

Sick Parishioners

Please pray for; Jim McFarlane, Caroline Audy, Margaret Chapman, Vincent O' Rourke, Jim and Valerie Lee, Eileen Banks, Matthew Garcia, Beverley Coughlan, Sonia Wall, Dennis Tribe, Rosemary Kilcourse, Adrian Van Twest.

Parish Events

Tuesday 25 February, 11am: Burial of the ashes of Veronica Green, at Hove Cemetery.

Wednesday 26 February: Lent begins.

Friday 28 February, 7.30pm: Stations of the Cross.

Saturday 29 February, 10.30am-4pm: Adoration and Confessions.

Sunday 1 March, 7pm: Confirmation – visit of Bishop Richard.

Monday 2 March, 8pm: Reading St Matthew's Passion.

Tuesday 3 March, 10.30am: meeting of the Care Group.

Tuesday 3 March, 7.30pm: Praying Saint Matthew's Passion.

Sunday 8 March, after 10am/11.15am Mass: Cake Sale for stained glass appeal.

Friday 13 March, 7.30pm: Taizé Service.

Tuesday 21 April, 8pm: Baptism course, Upper Room.

Friday 24 April, 8pm: Quiz Night for stained glass appeal.

Sunday 10 May, after 10am/11.15am Mass: Bring and Buy for stained glass appeal.

UCM: meeting in the hall 26 February at 7.30pm, AGM,

Thursday mornings Scripture

Reflection: 10am all welcome.

200 Club Draw: Congratulations to our January winners.

£50 – Sylvia Garner,
£90 – Fr Jerry O'Brien,
£200 – Peter Morrison.

From the Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church:

[Having 'done' the section on the Blessed Eucharist, which one hopes readers have found it useful, we are now moving onto the Sacrament of the Sick, about which people may be less well informed than on other sacraments.]

313. How was sickness viewed in the Old Testament? In the Old Testament sickness was experienced as a sign of weakness and at the same time perceived as mysteriously bound up with sin. The prophets intuited that sickness could also have a redemptive value for one's own sins and those of others. Thus, sickness was lived out in the presence of God from whom people implored healing.

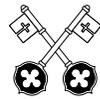
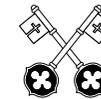
World day of prayer 2020

Friday 6th March, 10.30 at St Georges Church, Hove. The theme this year is 'Rise, take your mat and walk' Please come and join us praying with and for the people of Zimbabwe. All welcome, refreshments in the hall afterwards. See poster in the porch.

Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland,

celebrating the feast of St. Patrick. 16th March 2020. £599.00 per person. Single supp £100.00. Flight with 10kg bag, 4 nights' Knock House Hotel with breakfast and dinner. All excursions included. Lunches on days out. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Knock Pilgrimages ATOL T7613.

Collection Sunday 16 February, £1, 272, Lourdes Collection £238.

**St. Peter's Catholic Church
Portland Road Hove****BN3 5GD****23 February 2020****Seventh Sunday of the Year.****Parish Priest: Fr. Alexander Lucie-Smith**

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Mass intentions this week:

Saturday 22 Feb 6pm A Private Intention

Sunday 23 Feb 8.30am For all parishioners

Sunday 23 Feb 10am Ellen Stafford RIP

Sunday 23 Feb 11.15am Rosemary Sheppard RIP

Monday 24 Feb 10am Michael Green RIP

Tuesday 25 Feb 10am Ellen Stafford RIP

Wednesday 26 Feb 10am In Thanksgiving

Thursday 27 Feb No Mass

Friday 28 Feb 10am GE Mr Collins

Saturday 29 Feb 10am Anthony Lin RIP

Saturday 29 Feb 6pm Holy Souls

Sunday 1 Mar 8.30am For all parishioners

Sunday 1 Mar 10am Giuliana Sussex RIP

Sunday 1 Mar 11.15am Michael Green RIP

This Sunday is the Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time.

A representative of the Apostolate of Adoration, Sean Duggan, will speak at all Masses on this weekend about the importance of Adoration. This will replace the sermon. Quiet time in prayer before Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament is an important part of our prayer lives as Catholics, and can bring many blessings to individuals, their families and the wider parish community. This weekend our visitor will explain how we can be part of this diocesan initiative and will encourage us to set aside time each week to be with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

This Sunday, in preparation for Lent, we have some booklets to give out entitled 'My Day by Day', which take you through the 40 days of Lent, starting this Wednesday. There are Infant, Junior and Adult version; the latter have all the readings for Lent which allow you to mediate on them at home. The books are at the back of the Church – please help yourself and please use them. We also have some copies of the Simple Prayer Book. This excellent resource contains all the prayers a Catholic should know. Everyone should have a copy, and they make excellent presents for the young. If you want a copy please ask in the Sacristy. They cost the parish £3.50 each. If you want to donate, just put what you can afford as an 'extra' donation into the Sunday collection, rather than leaving sums of money in the sacristy.

Both the first reading and today's Gospel carry on the theme from last week about keeping the Law of God not just in our outward behaviour, but in our hearts as well. Indeed, our outward behaviour will reflect the way our hearts are attuned to God or not. In the first reading, God gives the foundational law to the Children of Israel through Moses: they are to be holy

as God is holy, and this means loving their neighbour. In the Gospel, Jesus extends this law to mean loving not just our neighbours, but our enemies as well, and not having feelings of vengeance towards anyone. In fact, the only person who ever kept this Law perfectly was Jesus Himself, who forgave and prayed for those who were crucifying Him. We have received the call to act likewise, and we all have a long way to go!

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, and the first day of Lent. There will be Mass with the Imposition of Ashes at the usual time of 10am. There will be a Liturgy of the Word with Imposition of Ashes at Cottesmore at 2pm. There will be no evening Mass here, but there will be one at Sacred Heart at 7pm. Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence from meat. This means not eating meat (fish is fine) and going hungry at some point in the day. Fasting reminds us of all those who do not have enough to eat (which includes some people in our own city), and our dependence on God for all things. The imposition of ashes is an ancient tradition which shows that we wish to bewail our sins and try harder to accept the grace of God in future.

This Friday, as on all Fridays in Lent (except when we have the Taizé service on March 13), we shall have Stations of the Cross in Church at 7.30pm. This lasts less than half an hour and is a great way to mediate on the Passion of the Lord. This Friday we shall be following the traditional stations as written by Saint Alphonsus Liguori.

This Saturday we are starting our weekly Adoration after Mass at 10.30am, which will last until 4pm when we close with Benediction. Please come for part of the day! If you would like to watch for an hour, then please sign up in the sacristy

where there is a list. Canon Foley will be coming to hear confessions at 12 noon, and be staying for an hour. Fr Alexander will be available for confessions at the usual times, and will be present at other times as well.

Next Sunday is the first Sunday of Lent. The vestments will be purple, there will be no Gloria, and the organ will only be used to sustain the singing. There will be no flowers in Church. All this is meant to underline the sobriety and austerity of the season, as a way of turning out minds and hearts more profoundly towards God. On this day we are having a brief talk from a representative of Lepira, a charity which helps those suffering from leprosy, for which there will be a retiring collection: this will be one chance of many to come to give Lenten alms.

Also on this Sunday, Bishop Richard will be visiting our Confirmation candidates in the evening, and leading the session from 7-8.15pm.

The next baptism course is going to be after Easter and will take place on Tuesday 21 April at 8pm in the Upper Room. (Note the change of venue.) Parents who have a child to baptise need to see Fr Alexander in advance, so he can come round and see you at home beforehand.

Liturgical notes:

February is the month dedicated to the Holy Family. This Monday and Tuesday, there is no feast, so we shall be saying the Mass for the Sick. Wednesday is the beginning of Lent. This Lent, the following are major feasts which provide little oases of celebration in the penitential season: Tuesday 17 March is the feast of Saint Patrick;

Thursday 19 March is the feast of Saint Joseph; and Wednesday 25 March is the feast of the Annunciation of the Lord. Apart from that, there are no feasts, and the saints that are commemorated are only done so at the opening prayer of the Mass.

Our Social Club meets in the Hall this Friday at 1.30pm for bingo. All are welcome! On the following Friday, 6 March, there will be games, tea, coffee and cake. On Friday 13, Fr Alexander will be talking about his time in Africa, and how different the Church and society is in the African continent.

Your Lenten check list.

Fasting: what are you giving up? Sweets, chocolate, alcohol, cigarettes, cigars, meat? One of these would be a symbolic action showing your desire to live more for God and less for the world and the flesh.

Prayer: What are you taking up? Daily Mass, the rosary, Stations of the Cross, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, study of Scripture, lectio divina? All of these are good ways of growing closer to God, and preparing oneself for a more fruitful Easter.

Almsgiving: Who are you going to give money to? We have numerous retiring collections, for the hungry of the developing world through Cafod, for people with leprosy, and for sending the HCPT to Lourdes. In addition, you can donate to the parish poor fund, which makes regular disbursements to those in need locally, via the collecting box in the Church porch.

Confession: Lent is the time to go to the sacrament of penance, particularly if you have not been for some time. There

will be confessions here every Saturday in Lent, usually with a visiting priest. In addition, we have several times when our First Holy Communion candidates can make their first confessions.

The stained glass debt stands at £13, 037. The debt is falling rapidly, and one very much hopes that it will be wiped out by summer! Please note our next fundraising event which is going to be a cake sale on Sunday 8 March after the 10am and 11.15am Masses. Please note the date and think of all the delicious things you can bake/make and bring along.

Our Care Group consists of Fr Alexander, Sue Hollow, Trish Longley, Claire Gwynn, Wendy Wallis and Josie Staunton. If there is anyone else who you think might like to be visited at home, for whatever reason, please mention it to a member of the group. We would particularly like to hear about those who are housebound. Currently there are about sixty people on our 'list', and it is growing. If you are an Extraordinary Minister and wish to take Holy Communion to people at home or in nursing homes, we would like to hear from you! Or if you would simply like to befriend those who are housebound, we would love your collaboration. Care of the sick is part of the God-given mission of the Church. The Care Group meets on Tuesday, 3 March.

We have heard the sad news of the death of Donald Victor Hancock, aged 93 years, of Dale View Gardens, Hove, who died at the Royal Sussex County Hospital on 13th February 2020. Let us pray for his widow, Evangeline, who is one of our parishioners. Donald's funeral service will take place on Tuesday 17 March at the Downs Crematorium (Main Chapel) at 2.00 pm.

Social Dancing in the hall this Thursday. All are welcome!

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.

CAFOD is looking for volunteers who have a passion for, and experience of, working with young people. CAFOD will provide training and support, and expenses will be paid. For further information contact CAFOD on 01483 898866.

Mini Walking Pilgrimage 'The God Who Speaks' 7 to 10 May: Arundel, Duncton, Chiddingfold, Guildford. Walk over a long weekend. Costs £50 total. Details and booking forms at
www.thepilgrims.org.uk

Annual Day for Those who Support the Bereaved in Parishes: This Year on Wednesday 20 May, at St Bernadette's, Crawley.

Diocesan Ecumenical Walking Pilgrimage: The St Thomas Way Pilgrimage: 'Walking in a Spirit of Thankfulness'. 15– 30 August, from Swansea to Hereford, via Cardiff and Abergavenny. More information at www.thepilgrims.org.uk

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Hall Events: below is a schedule of activities taking place in term time, if you are interested in finding out more or wish to hire the hall, please use the contact email below, Jo Chamberlain our Hall Manager will be happy to help you.

Hall Events for information email stpetershallbn3@gmail.com
Monday Cubs 18.00 – 19.30
Tuesday Brownies 17.30 – 19.00
Tuesday Guides 19.15 – 21.00
Wednesday Junior Choir 18.00 – 19.00
Wednesday Union of Catholic Mothers 19.30 – 21.00
Thursday Rainbows 16.45 -18.00
Thursday Brownies 18.00 – 19.30
Thursday Social Dancing 20.00 – 21.30
Friday Apostle Lunch Club 13.30 – 15.30