

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 March: Day of Reflection and Prayer. Holy Hour, 6-7pm.
Thursday 25 March: Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord.
Friday 26 March, 7.30pm: Stations of the Cross.
Sunday 28 March, 7pm, Confirmation, session one.
Thursday 1 April, Maundy Thursday, 8pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper.
Friday 2 April, Good Friday, 3pm: Liturgy of the Passion.
Saturday 3 April, Holy Saturday, 8pm: Solemn Vigil of Easter.
Sunday 4 April, Easter Sunday: Mass at 8.30am, 10am, 11.15am.
Sunday 11 April, all morning: Table top sale.
Monday 12 April, 7.15pm: Parish Team subcommittees meeting.
Monday 19 April, 8pm: Baptism Course.
Sunday 25 April, 11.15am: Mass of Thanksgiving for 25 years of priesthood

Westminster cathedral Choir school are looking for new choristers, currently in Years 2 and 3. Do look at the notice at the back of the Church and also the Golden Tickets that have been sent to us, also at the back of the Church; and do pass on to interested parties.

Our next Baptism Course, for parents with children to baptise, will take place on Monday 19 April at 8pm. Please note this date if it is of interest. Before being enrolled on the course you need to make contact with Fr Alexander and arrange for him to visit you at home.

How is Lent going?
Have you prayed more?
Have you fasted?
Have you gone to Confession?
Have you given something to those in need?

Does your parish have room for an apple tree or two?

An orchard in Sussex has kindly offered to give away some top-quality apple trees to our parishes of Arundel and Brighton! These trees are bare-root, 6-ft and ready for planting (before end of March), so please do get in touch with us ASAP a parish_rep@journeyto2030.org if you are interested. Please speak with your Parish Priest before applying.

Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group

The charity provides emotional and practical support to asylum seekers and other migrants held in immigration detention at Gatwick. In normal times we support about 1,000 people each year through our staff and volunteer visitors. We are looking for a new Treasurer, a qualified Accountant, to replace George Fitzsimons who is retiring from the post. We would be delighted to hear from anyone who is interested. For more information and without any obligation, please contact George Fitzsimons: gfitz62246@aol.com

Offertory Collection Offertory Sunday 14 Mar 2021 = £1,130.58.

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

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

This Sunday is the Fifth Sunday of Lent.

For those following in a Missal, the readings are from Year B. The first reading comes from the prophecy of Jeremiah in which the Lord promises a new covenant for His people, which will not be like the old one which the children of Israel failed to observe. In the Gospel, from Saint John, some Greeks, that is, non-Jewish people, wish to see Jesus, who takes this as a sign that the hour of His glory is close; in other words, very soon, He is to die and rise again, and to draw all peoples to Himself. At Mass we celebrate the New Covenant that has been made by Christ on Calvary, in His blood, which has been poured out for the many, and which unites the human

family, making us 'one body, one spirit' in Christ, in the words of the Liturgy.

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, and the start of the most important week of the Christian year, Holy Week. We missed it last year, but this year it is going ahead, and all Masses are scheduled as usual. However, we have been instructed not to have the Procession at the start of Mass and to let people have palms as they leave rather than at the start. (Of course, you are free to bring your own palm or other suitable bit of greenery, such as an olive branch, if you have one.) So, please take your places as on a normal Sunday, and the gospel of the Lord's entry into Jerusalem will be read at the front of the Church, though not from the sanctuary. To shorten proceedings, the Passion will be the shorter version, and the congregation are asked not to join in the 'crowd' part. There will be no sermon, but a period of silence. We will kneel at the point of the Lord's death in the Passion. We will be assisted by the deacon, Rev Stephen Sharpe, which will greatly add to the dignity of the occasion.

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 from after Mass until 4pm.

Confirmation preparation is starting.

The first session takes place in the Hall on Sunday 28 March at 7pm. Strict social distancing will be enforced as will all Covid protocols. The Diocese has informed us that Bishop Richard will be here to confirm

our candidates on Saturday 20th November at 3pm. Please note the date.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 20 March 6pm Aida Khalil RIP
Sunday 21 March 8.30am For Benefactors
Sunday 21 March 10am For all Parishioners
Sunday 21 March 11.15am GE Chan Peng Yee
Monday 22 March 10am A special intention
Tuesday 23 March 10am Michael Poole RIP
Wednesday 24 March 10am PJ O'Toole (1st anniv) and DM O'Toole family RIP
Thursday 25 March No Mass
Friday 26 March 10am GE Kris Waddington
Saturday 27 March 10am Fr Alexander's intention
Saturday 27 March 6pm Kay Burke's intention
Sunday 28 March 8.30am For Benefactors.
Sunday 28 March 10am In Thanksgiving (C Lloyd)
Sunday 28 March 11.15am For all parishioners

Liturgical Notes.

Thursday is the feast of the Annunciation of the Lord.

Last week's cake sale raised the amazing sum of £469.09. Many thanks to all who took part. We also got £40 in donations earlier, so that makes £509.09 altogether, along with a further £5 from the previous week, already counted. Many thanks for your generosity and to all those who gave their time and made it happen. This means that of our target of £30,000 for the Hall restoration fund, we have raised £4,204.09. Now we need to think of some more fundraising ideas. Incidentally, the community-building aspects of the sale

were priceless, as was the witness, perhaps, of having it out on the street, where people could see not just the outside of the Church but some of the people in it! In other Hall news, works will start from Monday 10th May and last for seven weeks.

Fr Alexander writes: As I mentioned last week, we need to pivot from warning people about Covid to preparing ourselves to a return to normal. It has been gratifying to see that our congregation seems to be growing once more, which reflects a return to confidence. Confidence is a fragile thing, so we need to keep on reminding ourselves of the stunning success of the vaccination programme, the sterling efforts made to keep our Church covid-free, and the reassuring trajectory of national and local statistics to do with Covid. Moreover, schools are back, much to the joy of pupils and parents. As I suggested last week, do please make contact with, say, three people from Church you have not seen for a while, and invite them back, stressing the low risk of going to Church, its amazing benefits, and how much we would love to see them!

The Government has decided that Tuesday 23rd March is to be a national Day of Reflection, as it marks one year since the first lockdown. The Bishops of England and Wales have decided to make this a Day of Reflection and Prayer, inviting us all to visit the Church this day, and pray in front of the Blessed Sacrament for the following intentions:

- All those who have died, whether family members, friends or those unknown to us personally. We pray for them, asking our Father to welcome them into their heavenly home, the destiny for which God first gave us the gift of life.

- All those who have suffered during this last year, whether through illness, stress, financial disaster or family tensions. We pray for their ongoing resilience, courage and capacity to forgive.
- We reflect with thanksgiving for the generosity, inventiveness, self-sacrifice and determination shown by so many in this most difficult of times. We pray for them, thanking God for their gifts and dedication, whether they are scientists, politicians, health workers, public servants of every kind, community leaders or steadfast family members and friends who continue to show such love and compassion.
- We reflect in hope that, as the pandemic is controlled and we open up our lives again, we will gather in the lessons we have learned and build our society into a better shape, more compassionate, less marked by inequalities, more responsive to needs and deprivation. We ask for the inspiration of the Holy Spirit to guide and strengthen us in this endeavour, whether we are focussing on overcoming family breakdowns, economic recovery, or building political consensus.
- To this end, we shall hold a Holy Hour in Church from 6pm to 7pm, to which all are invited. A Holy Hour is a response to Jesus in the Garden of Olives who asked His disciples to watch one hour with Him. It will consist of psalms, intercessory prayer, and silent adoration, concluding with Benediction. There is still no congregational singing but

- we can have solos. We are looking for soloists for
 - the opening hymn (a familiar hymn of praise and worship, possibly connected with evening, eg Abide with me, The day thou gavest)
 - The Magnificat
 - The Tantum Ergo
 - A concluding hymn to the Blessed Virgin.
 - We also need one reader. Please apply to Fr Alexander if you are able to help!
 - We will also be lighting a candle in memory of anyone who has died during the year, the candle will be lit during the service and placed on the altar. Please contact Fr Alexander or the Parish Office if you would like a candle to be lit in remembrance of someone and they will be prayed for. You can make your requests via social media, email or phone.

Meanwhile, our next fundraising effort is going to be a table top sale, outside in the street, on the Sunday after Easter, that is 11 April. Again we will be keeping our social distance and enjoying the fresh air, and hoping for nice weather. This time we are looking for any quality goods you may like to give away: books, recordings, household items, as well as homemade produce such as jams, chutneys, knitted things and ornaments; we have got a clothes rail so could also take good quality nearly new clothing, as well as children's toys. Please think when you have your post-Easter clear out what you can spare. Goods can be dropped off in the Link corridor before the day.



Parish Notice Board

Donations to the church: for those who have requested information on how to donate to our Parish, whether through Gift Aid or payments directly through the Parish bank account, all your questions are answered on our website. The information is available once you click on the Donate button on the homepage. The Parish Office is always here if you require further assistance.

Guitar Lessons- all styles.

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

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.

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>

Caroline's Kitchen – Tel 595922
Caterers for Baptisms, etc. Tel 595922 or carolineriley@carolines-kitchen.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

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

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

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.

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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