

Forthcoming Events

Thursday 27 January, 4.30pm: reception of the Body of Margaret Heffernan, and Vigil.
Thursday 27 January, 8pm: Social dancing.
Friday 29 January, 11am: Funeral Mass of Margaret Heffernan RIP
Friday 4 February, 1.30pm: Social Club, reflections on Costa Rica.
Saturday 5 February, 9 - 10.30am/11 - 12.30pm, FHC: The Sacrament of Reconciliation
Sunday 6 February, 10am: FHC Mass
Monday 7 February, 7.45pm: Jubilee Action Committee
Tuesday 8 February, 7pm: Care Group meets.
Wednesday March 2: Lent begins.
Saturday 5 March, 9-10.30am: Sacrament of Reconciliation Preparation and Service (9am Group)
Saturday 5 March, 4.45pm: Catechism for Older Children I
Saturday 12 March, 11.- 12.30pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation Preparation and Service (11am Group)
Saturday 12 March, 4.45pm: Catechism for Older Children II
Saturday 19 March, 4.45pm: Catechism for Older Children III
Saturday 26 March, 4.45pm: Catechism for Older Children IV
Saturday 2 April, 9.00 - 10.30am/11 - 12.30pm: FHC
Saturday 2 April, 4.45pm: Catechism for Older Children V
Sunday 3 April, 10am: FHC Mass
Saturday 9 April, 4.45pm: Catechism for Older Children VI

Sunday 10 April: Palm Sunday
Sunday 17 April: Easter Sunday
Saturday 14 May, 9- 10.30am/11.00 - 12.30pm: FHC
Sunday 15 May, 10am: FHC Mass
Thursday 2 June: Livestreaming of Trooping of the Colour in the Hall. Decoration of the Hall, and making of souvenir gift bags.
Friday 3 June: Tea Dance with retro Music.
Saturday 4 June: Lecture in the afternoon; International dinner in the evening, 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 June, 11.30am: First Holy Communion
Sunday 12 June, 11.30 am: First Holy Communion
Sunday 19 June, 11.30am: First Holy Communion

Parking reminder: please remember to park considerately on church property especially along the side of the presbytery office to avoid blocking the footpath. We try to park with the car facing towards Portland road so every car can park and drive off in the one direction. If you park on the driveway please knock on the presbytery door to alert us, especially if you are blocking someone in. Thank you for your cooperation.

Offertory Collections:
16 January 2022- £1,414.90.

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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 Second Book of the Kings. Please visit our website which is constantly being updated. Do ask to join our WhatsApp group.

This Sunday is the Third Sunday of the Year.

The readings and prayers for today can be found in the purple books on page 130. In the first reading, comes from the book of Nehemiah, and concerns the reading of the Book of the Law (we assume the Book of Deuteronomy) in the reign of King Josiah to the people of Israel who weep as they hear it, either from sorrow or from joy, or perhaps a mixture of both. The Gospel, from Saint Luke, tells the story of the beginning of Jesus' ministry, and how He reads to the people in the synagogue of his home town, and how He proclaims that His presence fulfils

the prophecy of Isaiah, and by implication, all the promises of the Old Testament.

The Diocesan Directories have arrived, and are available in the sacristy at the price of £5 each.

Mass intentions

Saturday 22 January, 6pm Mary Gallagher RIP
Sunday 23 January, 8.30am: Michael Oliver RIP
Sunday 23 January, 10am: For all parishioners
Sunday 23 January, 11.15am: Stanislaw Szczerbiak RIP
Monday 24 January, 10am: Simon Dixon RIP
Tuesday 25 January, 10am: Sheila Philips RIP
Wednesday 26 January, 10am: Susan Kenny RIP
Thursday 27 January, no Mass.
Friday 28 January, 11am: Funeral Mass of Margaret Heffernan RIP
Saturday 29 January, 10am: Pietro Addis and all the sick.
Saturday 29 January, 6pm: Thanksgiving (C. Lloyd)
Sunday 30 January, 8.30am: Maria Colombotti RIP
Sunday 30 January, 10am: For all parishioners
Sunday 30 January, 11.15am: Shell Delaney

Liturgical Notes

We are now in the Ordinary Time of the year, which continues up until Lent, which this year begins on Wednesday 2 March. In Ordinary Time, the vestments are green, which represents growth. The month of January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus. On days when there is no feast we shall celebrate the Votive Mass of the Holy Name of Jesus.

Monday is the feast of Saint Francis de Sales.

Tuesday is the feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul.

Wednesday is the feast of Saints Timothy and Titus.

Friday is the feast of Saint Thomas Aquinas.

Tuesday is the feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, which marks the end of the Octave of Prayer for Christian unity. It has been the custom since 1908 for all Christians to pray during this week for the unity of Christians. Unfortunately we have not observed this as we might have done here at Saint Peter's, and it would be a good idea to earmark this for next year, when perhaps things such as a joint service with some of the other churches in Hove could be arranged. In addition there is no local ecumenical grouping, which is another shame. This is something for us to think about and work on.

The funeral of Margaret Heffernan RIP takes place this Friday at 11am, which replaces the usual 10am Mass that day. After the burial there is a reception in the Hall which replaces the usual meeting of the Social Club. The coffin will be received into Church on Thursday at 4.30pm, when there will be a brief Vigil service and time for silent prayer and the Rosary.

We have heard the sad news of the death of Kevin O'Connor, at the age of 73, which took place in Worthing Hospital on January 5. Kevin and his wife Aloma were for many years faithful members of this parish. Kevin's funeral will take place on Monday 31st January 2022 at The Chapel, H. D. Tribe Ltd, Shoreham-by-Sea at 2:30pm. Let us pray for the repose of his soul and the comfort of his family at this sad time.

Don't forget Social Dancing at 8pm on Thursdays to which all are welcome. On Friday 4 February, the Social Club will meet and Fr Alexander will give a talk (illustrated, one hopes) about Costa Rica, and what makes the country so special. It will not be very long and it will be light-hearted and recreational.

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. We have bought some new tubs and new boxes for donations.

If you are a reader, a Eucharistic minister, on duty at Mass, please come into the sacristy for prayers before the Mass begins at about seven minutes prior to the start.

Lent is still some way off, but we need to think about it before it begins. The emphasis is as always on prayer, fasting and almsgiving. With this in mind, the first thing to do is to reinstate (at last, and many have asked about this) our Eucharistic Adoration on Saturdays, from after Mass until 4pm. We shall also be having Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings at 7.30pm, as in past years. Other suggestions to

make Lent special are welcome. Further initiatives will be announced in due course.

The Parish team is going to meet on Tuesday 8 February. This meeting is long overdue, thanks to the pandemic. One of the things we will be discussing is the continuing effects of the pandemic on our congregation, and the uses to which we can put our newly refurbished Hall. As you may have seen and heard, the book exchange and the children's toy exchange were both huge successes, and our cake sales have also been successes in the past. The idea is to attract people into the hall, rather than make money or raise funds. One idea under consideration is a table top sale of some nature. If you have any ideas, please do not keep them to yourself.

Our Parish team members include: Vincent Joyce, Jane Noble, Tonia Bolton, Anna Mullins, Kate Williamson, Mary Reeve, Helen Tate, Sonia Miller, Jake Sharpe, Peter Fishenden, Melitsa Bowen.

Purse found outside the church

belonging to a Maria Martinez Jimenez. Please contact the Office for more information.

Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, celebrating the feast of St. Patrick. 14th March 2022. £699.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight with 10kg hand luggage, all transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. Lunches on days out. Wheelchair accessible rooms. Single room supplement £100. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel

Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

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.



Dona contactless giving: Our digital collection plate / contactless machine is in the porch. It is now fully operational so please feel free to try using it should you wish.

Some statistics from Dona thank you for your donations since the launch last October:

- Total Donated £873
- This month £266,
- Average donation £9.09
- Donations Gift Aided 38%
- Number of Donors 48

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

Thinking of driving lessons? Please contact Phil Harris (Bartholomew's Driving School) on 07711 688147.

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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Or just click on the Donate button on the home page.

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