Holy Communions -Please note there are no further programmes scheduled for this parish this year. Please contact the office in September if you wish to enquire about a place.

Confirmation -The next session takes place Monday 29 April 6-7pm in the Sacred Heart Parish Rooms. If students have missed a session, please let the Catechists know so they can help them catch up. Please let Cassie know if you are unable to attend by email at pastoral.sacredheartrove@abdiocese.org.uk

Please remember, if you need a baptism certificate, a confirmation certificate, or a marriage certificate, the email address you need to use is:

SaintPeterArchives@gmail.com

Money Counters

We have a wonderful group who count each week after Mass and we really need just a couple of more people to step forward, please contact the office if you would like to join the team.

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

Catering Services

Please contact Victoria for your catering needs. She will be happy to talk and guide you through her menus which she tailors to each individual's needs.

Victoria Myall, *Victoriamyall@hotmail.com*
or Tel 07788673097



Music Tuition. Are you interested in learning to play the piano? Then contact John Byrne on 07989 413459. Theory, GCSE, etc.

Seagull Delivery - they deliver

newspapers all over Brighton and Hove. If you want your paper delivered contact rai@seagulldelivery.co.uk

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.

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.



List of Events at St Peter's Hall

| Day | Event | Contact |
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| Mon 9.15 - 10.15 | Yoga | lee.spearpoint@googlemail.com |
| Mon 10.15 - 11.30 | Tai Chi | stpetershallbn3@gmail.com |
| Mon 16.40 - 17.00 | Alta Dancing | info@altadance.co.uk |
| Mon 19.00 - 20.00 | Paul Jukes Fitness | paul@pj-brands.co.uk |
| Tue 13.30 | UCM Winter meetings. October - March | wendywallis@ntlworld.com |
| Tue 17.00-19.00 | Brownies | http://girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter |
| Tue 19.15 – 21.00 | Guides | http://girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter |
| Wed 9.15–12.15 | Baby Ballet | brightonwestandhove@babyballet.co.uk |
| Wed 14.15-19.15 | Alta Academy of Dance | info@altadance.co.uk |
| Wed 19.00-21.00 | UCM Summer meetings. April - September | wendywallis@ntlworld.com |
| Thu 09.30 - 12.00 | Music with Mike | mike@musicwithmike.co.uk |
| Thu 16.45 -18.00 | Rainbows | http://girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter |
| Thu 18.00 – 19.45 | Brownies | http://girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter |
| Thu 20.00 – 22.00 | Social Dancing | stpetershallbn3@gmail.com |
| Fri 9.30- 10.30 | Pilates | nicolajhowarth@gmail.com |
| Fri 10.30.13.30 | ESOL (English language lessons) | KWadham@wea.ac.uk |
| Fri 13.30- 15.30 | Apostles Lunch Club | stpetershallbn3@gmail.com |

