

In accord with Italian tradition, for the second week running, notice is hereby given of the forthcoming wedding between Luigi Donato and Fabiana Tambasco, both resident in this parish, who are getting married at the church of Santissima Annunziata, Capaccio, Salerno, Italy, on 25 June 2022. Our congratulations and best wishes to them.

**This week there is Social Dancing** at 8pm on Thursday This Friday, the social club meets at 1.30pm, when Aisling will reveal the joys of being a parish secretary. Truly, not to be missed.

**Josie Staunton has left us to settle in Westport in Ireland** where she will be near her family, and where she will be of huge assistance to the parish priest, one can be sure! We shall all miss her, and we are all very grateful for all the kindness she has shown over the years, particularly to the sick and housebound in the parish.

**Many parishes round the diocese report that they are short of volunteers**, and we are no exception. We only have three Church cleaners and we could certainly do with some more. They meet at 10.30am on Thursdays. Could you join them?

**Saint Michael the Archangel**, defend us in the day of battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; may God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls.  
Amen.

**We are collecting donations for the Food Bank.** Please leave your donation in the tub inside the door of the Outer Sacristy. If locked, by the door.

### Forthcoming Events

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| Sunday 22 May, 7pm: Confirmation Course V.  |
| Tuesday 24 May, 7.30pm: Confirmation rehearsal.   |
| Thursday 26 May: Ascension Thursday, Mass at 10am, followed by breakfast.   |
| Thursday 26 May, 8pm: Social Dancing.   |
| Friday 27 May, 1.30pm: Social Club – the joys of being a parish secretary.  |
| Saturday 28 May, 11.30am: Confirmation.   |
| Thursday 2 June, 4-5.30pm: Children's Jubilee Party   |
| Friday 3 June, 2.30pm: Tea Dance with retro Music.  |
| Saturday 4 June, 7pm: International dinner, with livestreaming of the Jubilee Concert.                                      |
| Sunday 5 June 2022: Mass of Thanksgiving with Te Deum. Evening Concert in the Church, followed by refreshments in the Hall. |
| Saturday 11/12/19 June, 11.30am: First Holy Communions  |
| Friday 24 June, 10am: Solemnity of the Sacred Heart, Mass, followed by breakfast.   |
| Wednesday 27 July, 7pm: Feast of Saint Charbel celebration.   |

**Offertory:** Offertory collection Sunday 15 May 2022. = £ 1,727.52  
CAFOD/DEC (Ukraine) £35.00  
Education of future priests (May 8) £326.19  
Diocesan missionary endeavour (May 15) £93.60

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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 Psalms. Please visit our website which is constantly being updated. Do ask to join our WhatsApp group.

**This Sunday is the Sixth Sunday of Easter.** The first reading, from the Acts of the Apostles, deals with one of the important controversies that divided the early Church: should new converts to Christ also be bound to keep the whole Jewish law? The Church decided, after discussion and, most importantly, after discernment, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, that those who believe in Christ

and are baptised do not have to keep the Law of Moses. In the Gospel, Jesus speaks of how those who love him will keep His word, and how the Holy Spirit will come to the Church, and will teach us everything.

**The Syrian Market last Sunday was a huge success.** The food was utterly delicious. Moreover, the participants made a donation to parish funds of £321.16. This was a community building exercise rather than a money making one, needless to say, but the money was most welcome. Our next Syrian event is going to be the feast of Saint Charbel, when we are going to have Mass in Arabic, celebrated by Father Tristan Cranfield from Guildford, followed by more delicious food in the Hall. That will be on Wednesday 27 July. Do note the date.

**This Sunday evening, at 7pm in the Hall**, and in the Church, our confirmation course continues. We have 17 candidates. Let us pray for them all and their families. Bishop Richard will be here to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation this Saturday at 11.30am there will no 10am on this day. The Rehearsal for Confirmation will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday.

**This Thursday is Ascension Thursday**, a Solemnity, forty days from Easter Sunday when Jesus ascended into heaven. There will be Mass at 10am on Thursday. We shall sing hymns. Because it was so popular last time, it might be a good idea to go for a Power Breakfast afterwards. As there is Mass on Thursday, exceptionally, there will be no Mass on Wednesday, when the Church will be shut.

### Mass intentions

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| Saturday 21 May, 6pm: Colin Rowlands RIP               |
| Sunday 22 May, 8.30am: Giuliana Sussex RIP             |
| Sunday 22 May, 10am: GE Joshua Moore                   |
| Sunday 22 May, 11.15am: For all parishioners           |
| Monday 23 May, 10am: GE Mairead Courtney               |
| Tuesday 24 May, 10am: Patrick Grealish RIP             |
| Wednesday 25 May, No Mass                              |
| Thursday 26 May, 10am: Patrick Grealish RIP            |
| Friday 27 May, 10am: Giuliana Sussex RIP               |
| Saturday 28 May, 11.30am: the Confirmation candidates. |
| Saturday 28 May, 6pm: Bernie Harvey RIP (1 anniv)      |
| Sunday 29 May, 8.30am: Hazel and Tony Hayler RIP       |
| Sunday 29 May, 10am: For all parishioners              |
| Sunday 29 May, 11.15am: Ella O'Driscoll                |

### Liturgical notes

We are now in the season of Easter, the fifty days of rejoicing that follow the Sunday of the Resurrection. Let us also remember that we are in the month of May, dedicated to Our Lady.

Friday is the feast of Saint Augustine of Canterbury.

Saturday is the feast of Blessed Margaret Poole, martyr.

**The Bishops of England and Wales recently encouraged us all to return to Mass at Pentecost.** Here is their statement: 'A beautiful hallmark of the Catholic faith is the profound desire to participate in the Holy Mass and share in the Eucharist. We do so with deep gratitude and joy. The Eucharist gives the Church her identity – "The Eucharist makes the Church, and the Church makes the Eucharist." It enables us to worship Almighty God, to support each other on our journey of faith, and to be a visible sign of faith in the world. This hallmark is supported and strengthened by the precept that our fundamental Christian duty is to worship God by participating in the celebration of Mass. Attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days is the greatest of all privileges, sometimes referred to as "the Sunday Obligation." Since the beginning of the Covid pandemic, until the present time, we have shared with you our judgment that the situation of the last two years has meant that the Sunday Obligation has been impeded and has needed to be fulfilled in other ways. We thank God that this situation has now changed. The pressing challenges of the pandemic have lessened significantly. Most people have resumed the wide range of normal activities, no longer restricted by the previous Covid measures. We therefore believe that the reasons which have prevented Catholics from attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation no longer apply. We understand there will still be some members of our congregations who, for reasons of health, do not feel safe enough to return to Mass. It has always been the understanding of the Church that when the freedom of any Catholic to attend Mass in person is impeded for a serious reason, because of

situations such as ill health, care for the sick or legitimate fear, this is not a breach of the Sunday Obligation. Our Catholic people and parishes have benefitted during these difficult times from the online streaming of Mass and other services. "Virtual viewing" of Mass online does not fulfil the Sunday Obligation. It may, however, be a source of continual spiritual comfort to those who cannot attend Mass in person, for example those who are elderly and sick, for whom the obligation does not apply. In this context, we recognise gratefully the ministry of those who administer Holy Communion to the elderly, sick and housebound. We are grateful to our clergy, religious and lay faithful who have served our parishes, schools and communities with dedication and distinction throughout this pandemic. Now we look forward with renewed faith and confidence. In the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the Lord's Supper, the Lord Jesus entrusted to us the precious gift of Himself. With humility, we glory in being a Eucharistic people for whom attendance at Mass is essential. Looking forward to the forthcoming feast of Pentecost, we now invite all Catholics who have not yet done so to return to attending Mass in person. As the Church needs the witness of the presence of each person, so too each believer needs to journey in faith and worship with their fellow disciples. Nourished by our encounter with the Risen Lord Jesus, fed with His Word and His Body and Blood in Holy Communion, and supported by the presence of each other, we receive strength week by week, to serve the Lord and glorify Him with our lives.

**Jubilee News!** We are now getting into the groove for the upcoming celebrations.

Many thanks to all who decorated the Church with the various flags. We had hoped to have the pictures by the children blown up and displayed on the walls, but this proved technically daunting. There are still some tickets left for

- Thursday 2 June, from 4-5.30pm, Children's Jubilee Party, with music, dancing and refreshments.
- Friday 3 June, at 2.30pm, Tea Dance with Music reflecting the last 70 years.
- Saturday 4 June, at 7pm, International Dinner, with livestreaming of the Jubilee Concert. As in the past, please bring your own food and drink, reflecting our diverse cultures, and be prepared to share. This is now sold out.
- All of these events are free, but because the Hall has a limited capacity, you do need a ticket to come.

**On Sunday 5 June, which is Pentecost,** the 11.15am Mass will be one of Thanksgiving, as mandated by the bishops of England and Wales, with Te Deum and suitable music. That evening at 7pm there will be a concert in the Church, also ticketless, followed by refreshments in the Hall. The concert will open with Crown Imperial, the Coronation march composed by William Walton, and performed for us by Hamish Dustagheer, the music maestro of Saint Bartholomew's Brighton; Hamish will accompany Kristy in her rendition of several popular arias; Aneesa, who sang so beautifully at Jeanie Ryan's funeral, will reprise her Ave Maria and other pieces. Our choirs will sing and finally, to round off the concert, by popular demand, the return of the super group Three for a Girl.



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**Deep Waters Sunday lunches are back**, organised by Wellspring Community, for students & young adults. Every 1st & 3rd Sunday of the mass after 11am mass (around 12pm) outside St Joseph's. It is a great opportunity to meet & have fellowship with other like minded young adults & students.

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