

Sick Parishioners.

Please pray for Jim McFarlane, Caroline Audy, Margaret Chapman, Vincent O'Rourke, Jim and Valerie Lee, Eileen Banks, Matthew Garcia, Sonia Wall, Dennis Tribe, Rosemary Kilcourse, Liz Perkins, Richard Martin, Sheila Coldicott, Charlotte Essex, Maria Knight.

Please note the Parish Office is now closed to visitors during Lockdown and will only be able to answer any queries by phone or email during revised Office hours (noted at the top of this Newsletter).

We are still collecting donations for the Food Bank. Many thanks for all your donations over Christmas. Please leave your donation in the tub inside the door of the Outer Sacristy. If locked, by the door. A list of most needed items is on the porch noticeboard or on the Parish Facebook page.

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2021 Diocesan Directories now available please contact the Parish Office.

Offertory 17 Jan 2021: £1,110.86

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 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) 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.

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

This Sunday is the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. The vestments are green. For those following in a Missal, the readings are from Year B. The first reading is taken from the prophecy of Jonah, a book in the Bible that is like none other, being a parable rather than an account of actual events. In it we hear of the repentance of the people of Nineveh after they hear the preaching of Jonah. In the Gospel we have Saint Mark's account of the calling of the first four disciples. Just as the people of Nineveh underwent a conversion, so to the disciples were called to change their way of life from fishermen to fishers of men. We too are called to what is known as metanoia, a complete change of our

way of living, in response to the message of Christ.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 23 January 6pm Margot Brown RIP
Sunday 24 January 8.30am For all Parishioners
Sunday 24 January 10am Justin Hooper RIP
Sunday 24 January 11.15am Lily Clothierly RIP
Monday 25 January 10am Madeleine Cockell RIP
Tuesday 26 January 10am GE Brian and Clare McGuigan
Wednesday 27 January 10am Susan Kenny RIP
Thursday 28 January No Mass
Friday 29 January 9.30am Margaret McGoldrick RIP
Saturday 30 January 10am Fr Alexander's intention
Saturday 30 January 6pm GE Higgins family
Sunday 31 January 8.30am For all parishioners
Sunday 31 January 10am For benefactors
Sunday 31 January 11.15am GE McRea family

Note: At present, happily, we have a lot of Mass intentions. They will all be said in due course, so please be patient if your Mass intention seems delayed. Currently we are booked up until February 28. This is a good thing, as it is a sign that we realise that the Mass is the greatest of prayers, being the source and summit of Christian life.

Liturgical Notes.

January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus. This ancient devotion reminds us that Jesus received his name a week after he was born, as was the custom, that is on 1 January. It reminds us that the name Jesus means 'God saves' and the teaching of Saint Paul that "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." (Romans 10:13) Whenever there is no feast, we shall endeavour to celebrate a Votive Mass of the Holy Name of Jesus. Monday is the feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, which marks the conclusion of the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity. Tuesday is the feast of Saints Timothy and Titus, companions of Saint Paul in his missionary labours. Wednesday is the feast of Saint Angela Merici, educationalist and founder of the Ursuline Order.

Brace yourselves! Lent this year begins on 17 February. Avoid 'dry January' and 'Veganuary', be traditional, and save the fasting for Lent. Start thinking now about what you can give up.

We have heard the sad news of the death of Patricia Gregory, who died in The Royal Sussex County Hospital on January 5th, at the age of 62. Her funeral is taking place at Woodvale Crematorium, followed by burial at Hove cemetery, on Friday 29th January at 10.30am. Let us pray for the repose of her soul and for her son Tom who is in Australia and will be following the funeral by webcast. Please note that on Friday Mass will be at 9.30am and not at 10am.

The Hall: As promised more on this topic. We have enough money in the bank in order to start work on the Hall, but at the same time we would also like to do some fundraising in order to offset expenses. Donations made for the Hall can be gift

aided, which is important, but these donations cannot be with strings attached (ie initiatives like 'selling bricks' etc.) If someone gives us a huge donation for the Hall, we would naturally name the Hall after them, though we realise this is unlikely! Rather, as with the stained-glass window, we hope for numerous small donations. On that subject, we certainly cleared the stained-glass debt very rapidly, thanks to your generosity. However, in present circumstances we cannot hold things like cake sales and jumble sales and other community events, firstly because of Covid, and secondly because the Hall itself will soon be out of action. It will be possible, one hopes, to hold some events such as cake sales on the pavement (which belongs to us) after Masses when it is judged OK to have gatherings out of doors, or in other outdoor spaces. In the meantime, we need to think what we could do to raise funds in the present circumstances. All ideas will be received with gratitude. Here are just three: At present it costs £20 per hour to hire the Hall; when the Hall is refurbished, this price will rise. It is proposed to 'sell' hours in the Hall in advance at the current price, which can then be 'redeemed' when the Hall is open once more. One could buy hours for oneself or for others as a present. This would effectively mortgage future hirings, but it would also raise awareness of the project among the wider community. A second idea is a raffle with use of the hall for an evening as a prize. The tickets would be cheap and thus represent a bargain for the winner. Thirdly, once regulations permit, we could hold a sale of talents; a parishioner could offer to bake a cake for a bidder, mow a lawn, polish shoes, clean windows, do an hour gardening, walk a dog etc....We all have some pet hates and this would be a chance to offload chores for a good cause. Any other ideas?

As you will have heard last Sunday, we have been instructed to keep Mass as short as possible which means no music. While music is very important it is not essential. We hope to have music back soon, perhaps for Lent. On the question of the virus, two things need to be said. First, you come to Mass (as with every other activity) having weighed up the risk. Second, we all do our very best to keep the risk to a minimum. These two points sum the situation up (thanks to one of our parishioners, a medical doctor, for pointing them out.)

Please note the following: Because the Church is cold thanks to the doors being open, woolly and other hats may be worn by men and boys, dispensing from the ancient law about men uncovering their heads in Church. Please try and sit somewhere as far away from everyone else as possible!

This year is dedicated to Saint Joseph. Fact Five about Saint Joseph: Saint Joseph is usually portrayed in art as an old man. However, the Bible suggests the opposite, namely that he was young and energetic, protecting the Holy Family from the danger of Herod. It is in keeping with the Biblical evidence to see Saint Joseph as in his twenties when Jesus was born, and thus, when Jesus started his public ministry 30 years later, he would have died some time before, perhaps in his fifties, which was then quite usual. So why is Saint Joseph pictured as an old man? One reason is that the Old Masters like Guido Reni liked to show off their versatility and pictures of Saint Joseph were one of the few occasions for painting an old man, which was considered an accomplishment. In addition, the old and sometimes gnarled Saint Joseph offset the smooth and fresh looks of Our Lady! So, Joseph as an old man is an artistic idea not an historical one.

The Blessed Carlo Acutis said: "I am happy to die because I have lived my life without wasting a minute on those things which do not please God."

The Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church is a handbook of the Catholic faith in manageable form. We are looking at what it says about Prayer in the Christian Life, a very important subject. These extracts are for you to take away with you and ponder over.

572. Why is prayer a "battle"? Prayer is a gift of grace but it always presupposes a determined response on our part because those who pray "battle" against themselves, their surroundings, and especially the Tempter who does all he can to turn them away from prayer. The battle of prayer is inseparable from progress in the spiritual life. We pray as we live because we live as we pray.

573. Are there objections to prayer? Along with erroneous notions of prayer, many think they do not have the time to pray or that praying is useless. Those who pray can be discouraged in the face of difficulties and apparent lack of success. Humility, trust and perseverance are necessary to overcome these obstacles.

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Parish Notice Board

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.

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

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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Caroline's Kitchen – Tel 595922
Caterers for Baptisms, etc. Tel 595922 or carolineriley@carolines-kitchen.co.uk

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Studenthomes.me@hotmail.com

Guitar Lessons- all styles.

Dr James Westbrook Dip. Mus., FLCM, PhD (Music, Cambridge).
jrw84@cam.ac.uk or: 07836 550210
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Marriage Preparation Course

You will need to contact Esther Lyon 01273 698182. www.stpetersbrighton.org

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