

Forthcoming events:

Sunday 5 September, 7pm-8.30pm: Sixth Session of Confirmation preparation.
Monday 6 September, 8pm: Baptism course.
Friday 25 September, 7pm: Choral concert
Thursday 29 September, 9am: Saint Christopher's School Harvest Festival.
Saturday 9/Sunday 10 October: Exhibition by Society of Catholic Artists.
Sunday October 10, 11.15am: Unveiling of picture of Blessed Carlo Acutis.
Sunday 10 October, 7pm-8.30pm: Seventh Session of Confirmation preparation.
Saturday October 16: start of First Holy Communion programme.
Sunday 17 October, 10am: FHC Enrolment Mass
Saturday 6 November, 9am/11am: FHC
Saturday 6 November, noon: Bereavement Mass.
Sunday 14 November, 7pm, Confirmation rehearsal
Saturday 20 November, 3pm Confirmation Mass
Friday 31 December, noon: Bereavement Mass.

Sick Parishioners.

Please pray for Caroline Audy, Margaret Chapman, Jim and Valerie Lee, Vincent O'Rourke, Dennis Tribe, Rosemary Kilcourse, Liz Perkins, Richard Martin, Sheila Coldicott, Margaret. Heffernan.

Please leave your donations for the Food Bank in the tub inside the door of the Outer Sacristy. If locked, by the door. Please remember we cannot accept perishable goods, opened packets or out of

date food. We have bought some new tubs and boxes for donations. Bags for Life used by our clients to carry their goods home, also urgently needed.

Thanks to the generosity of Mary and Mary, the following is on offer this Sunday. Tickets are £5, all of which goes to the Hall refurbishment fund. There are 40 tickets. Get yours while you can.

Hainault Fryers fish and chips2

6 Boundary Road
BN3 4EH 01273 422478
Any 1 Pie & Medium Chips
Please redeem before 26th September 2021



Hall update: We set ourselves the target of raising £30,000 to defray the expenses of refurbishing the Hall. Many thanks to the parishioner who have kindly given us a cheque for £50. In addition, the sale of raffle tickets for the three little boats has raised £95 so far, and the sale of cakes and other delicious things by Mary and Mary, along with the sale of tickets for pie and chips, has made an astonishing £274.42. £100 gratefully received also in this week's offertory for the hall. This brings our running total to £13,534.26. Great news! Many thanks to all who have contributed.

First Holy Communion begins this October. Fr Alexander has started visiting all the candidates at home with their parents. Don't miss out! He is looking forward to seeing you all.

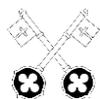
200 Club July's Winners: £50 – Mary Reeve, £90 – Eileen Harris, £200 – Rita O'Regan. Congratulations!

Offertory Collection: 15 August 2021 = £1,474.84.

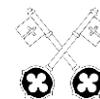
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Follow us on Twitter @HoveSaint Join us on Facebook: search for 'Saint Peter's, Hove'. Find our YouTube channel: search for 'Alexander Lucie-Smith'. Right now we are doing a virtual Walking Tour Through the Bible, starting with the Book of Genesis,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

This Newsletter is covering two weeks.

This Sunday 22 August is the Twenty-First Sunday of the Year, and the readings can be found in the blue Mass books on page 123. In the first reading the children of Israel renew the Covenant they have made with the Lord at Shechem, under the leadership of Joshua, before they take possession of the land. In the Gospel we hear how some of His disciples decide to follow Jesus no longer, unable to accept His teaching on the Eucharist. However, Saint Peter's faith is deepened and he utters the words: 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of

eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.' This profession of faith marks him out as pre-eminent among the Apostles.

Next Sunday 29 August is the Twenty-Second Sunday of the Year, and the readings can be found in the blue Mass books on page 126. In the first reading, from the Book of Deuteronomy, Moses exhorts the people of Israel to keep the Law so that they may have life. We see the Law of God not as a restriction placed upon us but as a loving and life-giving gift, the observance of which guarantees human flourishing. In the Gospel Jesus when questioned by the Pharisees, rejects the traditions of the elders as mere human regulations and calls them back to the proper understanding of the Law.

We have heard the sad news of the death of Father Mario Sanderson on Monday 16 August at Holy Cross Care Home. Details of the funeral arrangements will be sent out as and when they are known. Meanwhile, let us pray for the eternal rest of his soul. Father Mario was, some years ago, parish priest of the Sacred Heart in Hove.

Our next Baptism Class is on Monday 6 September at 8pm either in the refurbished Hall or in the Upper Room. If you want to enrol, you need to see Father Alexander first; please email him and he will arrange to come and see you at home.

Once more, this Sunday, we are raffling something in aid of the Hall. We have been given three model ships, representing Christopher Columbus's little fleet that sailed the ocean blue in 1482 to the New World: the Nina, the Pinta and the Santa Maria. Many thanks to the generous donor.

Tickets are £1 each and will be on sale after each Mass. The draw will be this Sunday and the winner will be announced via social media. Have a good look at the ships on display and do not miss your chance!

More Hall news: we have also been given a scooter to raffle. It is in perfect working condition. Instead of raffling, perhaps people would like to bid for it? Offers in the region of £100. The scooter cost £250. Otherwise we shall start selling raffle tickets for the scooter on Sunday 29 August.

Fr Alexander plans to be away from Monday 30 August to Friday 3 September inclusive. There will be no Mass on the Bank Holiday, when the Church will be closed, but there will be Mass at the usual times on Tuesday 31 August through Friday 3 September. Many thanks to Fr Alan Sharpe and Canon Oliver Heaney for stepping in and helping. Aisling is going away from 24 to 30 August which means that the Parish office will be closed on these dates.

Liturgical notes

The month of August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. On days on which there is no feast we shall say one of the Votive Masses of Our Blessed Lady. The month of September is dedicated to the Holy Angels and on days when there is no feast we shall celebrate the Votive Mass of the Angels.

Monday 23 August is the feast of Saint Rose of Lima.

Tuesday 24 August is the feast of Saint Bartholomew, apostle.

Wednesday 25 August is the feast of Saint Louis.

Friday 26 August is the feast of Saint Monica (c. 332 – 387) the mother of St. Augustine. She is venerated for her outstanding Christian virtues, particularly the suffering caused by her husband's paganism, and her prayerful life dedicated to the reformation of her son, who wrote extensively of her pious acts and life with her in his Confessions. She was married early in life to Patricius, a Roman pagan, who held an official position in Thagaste, now in modern Algeria. Patricius had a violent temper and appears to have been of dissolute habits. Monica's alms, deeds and prayer habits annoyed Patricius, but it is said that he always held her in respect. Monica had three children who survived infancy, two sons, Augustine and Navigius, and a daughter, 'Perpetua' of Hippo. Unable to secure baptism for them, she grieved heavily when Augustine fell ill. In her distress she asked Patricius to allow Augustine to be baptized; he agreed, then withdrew this consent when the boy recovered. But Monica's relief at Augustine's recovery turned to anxiety as he misspent his renewed life being wayward and, as he himself says, lazy. He was finally sent to school at Madauros. He was 17 and studying rhetoric in Carthage when Patricius died. Augustine joined a pagan cult, the Manichaeans, at Carthage. When upon his return home, he shared his views regarding Manichaeism and Monica drove him away from her table. However, she is said to have experienced a vision that convinced her to reconcile with him. At this time she visited a certain (unnamed) bishop who consoled her with the words, 'the child of those tears shall never perish.' Monica followed her wayward son to Rome, where he had gone secretly; when she arrived he had already gone to Milan, but she followed him. Here she found Saint Ambrose and through him she ultimately

saw Augustine convert to Christianity after 17 years of resistance. Monica and her son spent six peaceful months at Rus Cassiacum after which Augustine was baptized by Ambrose in the church of St. John the Baptist at Milan. Monica and Augustine then left for Africa and they set out on their journey, stopping at Civitavecchia and at Ostia. Here Monica died, and Augustine's grief inspired his Confessions. Saint Monica was buried at Ostia and at first seems to have been almost forgotten, though her body was removed during the 6th century to a hidden crypt in the church of Santa Aurea in Ostia. Her tomb was later transferred to the Basilica of Sant'Agostino, Rome. Anicius Auchenius Bassus wrote Monica's funerary epitaph, which survived in ancient manuscripts. The actual stone on which it was written was rediscovered in the summer of 1945 after two boys were digging a hole to plant a football post in the courtyard beside Santa Aurea. The tombstone reads: 'Here the most virtuous mother of a young man set her ashes, a second light to your merits, Augustine. As a priest, serving the heavenly laws of peace, you taught the people entrusted to you with your character. A glory greater than the praise of your accomplishments crowns you both – Mother of the Virtues, more fortunate because of her offspring.'

Saturday 28 August is the feast of Saint Augustine.

Tuesday 31 August is the feast of Saint Aidan and the saints of Lindisfarne.

Friday 3 September is the feast of Saint Gregory, pope, apostle of the English.

Saturday 4 September is the feast of Saint Cuthbert, bishop.

Mass Intentions

Sat. 21 Aug 6pm Maggie Fitzgerald RIP
Sun 22 Aug 8.30am For our benefactors
Sun 22 Aug 10am For all parishioners
Sun 22 Aug 11.15am GE Shannon Brennan
Mon 23 Aug 10am GE Miranda Bowen
Tues 24 Aug 10am Guiliana Sussex RIP
Wed 25 Aug GE Mr and Mrs Christides
Thurs 26 Aug No Mass
Fri 27 Aug 10am Private Intention
Sat 28 Aug 10am For our Benefactors
Sat 28 Aug 6pm Bernie Harvey RIP (C Lloyd)
Sun 28 Aug 8.30am For all Parishioners
Sun 29 Aug 10am Thomas and Margaret Brown RIP
Sun 29 Aug 11.15am GE Hearn family
Mon 30 Aug No Mass
Tues 31 Aug 10am Romola Jane RIP
Wed 1 Sep 10am Guiliana Sussex RIP
Thurs 2 Sept No Mass
Fri 3 Sep 10am GE Mr and Mrs Christides
Sat 4 Sep 10am Amy Lock RIP

It is now time for us to resume a few more things that have been discontinued over the pandemic. Aisling is in the office and building up the readers' rotas and those for Eucharistic ministers (the latter are not so pressing as Holy Communion remains under one kind for now.) Please email her with your availability if you have not done so already. And please email her with same if you are invited to become a reader, which is a very important ministry in the Church. We also need to return to the custom of readers and ministers gathering in the sacristy ten minutes before Mass for prayers.



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Marriage Preparation Course

You will need to contact Esther Lyon
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www.stpetersbrighton.org

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

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

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Gift Aid Envelopes are now available at the back of the church. Please remember to collect them. Your number may have changed as part of our recent audit, this will not affect your donations.

Yellow envelopes are available at the back of the church for anyone who wishes to donate regardless of being a member of our scheme. Thank you for your continued support.

Redundant iPads and Laptops are desperately needed by the Gatwick Detainees' Welfare Group. An IT company has agreed to 'clean' devices to remove any data. These devices can enable a person whether in detention or after release, to help themselves; to access classes for speakers of other languages, to communicate with friends, family, our staff, their volunteer visitor and to access resources such as Food Banks and to join our post detention services. Contact Josie at: josiewade@gdwg.org.uk.