

### 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.

### Forthcoming events:

Tuesday 23 February, 10.30am: Funeral Mass of Eileen Banks RIP.
Wednesday 24 February, 10am: Funeral Mass of Jean Williams RIP
Thursday 25 February, 9.30am: Funeral of Avril Hampsell RIP at Woodvale.
Friday 26 February, 7.30pm: Stations of the Cross.
Monday 1 March, 7.30pm: Meeting of the Parish Team.
Friday 5 March, 11am: Funeral service of Patricia De Caprio RIP
Sunday 25 April, 11.15am: Mass of Thanksgiving for 25 years of priesthood

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

### 200 Club Winners

Congratulations to our January Draw winners:

£50 - Mary Bradley  
£90 – Sue Chapman  
£200 – AnnMarie Wellstead

If you would like to join our 200 Club please contact the office for further information. All of our funds raised go to our worthy parish charities.

### Invited. Lent 2021 – The Mission Begins.

The Diocesan Formation Team is hosting a mission for you this Lent. It will be the first of five seasons of mission, helping you to explore God's Invitation to live your life with him.

What is a mission? An opportunity for everyone in the parish to sit back and reflect on the content provided. Season one is a series of programmes that help us to understand exactly how much we are loved by God, and features guest speakers such as David Wells, Eleanor Oliver and David Beresford. You will then be able to join a virtual conversation to meet like minded people and discuss what you have learnt. Visit [www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited](http://www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited) to find out more.

You, are Invited.  
Lizzie Wakeling, Youth Ministry Adviser

### We have decided to postpone the start of our FHC programme until Sept 2021.

The sacraments of Eucharist and Reconciliation are so special, that we feel it is important for our children and families that we devote sufficient time for preparation.

We will begin with those children who have already signed up for the programme, even though they will be in Year 4 when they start. We will not be opening the programme to next year's Year 3 children.

If you have any questions about the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion, please do speak to Fr Alexander or email [fhcstpeters@gmail.com](mailto:fhcstpeters@gmail.com)

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

### This Sunday is the First Sunday of Lent.

The vestments are purple, which is the colour of penance. There is no Gloria at Mass, and there are no flowers on the altar, in keeping with this penitential theme. For those following in a Missal, the readings are from Year B. The first reading is taken from the Book of Genesis, and recounts how, after the floodwaters have receded, God makes a covenant with Noah never to destroy the earth again. In the second reading we are reminded that Noah and his Ark are a 'type' or foreshadowing of the baptism which saves us. In the Gospel we have Saint Mark's account of Jesus retreating for forty days in the desert and then emerging to proclaim the good news and calling people to repentance. This Sunday, as we begin our preparation of forty days for Easter, we are invited to repent and believe. These actions are

complimentary, two sides of the same coin. There is no believing without repentance, and no repentance without believing. One reinforces the other.

**Stations of the Cross will be at 7.30pm** this Friday and every Friday in Lent. The Stations will last for 25 minutes maximum. Confessions will take place after every weekday Mass in Lent, provided there is no funeral, that is on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. On Tuesdays there is the Rosary as usual after Mass, and on Saturday there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Adoration as usual.

### Mass Intentions

Saturday 20 February 6pm May Cheney RIP
Sunday 21 February 8.30am For Benefactors
Sunday 21 February 10am For all Parishioners
Sunday 21 February 11.15am Maria Chiquinquira Atenico RIP
Monday 22 February 10am Keith Longley RIP (13 anniv)
Tuesday 23 February 10.30am Funeral Mass of Eileen Banks RIP
Wednesday 24 February 10am Funeral Mass of Jean Williams RIP
Thursday 25 February No Mass
Friday 26 February 10am Susan Addis RIP
Saturday 27 February 10am Fr Alexander's intention
Saturday 27 February 6pm Jim Pewter RIP
Sunday 28 February 8.30am For benefactors
Sunday 28 February 10am Liz Hall RIP
Sunday 28 February 11.15am For all parishioners

**We have heard the sad news of the death of Patricia Doreen De Caprio**, who died on 4 February 2021 at Worthing Hospital at the age of 74. Let us pray for her husband and her sons at this very difficult time, and for the repose of her soul. Patricia's funeral service will take place here at 11am on Friday 5 March, followed by burial in Hove Cemetery. The 10am Mass will be as usual on that day.

**Let us continue to pray for the repose of the souls of Eileen Banks, Jean Williams and Avril Hampsell**, whose funerals are this week.

**Please note that Mass on Tuesday**, being the funeral of Eileen Banks, starts at 10.30am not 10am.

#### **Liturgical Notes.**

Monday is the feast of the See of Saint Peter, otherwise known as the feast of the Chair of Saint Peter. This piece of furniture, a senatorial chair, preserved in Saint Peter's basilica, is reputed to be the chair from which Saint Peter presided over the Roman Church as its Bishop, and, as Prince of Apostles, over the Universal Church of Christ. The Chair or See represents the authority of Peter in the Church, which is exercised by him and his successors. This is the secondary feast of Saint Peter, our parish patron.

**Hall news:** We have raised £2,100 towards our target of £30,000.

#### **This year is dedicated to Saint Joseph.**

Fact Eight about Saint Joseph: Saint Joseph has two feast days. One is the 19 March and is a solemnity, that is, the most important class of feast; on this day he is venerated as husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary. His 'other' feast day (actually an optional memorial) is the 1 May, when he is

venerated under the title of Saint Joseph the Worker. The first feast has been celebrated on that day from about the tenth century, whereas the latter feast, dating from the nineteenth century, has been on that day since 1955. It was moved to 1 May because that day was traditionally associated with workers.

#### **Your Lenten checklist**

- **Fasting.**
- **Praying:** attendance at Mass, the Rosary, meditating on the scriptures, visits to the Blessed Sacrament, Stations of the Cross, prayer of petition and intercession.
- **Almsgiving:** We are not having a specific collection for Lenten alms this year, given the difficulty with second collections. Do please continue donating to the Food Bank; if you wish to donate to the parish Poor Fund (as several have asked) either hand a clearly marked cheque in to the parish office, or place your contribution in the wall box.
- **Acts of charity:** forgiving your enemies, visiting the sick or those stuck at home, helping to look after children to give parents a break, offering practical help with household tasks or gardening chores, helping children with their homework, taking food to someone as a present, writing to or visiting someone in prison,

befriending strangers, and visiting and supporting the bereaved, offering encouragement to those who are downhearted, and encouraging people in the faith.

- **Going to Confession.** Available five times a week at 10.30am and on request.

**If you wish to hear announcements from the parish please do ask Fr Alexander to join our Whatsapp group.** You will have to send him your number and he will admit you. The idea of this group is to send brief messages about events, and also to enable members to ask brief questions which other members of the group may well be able to supply the answer for. Thus one can avoid the tedium of having to make phone calls to ask. If you want daily announcements of what is happening, then do follow the Twitter stream or look at it on the website. For Masses, articles, other matters of interest, please join our Facebook group.

In addition, anyone with an internet connection can watch our YouTube. (You will need to search for it by looking for the parish priest's name, or else follow the links from another of our social media accounts). A brief (under five minutes, but generally only three) video is posted every evening, and, for Lent, is a series of reflections on the Passion account of Saint Mark, which will be read out on Palm Sunday. It cannot be stressed enough that the use of social media is key to any parish ministry in the present age, and we are doing our best not to be left behind on this.

**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.

**579. What is the place of the Our Father in the Scriptures?** The Our Father is the "summary of the whole Gospel" (Tertullian), "the perfect prayer" (Saint Thomas Aquinas). Found in the middle of the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7), it presents in the form of prayer the essential content of the Gospel.

**580. Why is it called the "Lord's Prayer"?** The Our Father is called the "Oratio Dominica", that is, the Lord's Prayer because it was taught to us by the Lord Jesus himself. 581. What place does the Our Father have in the prayer of the Church? The Lord's Prayer is the prayer of the Church par excellence. It is "handed on" in Baptism to signify the new birth of the children of God into the divine life. The full meaning of the Our Father is revealed in the eucharist since its petitions are based on the mystery of salvation already accomplished, petitions that will be fully heard at the coming of the Lord. The Our Father is an integral part of the Liturgy of the Hours.

**Gift Aid:** Please can the owner of Gift Aid envelope number 15 contact the Parish office.

## Parish Notice Board

**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.

**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>

### **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)

### **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

### **Caroline's Kitchen – Tel 595922**

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

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

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

### **Marriage Preparation Course**

You will need to contact Esther Lyon 01273 698182. [www.stpetersbrighton.org](http://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.