

We do not have any Bidding Prayers at Mass any more, but people have suggested we pray for certain intentions, among which are:

- The people of Tigray Province, Ethiopia, and the wellbeing of Fr Teum Berhe, who is ministering there.
- Peace and reconciliation in the Holy Land.
- Political prisoners in Hong Kong, especially Jimmy Lai.
- The people of India, facing a dire Covid crisis, and the various nations around the world which do not have an adequate supply of vaccines.
- The sick of the parish, and all those who are looking after them.
- All students facing exams at this time of years, all who are teaching them, and their families.
- All people who are facing hardship and unemployment thanks to the pandemic.

If you have any prayer intentions you would like to bring to the notice of the parish, please email them in, or submit them in writing.

Fundraiser Number Five: Hamish Dustagheer, a distinguished young organist, has offered to give an organ recital in aid of the Hall refurbishment. Hamish has been organist at St John's Co-Cathedral, Valetta, and Quarr Abbey, and has also worked at Lancing College, so it will be an honour to have him here on Friday 16 July at 7pm. Please note the date. The concert will be free, and there will be a retiring collection. Drinks will be served afterwards.

Fundraiser Number 6: Jane Noble and our parish musicians are going to put on a concert of choral music in aid of the hall refurbishment. Watch this space for further details.

Anyone got any other talents that they would like to use to raise money for the Hall, or bring people together? While on the topic, when the Hall reopens it will have lots more natural light. This means that on certain occasions we will need blackout curtains for the windows that face due east. Is there anyone in the parish that might like to consider making these for us?

Forthcoming events:

Friday 28 May, 11am: Funeral Mass of Jim McFarlane.
Sunday 6 June, 6pm: Eastern Orthodox Divine Liturgy.
Sunday 13 June, 7pm-8.30pm: Third Session of Confirmation preparation.
Monday 14 June, 8pm: Baptism course.
Thursday 24 June, 7.15pm: Meeting of the Parish team.
Sunday 4 July, 7pm-8.30pm: Fourth Session of Confirmation preparation.
Saturday 10 July, 11am: Walking pilgrimage to Saint Mary de Haura, Shoreham
Friday 16 July, 7pm: Hamish Dustagheer Organ recital.
Sunday 18 July, 7pm-8.30pm: Fifth Session of Confirmation preparation.
Friday 6 August, 1.30pm: Social Club meets.
Saturday 7 August, 7pm: Grand Re-opening of the Hall.



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Find our YouTube channel: search for 'Alexander Lucie-Smith'. Please visit our website which is constantly being updated.

Do take a copy of this newsletter and give it to someone who is staying at home!

This Sunday is the Feast of Pentecost, which celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit on Our Lady, the Apostles, the disciples and the Holy Women, fifty days after the Resurrection and ten days after the Ascension. Today we are having a pastoral letter from the Bishops' Conference rather than a sermon. The first reading is the account of Pentecost from the Acts of the Apostles, which describes the Holy Spirit as being like a mighty wind and like tongues of fire, and which tells of the miracle of each hearing the Apostles in their own language, thus reversing the confusion of languages at

Babel. The Gospel is from Saint John, and explains how Jesus gives the Holy Spirit to the Apostles, enabling them to forgive sins, and, by implication, to celebrate all the sacraments of the Church.

Gatherings out of doors up to a certain number are now allowed. This means we can have coffee on the pavement after the 10am and 11.15am Masses. Mary and Mary are going to be doing this this Sunday. If you wish to have coffee and donate a few pence for the pleasure, the money will go for our Hall refurbishment fund. It is hoped that the sight of happy people enjoying the sunshine (!) after Mass will be a good advertisement for the parish. Would anyone like to undertake this next week?

Mass Intentions

Saturday 22 May 6pm For all parishioners
Sunday 23 May 8.30am Rita Hearn RIP
Sunday 23 May 10am A private intention (MB)
Sunday 23 May 11.15am Bernie Harvey RIP
Monday 24 May 10am Vera Jordan RIP
Tuesday 25 May 10am Private Intention
Wednesday 26 May 10am Bowen family intention
Thursday 27 May No Mass
Friday 28 May 11am Funeral of Jim McFarlane
Saturday 29 May 10am In Thanksgiving
Saturday 29 May 6pm In Thanksgiving
Sunday 30 May 8.30am Giuliana Sussex RIP
Sunday 30 May 10am For all Parishioners
Sunday 30 May 11.15am Thomas Kelly RIP

Liturgical notes

After Pentecost the vestments are usually green, and we enter the ordinary Time of the Church's Liturgy. This week there are a lot of feasts. Monday is the feast of Mary, Mother of the Church. Tuesday is the feast of Saint Bede the Venerable. Wednesday is the feast of Saint Philip Neri. Friday is the feast of the Blessed Margaret Pole, martyr. Saturday is the feast of Saint Paul VI, pope.

The month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin. The Pope has asked all Catholics to recite the Rosary for the intention of the end of the pandemic. We will do so after every weekday Mass on which there is no funeral.

Father Michael and our Eastern

Orthodox brethren will be celebrating the Divine Liturgy on Sunday June 6th at 6pm. This will be the 40th day memorial service of the late Amal Shammas. Let us continue to pray for her soul and the comfort of her children and grandchildren and wider family.

We have heard the sad news of the death of Jim McFarlane, who died at the Martlets Hospice on Tuesday 11 May. Let us pray for the repose of his soul, and the comfort of his widow Dolores and their family. Jim's funeral will take place here at 11am on Friday 28 May. The Requiem Mass will replace the 10am Mass on that day.

Recently one has noticed that Holy Communion is talking a rather long time, thanks to the fact that our congregation is growing back towards pre-Covid levels. While we are not allowed to receive the Precious Blood, nevertheless an Extraordinary Minister of Communion for

the distribution of the Sacred Body would help at Mass. In this context, we have also to note the following from the Diocese: *At the request of one of our Parish Safeguarding Reps we have re-examined with the Safeguarding Commission for the Diocese Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMs) and their eligibility for DBS checks. Those of you who have been involved in Safeguarding over the years, will be aware that the eligibility criteria has changed regarding DBS checks over time. It used to be that everybody who ministered Communion needed a DBS check. As a Diocese we only carry out Enhanced DBS checks on EMs who take communion outside of Church to the sick/housebound/those in care homes. These ministers are considered to be working with vulnerable people and eligible for a DBS check, but not a barred list check. In order to carry out such a check in law there is an expectation that the individual be engaged in this ministry at least 3 times a month to meet the frequency eligibility. In order to continue to comply with this requirement we are writing to ask that if you are using a written 'role description' that this contains wording that states that EMs are willing to carry out this ministry at least 3 times a month. This does not mean that they will all need to do this but that this is the norm. If you do not have a 'role description' then any conversations should make this clear and it is for this reason that they are required to have the correct DBS in place for engaging in this vital ministry. In fact it is highly unlikely an EM would gain access to many of our residential care homes if they did not have a DBS check in place. Whilst updating you all regarding the civil requirements, I am aware this is a formal*

liturgical ministry wherever it is exercised (home, hospital, church etc..) and ultimately it is the Bishop who is responsible for its regulation. The Bishop is obliged (in Canon Law) to ensure that the requirements of civil law are observed (as long as they are not contrary to Divine Law). To avoid the confusion as to who does or does not need a DBS check, in the Letter of Appointment - and there should always be one - it could state quite simply the context in which the individual in question is commissioned to exercise their ministry, i.e., solely within the context of the distribution of Holy Communion during Mass and/or Liturgy of the word, in which case they would not need the DBS, or within the context of taking Communion to the sick and also during Mass and/or liturgy of the word, in which case they would. If the Parish Priest and the minister are agreed on the context of the exercise of the ministry, there will be no doubt as to who does or does not need the check, and any minister who accepts the appointment to take Communion to peoples' homes etc... will accept it on the understanding that they will be required to submit the necessary paperwork for the check to be processed. This information should not change the processing or how many checks are being carried out but seeks to clarify the legal position and that we as a Diocese wish to ensure that only those who have been safely recruited including a DBS check are going out from Church to minister the sacrament to the most Vulnerable. With the above in mind, and conscious that we have not had any EM's for over a year, and that we have no letters of appointment, it seems best to start from scratch. So, over the next few days, if you are an 'existing' EM who wishes to continue, please approach Fr

Alexander, who will tackle the paperwork with you. If you are not an EM and would like to be, either Fr Alexander will ask you to volunteer, or you can mention it to him.

Of our target of £30,000 for the Hall restoration fund, we have raised the further sum of £100 from a very kind single donor, and another further £175 from foot-doctoring and fish and chips, which brings our total to £6,635.42 so far. For updates of progress of the hall refurbishment, please do check out our social media accounts. We will be showing week by week pictures of how things are going.

Fundraiser Number Four: Debbie Forsdyke, who created our stained glass window writes: 'For the next raffle I shall be offering a piece of stained glass, taking inspiration from one of the fish featured in the new window. I shall be creating a painted, leaded, curved panel on a wooden base, suitable for a table or windowsill. The panel is 30x15 cm. excluding the base.' Debbie is aiming to complete the new work by 13 June. When we are able to see it, we will start selling raffle tickets.

The Care Group met on Tuesday 18 May, to discuss the needs of those who are housebound, among others. If there is anyone who we do not know about, please make them known to us. We also discussed the social club, returning in August, and that every Monday, in the 'new' Hall we shall have coffee followed by Tai Chi, open to all.

Offertory Sunday 16 May 2021: = £1,438.05

Gift Aid envelopes: please collect them from the porch.



Parish Notice Board

John Armstrong, the Catholic artist, and our parishioner, who painted the Church sign and the picture of Saint Peter at the back of the Church, has gifted us with a painting, the first perhaps in the UK, of the Blessed Carlo Acutis. We plan to unveil it on Sunday 10 October, which is near to the date that will one day be his feast day.

The Subcommittee on the spiritual life of the parish met on 16 May to consider how we can pray more. One thing that was discussed was the launch of a bereavement group, and also the Bereavement Masses that we have held in the past. These will happen again on Saturday November 6 at noon, to which we will invite by email the families of all those who have died in the last year, and on the last day of the year, Friday 31 December, which will be for all who are bereaved or finding life difficult. Moreover, we also intend to continue with occasional Holy Hours, and with Eucharistic Adoration in Lent and Advent. We also want to promote different spiritualities and methods of prayer, perhaps with monthly themes, as we are

doing this month with the Rosary. We are also going to start Emmaus walks (details will follow). Finally, we thought of doing a pilgrimage on foot to some beautiful a religious spot in Sussex (see below).

On Saturday 10 July, we aim to do a walking pilgrimage to Saint Mary de Haura, the historic and beautiful Church in Shoreham, starting from here at 11am. The walk is an easy hour and half along the coast; the idea is to pray at St Mary's and then picnic on Shoreham Beach, and then return by bus or train. Those not up to the walk can join us there having made the pilgrimage by bus.

Interfaith Prayer:

This prayer hour has been on zoom throughout Covid but finally we plan a face-to-face on July 29th at 7-8pm at St Peter's. Everyone is welcome.

From an email received recently: 'I'd like to express my sincere thanks to you and the members of the congregation who volunteered to welcome at the entrance door and sanitised the pews to maintain the church for a safe place to come for the local people and beyond. Church is the centre and focal point for the local community and St. Peter's has demonstrated this vital image during the lock down period by opening the church. The wise decision of the leadership of the church and the cooperation with the laity has given glory and honour to God and hope and peace in the mind of the people. I had great pleasure to pop in to pray from time to time. May God fulfill His plan through St Peter's in the locality and bless you all each and everyone who belong.' Well done, our cleaners and welcomers!

Our next baptism class will be on Monday 14 June at 8pm. Because the Hall is out of use, it will take place in the Church. If you have a baby to baptise, then you need to see Father Alexander before enrolling on the course, and he will come and visit you at home.

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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.

Those Covid Rules:

- The capacity of the church is 100 people: two people per bench, spaced at one metre apart, and one person per chair. (Families can sit together.) Please spread out as widely as possible and do not bunch together.
- Please check in for track and trace purposes, either electronically or in writing.
- Please sanitise your hands on entry and exit.
- Please observe the one way system: up the middle, down the sides, especially at Holy Communion.
- If you take a newsletter, please take it home with you.
- There is STILL no congregational singing.
- The Church doors are to remain open to ventilate the building.
- Mass is shorter than usual.
- There is no procession of the Gifts to the altar and no passing around of the collection baskets. Your offering will be taken as you leave the Church.
- There is no sign of peace.
- Holy Communion will be received under one kind only.
- Communion must be given silently, avoiding any physical contact.
- Please remove your mask (if wearing one) and gloves to receive Holy Communion.
- As you leave do not to linger in doorways or other 'choke points'.
- Once Mass is over the Church will be closed and cleaned.
- People are urged not to come to the sacristy before and after Mass, unless they are servers or sacristans.

- Face coverings are mandatory for all who are not exempt.
- The Bishops also urge readers to wear disposable gloves.

We are getting lots of passport forms

and other forms to sign. Aisling has kindly taken this on. Please note that forms should be dropped off in office hours only, and all the details need to be filled in before submission for signature or counter-signature and stamping. They will then be handed back to you also during office hours, within a reasonable time. It is not possible to offer a while you wait service. Neither is it possible to countersign identity papers for people who one does not know. With regard to baptism and confirmation certificates, requests are best submitted in writing, with a stamped addressed envelope. Please remember to include as much information as possible, as this makes tracking down the records easier. Dealing with forms does take time, and the parish does not charge for this service, but craves your patience.

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