

Sunday 28 January 2024 is World Leprosy Day.

The John Bradburne Memorial Society (JBMS) endeavours to continue and uphold the legacy of John Bradburne, 'Servant of God', a Franciscan layman who cared for the leprosy patients living at the Mutemwa Leprosy Care Centre in Zimbabwe for the last 10 years of his life until he was murdered. JBMS helps to provide essential items to the community at Mutemwa.

Leprosy is a curable disease, but unfortunately the stigma and lack of education associated with the disease means people do not get treated early enough to prevent the development of disabilities.

Together with your kind support and prayers we continue our promise to uphold John Bradburne's legacy in supporting those living at Mutemwa with leprosy. To donate:

POST: JBMS, PO Box 32, Leominster, Herefordshire, HR6 0YB
ONLINE: www.johnbradburne.com TEL: (+44) 07979 187498

Pope Francis' intention for January: For the gift of diversity in the Church. That the Spirit helps us to recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions at the heart of the Catholic Church.

Prayer for our Diocese

- Bishop Richard, and all the lay faithful, religious, deacons and priests in our communities – parishes, schools, monasteries, convents, prisons – as we strive to build our communities into strong, lively schools of discipleship.
- Use the Scriptures this month to reflect on your Baptismal calling and anointing for mission: to preach the Gospel and to "go, make disciples of all the nations" (Matt. 28:19).
- For all who proclaim the Word, and for all who listen as the Scriptures are proclaimed: that God's word may land on rich soil and bear fruit. For those who have not yet heard the message of Christ: that we may be willing to bring them the good news of salvation.

Lord, the Word who is Life.
May all the people of our Diocese grow in openness to the power of the Holy Spirit,
so that through a growth in understanding and courage,
and truly open to your call,
we may bear powerful witness to all around us,
for you are Lord for ever and ever.
Amen.

Offertory: 14th January 2024

Total = £1,304.

St Peter's Catholic Church

Diocesan Shrine of the Blessed

Carlo Acutis.

Portland Road, Hove



21 January 2024

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Mass intentions

Sat 20 Jan, 6pm: For all parishioners
Sun 21 Jan, 8.30am: For all parishioners
Sun 21 Jan, 10am: For all parishioners
Sun 21 Jan 11.30am: For all parishioners
Mon 22 Jan, 10am: For all parishioners
Tue 23 Jan, 10am: For all parishioners
Wed 24 Jan, 10am: For all parishioners
Thu 25 Jan: No mass
Fri 26 Jan, 10am: Holy Souls
Sat 27 Jan, 6pm: Susan Kenny 20th Anniversary
Sun 28 Jan, 8.30am: For all parishioners
Sun 28 Jan, 10am: For all parishioners
Sun 28 Jan, 11.30am: Kay McEvoy RIP.

This Sunday is the Third Sunday of the Year, which is designated the Sunday of the Word of God. We return to the reading of Mark's Gospel after last week hearing from John. The story picks up just after the Baptism of Jesus. We hear of the beginning of Jesus' ministry and the calling of the first four disciples. In the coming weeks we will hear how that early ministry develops.

One particular feature of this first chapter of Mark is the pace with which Jesus' ministry grows and expands. This is underlined by the language Mark uses. The word 'immediately' occurs 11 times in the narrative, though in our versions we get a variety of synonyms for the single Greek word (*euthus*) that Mark uses.

In the Baptism story, the Holy Spirit descended 'immediately' as Jesus rises from the water. And then he was driven 'immediately' into the wilderness. In today's story, Simon Peter and Andrew respond to Jesus' call by 'immediately' leaving their nets and following him, then Jesus sees James and John and 'immediately' calls them also. Mind you, rapid initial success is not necessarily a sign things will last. We know the disciples run away when Jesus is arrested, and Peter denies Jesus. This will be underlined in the parable of the sower in chapter four, when Jesus speaks of the seed that springs up rapidly, but has no roots, and withers in the heat.

But for now let us marvel at the alacrity with which those four disciples leapt up to follow Jesus, knowing that, despite their failures, which Mark will narrate quite pointedly later, they are still part of the group of Apostles through whom we, too, came to hear the Good News.

Fr Rod Jones, the Dean, has asked that, in the interest of security, if you have a key to the church or the house please make yourself known to Aisling in the office. Any keys not required need to be collected in.

Money counting. Please come forward if you think you can help count the weekly offerings after mass. We need some more people to work in pairs. Full training will be provided for this essential job.

There is a need for help with running things in the church now more than ever. If you think you could spare some time please do contact the office to discuss what you might do.

Mass Intentions are being managed by the office and our team of priests. Please do make requests using the envelopes at the back of the church or by email.

Pilgrimage to Westport, Knock & Co. Mayo.

Escorted tour 3 March 2024. £899.00 pps. Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, five nights' in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on three days. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick & Ashford Castle. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact Patricia or Natali on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com



Ecumenical Vespers - Sunday 21 January, 4pm at St John the Baptist, Kemptown (BN2 1AP)

The theme for this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (18 - 25 January) is '*Go and Do Likewise*', based on the parable of the Good Samaritan.

In this Week of Prayer the monastic community, Monks in the City, invite members of all churches in Brighton and Hove to join with them in prayer on this theme. Bishop Nicholas Holtam will preach.

Day of Reflection for Ministers of the Eucharist on Saturday 10 February. Free of charge.

Bishop Richard will lead a day of reflection and formation for Ministers of the Eucharist at St Michael's, High Salvington, Worthing from 11am to 4pm. The day will include theological and practical talks, eucharistic adoration and mass. Please register by email to formation@abdiocese.org.uk

Children's Liturgy takes place at the 10am mass. It is for children from year minus 1 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.

Please remember, if you need a baptism certificate, a confirmation certificate, or a marriage certificate, the email address you need to use is as follows:
SaintPeterArchives@gmail.com

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.

The Social Club is back up and running on Fridays from 1.30pm in the hall. Agnes and Jenny will be there to welcome you all. New members are welcome.

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! We are not particularly soliciting donations for the moment.

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.

Do you have any unwanted gift sets, soap, toiletries etc? Please bring them in for a sale for the Aid to the Church in Need. The sale will be held in the hall after mass on Sunday 3 March. There will be a basket for donations in the narthex, or give them to Monica Quinn or Mary Whitehead.

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

Seagull Delivery - they deliver newspapers all over Brighton and Hove. If you want your paper delivered contact 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.

Counselling Service. Contact Lara who is experienced in counselling people with substance abuse, sexual abuse, bereavement, couple counselling. Tel 07787 555168.

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

Thank you for your offertory donations via the Dona device.

If you are an existing Gift Aid donor, you still need to opt-in for Gift Aid on this system – it is not linked to the envelope or standing order system. You can also donate directly to St Peter's via the Dona donations webpage on our website at <http://www.stpeters-hove.org.uk/donations/> Or just click on the Donate button on the home page and follow the instructions.

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

List of Events at St Peter's Hall

Day	Event	Contact
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