

Forthcoming events:

Sunday 21 November, 4pm: Holy Hour.
Thursday 25 November, 8pm: Social Dancing.
Friday 26 November, 1.30-3pm: Social Club.
Sunday 28 November: Cake bring and buy after 10am and 11.15am Masses
Sunday 28 November, 4pm: Holy Hour.
Tuesday 30 November, 7.30: Synod meeting.
Wednesday 1 December, 7am: Rorate Mass.
Wednesday 1 December, 10.30am: Synod meeting.
Saturday 4 December, 9 - 10.30am/11-12.30pm First Holy Communion.
Saturday 4 December, 7pm: Film Night, Hairspray the Musical.
Sunday 5 December, 10am: FHC Mass.
Sunday 5 December: Book Exchange in the Hall.
Tuesday 7 December, 7.30: Synod meeting.
Wednesday 8 December, 7am: Rorate Mass.
Wednesday 8 December, 10.30am: Synod meeting.
Sunday 12 December: Children's clothes and toys' Freecycle.

Tours for prospective reception children joining Cottesmore St Mary September 2022. A range of tours, for the parents of prospective Reception children, joining September 2022, are available at Cottesmore St Mary Catholic Primary School throughout November and early December. For all dates, and for more information, please visit the school website. To book your place on a tour, please contact the school office on 01273 555811 or email ruthyahiatene@cottesmore.brighton-hove.sch.uk All at Cottesmore St Mary are

looking forward to meeting you and showing you what their school family has to offer.

We are preparing ourselves for the Synod with a series of meetings in Advent, which will take place in the Upper Room at 7.30 pm on 30 November, 7 December, 14 December and 21 December. These meetings will be chaired by Kate Williamson and will use material prepared by the diocese. There will be additional meetings in the Hall on Wednesdays 1 December, 8 December, 15 December and 22 December after Mass, at 10.30am, for those who prefer a daytime appointment. From an interview with Cardinal Grech on the upcoming Synod. **Some have already criticized the upcoming synod as too ambitious and unwieldy — how will the Synod Secretariat manage all the input from dioceses around the world and how will that information be processed and analysed?** The Synod is ambitious, and the General Secretariat of the Synod of Bishops is called to put forth a great effort out of love for the Church. Our method, however, is quite simple. The listening to the people of God within the local Churches will be concluded with a diocesan document that will be delivered to the episcopal conference. Here the bishops, exercising their charism of discernment, will produce a summary that will, in its turn, be transmitted to our Secretariat. All the material arriving from the episcopal conferences will serve as the basis for the first instrumentum laboris. This first instrumentum laboris will be the working document for the pre-synodal meetings in the various Continents (second phase). The conclusions of these meetings will then be collected as serve as the basis for the second instrumentum laboris, offered to synod fathers in 2023.

Offertory collection Sunday 14 November 2021. - £1,623.18.

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Follow us on Twitter @HoveSaint Join us on Facebook: search for 'Saint Peter's, Hove'. Find our YouTube channel: search for 'Alexander Lucie-Smith'. Right now we are doing a virtual Walking Tour Through the Bible, starting with the Book of Genesis, in bite size chunks. We are currently on the First Book of Samuel. Please visit our website which is constantly being updated. Do ask to join our WhatsApp group.

This Sunday is the Feast of Christ the King and the final Sunday of the Year. The prayers and readings can be found in the blue Mass books on page 160. The first reading comes from the prophecy of Daniel, and is the vision of one like a Son of Man, on whom is conferred all power and kingship. We see this passage, which Jesus recalls at his trial before the High Priest on Good Friday, as a prophecy of the Kingship of Christ. In the Gospel, from Saint John, Jesus testifies before Pilate (also on Good Friday) that he is indeed a King, though His Kingdom is not of this

world. His Kingship is one of love, not power.

Children's Liturgy begins again this Sunday 21 November at the 10am Mass. Participants will be called out at the appropriate moment. Thanks to those who have volunteered to help. Would anyone else like to do so?

Next Sunday marks the beginning of Advent, which is a penitential season, hence the vestments will be purple, there will be no flowers on the altar, and there will be no Gloria. (The Creed will be sung at the 11.15am Mass.) At the end of each Mass Kate Williamson will give a brief presentation about the forthcoming Synod. We have a selection of materials for Advent, and they are at the back of the Church, so please help yourself. For adults we have 'My day by Day' and 'Walk with Me', which provide the Scripture readings and a reflection for each day of the season. We also have 'My Day by Day' in Junior and Infant editions, which provide youngsters with daily activities. And finally, we have Advent Calendars for the young which do the same. Make sure you get yours!

On the First Sunday of Advent, Jayden and Kiran Mistry will be enrolled in the Guild of Saint Stephen and receive their medals.

This Advent, as we have two priests in the parish, it seems right to celebrate a Rorate Mass once a week in Advent. The name comes from the opening words of the Entrance Antiphon of the Votive Mass of Our Lady in Advent, 'Rorate caeli desuper', Latin for "Drop down dew, ye heavens". Because the Rorate Mass is a

Votive Mass in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary celebrated in Advent, the vestments will be white. It is traditionally celebrated by candlelight. The sky is dawning just as it finishes. This is to symbolize the coming of Christ, the Light of the World. To this end you are all invited to come to Mass on Wednesdays in Advent at 7am, and bring candles in jam jars for light. We will sing some suitable hymns, and after Mass we can, if desired, go out to breakfast.

Many people no longer carry money – hence our machine for electronic donations at the back – but if you do, Josie will be collecting loose change and notes after all Sunday Masses in November in aid of the Hall. She will have her bucket, so please do be generous!

Once more this Sunday at 4pm we are holding a Holy Hour, ending in good time before the Lusophone Mass which is at 5pm. This hour has the advantage of being at the evocative time of sunset. The idea of the Holy Hour (much loved by the Blessed Carlo Acutis, who made one as often as he could) is to spend time with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, usually having silent prayer, hymns, the Evening Prayer of the Church (Vespers) and Benediction. This is a very good way of praying for the dead, and also remembering the bereaved and showing our solidarity with them.

As announced in last week's newsletter, we have a visitor in the parish, Father Stipica Lesic, who is a priest of the Archdiocese of Sarajevo in Bosnia-Herzegovina. We are very pleased to welcome him, and as he is here to perfect his English before going to the missions in

Uganda, please do your best to help him practice his English.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 20 November 6pm For our benefactors
Sunday 21 November 8.30am Deceased Clergy RIP
Sunday 21 November 10am For all Parishioners
Sunday 21 November 11.15am Holy Souls
Monday 22 November 10am Holy Souls
Tuesday 23 November 10am Holy Souls
Wednesday 24 November 10am Jim Burke RIP, anniversary
Thursday 25 November No Mass
Friday 26 November 10am Carlo Colombotti RIP, anniversary
Saturday 27 November 10am Margaret McPhillips RIP
Saturday 27 November 6pm Giuliana Sussex RIP
Sunday 28 November 8.30am Holy Souls
Sunday 28 November 10am For all parishioners
Sunday 28 November 11.15am Holy Souls

Liturgical notes

The month of November is dedicated to prayer for the faithful departed. On days when there is no feast we shall celebrate the daily Mass for the Dead.

Monday is the feast of Saint Cecilia.

Tuesday is the feast of Saint Clement I, pope and martyr.

Wednesday is the feast of Saint Andrew Dung-Lac and companions, martyrs of Vietnam.

At Mass on Friday 26 November, three new members of the Union of Catholic Mothers will be enrolled. Congratulations to Trish, to Anna and to Melitsa.

We have heard the tragic news of the death of Dulcie Preston, which took place on Sunday 14 November. Dulcie was 37 years old, and leaves behind four children, her husband Michael, her two younger sisters, and her parents Deidre and Michael Maguire. Let us pray for the repose of her soul and for her grieving family, who have asked for our prayers.

Many congratulations to our 10am Music Group that put on such a wonderful concert last week

which judging by the warmth of the applause was very well received. In addition the collection for Cruse raised the impressive sum of £465.32. A particular highlight of the evening was the performance of 'Three for A Girl'. We very much hope they will perform again. Meanwhile, a date for your diary is our annual carol Service, which is going to be on the Fourth Sunday of Advent, 19 December, at 6.30pm, followed by refreshments in the Hall.

The Platinum Jubilee Action Committee

met last Monday at 7.45pm in the Hall. It is our hope that during the four day Platinum Jubilee holiday (Thursday 2 June to Sunday 5 June inclusive) to make Saint Peter's a focal point for local celebration. We have several initiatives planned, all at embryonic stages so far. These include streaming the Trooping of the Colour in the Hall; a Tea Dance with retro music; gift bags for all; an international dinner; a Lecture; a Mass of Thanksgiving on the Sunday; and a Concert on the Sunday evening. Watch this space for further developments.

Do remember our upcoming Sunday

morning Hall activities. Next Sunday, 28 November, we are having a cake sale after the 10am and 11.15am Masses. The idea is a cake bring and buy, and to fill the Hall with happy cake eaters; any money made will be for the parish poor fund. If you wish to leave

cakes beforehand, please leave them in the outer sacristy where they will be looked after before the event begins. On Sunday 5 December, we are having a Book Exchange in the Hall. Bring your excess books to Mass, and leave them on the tables in the Hall; then browse and take whatever books take your fancy. No money will change hands, but hopefully you will find something nice to read. On Sunday 12 December, we will be 'freecycling' redundant children's toys, bicycles, and clothes, all in good condition.

There are several children in the parish

who, for whatever reason, have missed the usual catechism classes for Holy Communion, or who have not been baptised before the age of seven. For such children we are proposing a tailored catechism class in Lent, so they can celebrate the Sacraments at Easter. Lent next year begins on Wednesday March 2 and Easter is on Sunday 17 April. The classes will take place on Saturdays of Lent at 4.45pm. If you would like to join this group, then please make your interest known to Father Alexander.

Film Night is back! Our first film in the new

Hall will be at 7pm on Saturday 4 December and is Hairspray the Musical, which is going to be staged at Cardinal Newman soon, and which is cracking entertainment for all the family. Do come along. Pizza will be served at half time. The film lasts just under two hours.

Do please, especially if you have not

thought about it before, come to either or both of the following activities. Social dancers meet in the Hall on Thursday at 8pm. The Social Club meets on Fridays at 1.30pm and meets for two hours. Both are meant to be fun social occasions. Do please bring all your friends with you.



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Dona contactless giving:

You may have noticed our digital collection plate / contactless machine in situ in the porch. It is now fully operational so please feel free to try using it should you wish.

You can choose to gift aid your donation this way or you may find it easier to register for gift aid using our online platform on our website initially. Parishes that are a similar size to St Peter's have raised between £400-£800 extra a month. Contactless donations are for people of all ages, one of our parishes had a donation from a parishioner who is 96, according to our Diocesan gift aid department.

You can also donate directly to St Peter's via the Dona donations webpage on our website if you wish to donate that way, go to the following link <http://www.stpeters-hove.org.uk/donations/>
Or just click on the Donate button on the home page.

Many other churches have started using Dona and have found it very successful.

Carer required for young lady with Downs Syndrome. India is 24 years old currently living in a private house in Brighton with two other girls with DS. She attends a cafe training course 4 days a week called Team Domenica. India's mother is looking for a carer to live in with India 4 days a week to assist in the mornings, get India to her course, collect her in the afternoon and care for her until she goes to bed. The wages are approximately £800 per week. Please contact Caroline on 07773 280623

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

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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

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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