

Forthcoming events:

Tuesday 27 July, noon: Funeral Mass of Mary Hanson RIP.
Friday 6 August, 6pm: Holy Hour for the recently deceased and for the bereaved.
Monday 9 August, 7pm: Meeting of the Finance Committee.
Saturday 21 August, 7pm: Grand Re-opening of the Hall.
Saturday 28 August, 7pm: International Dinner.
Sunday 5 September, 7pm-8.30pm: Sixth Session of Confirmation preparation.
Monday 6 September, 8pm: Baptism course.
Friday 25 September, 7pm: Choral concert
Thursday 29 September, 9am: Saint Christopher's School Harvest Festival.
Saturday 9/Sunday 10 October: Exhibition by Society of Catholic Artists.
Sunday October 10, 11.15am: Unveiling of picture of Blessed Carlo Acutis.
Sunday 10 October, 7pm-8.30pm: Seventh Session of Confirmation preparation.
Saturday October 16: start of First Holy Communion programme.
Sunday 17 October, 10am: FHC Enrolment Mass
Saturday 6 November, 9am/11am: FHC
Saturday 6 November, noon: Bereavement Mass.

Offertory collection total Sunday 18 July 2021 = £1,365.55

Retiring collection for Apostleship of the Sea = £227.94



Please leave your donations for the Food Bank in the tub inside the door of the Outer Sacristy. If locked, by the door. Please remember we cannot accept perishable goods, opened packets or out of date food. We have bought some new tubs and boxes for donations.

Bags for Life used by our clients to carry their goods home, also urgently needed.

First Holy Communion begins this

October. Fr Alexander has started visiting all the candidates at home with their parents. Don't miss out! He is looking forward to seeing you all.

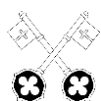
Interfaith Prayer Hour: the monthly prayer hour of our local interfaith group will be held at St Peter's on **Thursday July 29th at 7-8pm.** St Peter's was in fact the agreed venue for of prayer for the whole year but Covid has made that impossible until now and this is the last session for this year.

Our prayer hour is meditative and has contributions from different faith groups and we will reflect on, and pray for, our hopes for the future. Do join us if you can make it.

Sick Parishioners.

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

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

This Sunday is the Seventeenth Sunday of the Year.

The first reading tells of a miracle worked by Elisha, which foreshadows the miracle of Our Lord in the Gospel. In the Gospel we hear the miracle of the loaves and the fishes, where Jesus feeds the immense crowd, moved as he is by compassion. It is interesting to see that he crowd misunderstands the miracle and wants to make Jesus king, not understanding that His kingship is not of this world and that worldly power is the opposite of love.

Our next Baptism Class is on Monday 6 September at 8pm in the refurbished Hall. If you want to enrol, you need to see Father

Alexander first; please email him and he will arrange to come and see you at home.

Once more we are raffling something in aid of the hall. It is a Cuzco style painting of the Madonna, and tickets are £1 each, or £5 for a strip. The draw will be done after Mass this Sunday. Many thanks to the kind donor. Tickets are now on sale and the picture is by the font for you to admire.

The parish office is going to be shut for two weeks from the 27 July, and will reopen on Wednesday 11 August. Fr Alexander plans to be away from Monday 30 August to Friday 3 September inclusive.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 24 July 6pm For all Parishioners
Sunday 25 July 8.30am Michelle Evans RIP
Sunday 25 July 10am For our Benefactors
Sunday 25 July 11.15am Massimo Policari and Rosalia Gizzarelli RIP
Monday 26 July 10am John Donnelly RIP
Tuesday 27 July 10am Funeral of Maura Hanson RIP
Wednesday 28 July Thanksgiving (Sagna family)
Thursday 29 July No Mass
Friday 30 July 10am Guiliana Sussex RIP
Saturday 31 July 10am GE David Gibbons
Saturday 31 July 6pm Maggie Fitzgerald RIP
Sunday 1 August 8.30am For our benefactors
Sunday 1 August 10am For all parishioners
Sunday 1 August 11.15am GE Maureen Monaghan

Statement from the Catholic Bishops of England: On 19 July, the current legislative powers which assist the mitigations against the Covid-19 virus transmission will be rescinded by HM Government.

Nevertheless, there will be an encouragement to personal and corporate responsibility in this area; as the Prime Minister said in his most recent statement “The pandemic is not over.” Even without this legislation in place, the Church in England and Wales will be adopting a cautious approach to capacity and activity within our buildings, especially at corporate acts of worship. Sunday Obligation: We are mindful of the certain fact that the Covid-19 virus is still circulating in society. Vaccines provide genuine protection against the worst effects of the virus, yet we recognise the legitimate fear on the part of some who otherwise desire to gather for Holy Mass. It is our continuing judgement, therefore, that it is not possible at the present time for all of the faithful to attend Mass on a Sunday thus fulfilling their duty to God. It is hoped that it will be possible for all Catholics in England and Wales to fulfil this most important Church precept, that of the Sunday Obligation, by the First Sunday in Advent 2021. In the meantime, all Catholics are asked to do their best to participate in the celebration of the weekly Sunday Mass and to reflect deeply on the centrality of Sunday worship in the life of the Church. In April, following our Plenary Assembly, we offered a reflection on the experience of the extraordinary long months of the pandemic. It was titled The Day of the Lord. We also began to look at the way forward. We spoke about the important invitation to restore the Sunday Mass to its rightful centrality in our lives. We asked for a rekindling in our hearts of a yearning for the Real Presence of the Lord in the Eucharist, as our response to the total, sacrificial love that Jesus has for us. We said: “The Eucharist should be the cause of our deepest joy, our highest manner of offering thanks to God and for seeking his mercy and love. We need to make it the foundation stone of our lives.” May this

continue to be our striving during these coming months as we journey back to the full celebration of our Sunday Mass and our renewed observance of The Day of the Lord.

We have heard the sad news of the death of Maura Hanson, known as Mary, who died in hospital on 8 July at the age of 86. Let us pray for the repose of her soul and the comfort of her family at this very difficult time. Her funeral Mass will take place here at 10am on Tuesday 27 July, followed by burial in Hove Cemetery.

On Friday 6 August the church celebrates the important feast of the **Transfiguration of the Lord**, which seems like a good occasion to have a Holy Hour, given that Saint Peter said at the Transfiguration ‘It is good for us to be here.’ We can use this occasion to pray for the recently deceased and for the bereaved. The Holy Hour will be from 7pm to 8pm, and will include the lighting of candles in memory of the departed. We can do this for any departed soul we have known without time limit, but Fr Alexander will send out a personal invitation via email to all who have celebrated a funeral here this year, of which there have been many. This will be an occasion (there will be others) where your presence will be sign of your sympathy with and standing with the bereaved.

Liturgical notes The month of July is dedicated to the Precious Blood of Christ. On days when there is no feast we will be celebrating a Votive Mass of the Precious Blood. This devotion reminds us of the Passion of Our Lord and of the way we are redeemed through the Precious Blood of the Lamb. The month of August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

- Monday is the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and patron

saints of grandparents. The diocese has sent us some prayer cards. Do please take one home with you.

- Friday is the feast of Saint Peter Chrysologus.
- Saturday is the feast of Saint Ignatius Loyola.

Good news. Our organ recital last week raised £468.10 for the Hall refurbishment fund! Many thanks to all concerned, especially our recitalist, Hamish Dustagheer. In addition, a kind donor in the parish has given us £100, and someone who follows via Facebook us from Rome 100 euros (£83.39), and another kind parishioner has given us a cheque for £500. Many thanks to them as well! We have raised the further sum of £261.65 from the sale of delicious things after Mass last Sunday and a further £55 from the sale of raffle tickets for the Cuzco Madonna. This means that of our target of £30,000 for the Hall restoration fund, our total stands at £11,268.90 so far. Many thanks to all who have helped and donated. 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.

The Parish Finance Committee is meeting on Monday 9 August. As the name suggests, this committee advises the parish priest on financial matters. If you have any concerns which you wish the committee to discuss please make them known to one of the members: Vincent Joyce (treasurer), Eileen Harris, Mary Whitehead or Ruth Meaden-Jones.

The Society of Catholic artists is going to hold an exhibition in the Hall in October, on the weekend of 9/10 October which

coincides with the unveiling of our painting of the Blessed Carlo by John Armstrong.

Dates for your diaries. At present everything is going as planned, and the Hall will be ready in time, so Saturday 21 August is going to be an Open Day when we show off the newly refurbished Hall to all interested parties. We shall aim to advertise this widely, and we shall have tea, coffee, sandwiches, cakes, etc all day to showcase our new facilities. At 7pm on that day we shall have a Grand Reopening, with the mayor of Brighton and Hove as guest of honour; there will be drinks, and His Worship will be serenaded from the gallery by one of our golden voiced parishioners. The following week, on Saturday 28 August, at 7pm, we will be holding our International Dinner in the newly opened Hall. All are invited to bring a dish that best represents their national cuisine, and drinks as well; afterwards there will be music and dancing to Adrian’s disco. Numbers will be limited, so tickets will be sold in advance, but we look forward to having as many as we can squeeze in. (Bear in mind that we will have a larger hall than previously, and an overspill onto the pavement outside.)

Recently we have had some acts of vandalism committed in Church, as well as abusive behaviour. It is important to all of us not to tolerate such things, which not only disrupt the prayerful atmosphere we wish to create, but is also intimidating to many. It would be a great shame if we were to have to close the Church when it is not being used for Mass because of this, and that is the last thing we want to do. It would be a particular shame to close the Church, whose atmosphere so many enjoy, just because of the behaviour of one person. Do please be aware of this when visiting the Church, and be vigilant. And please continue visiting ‘out of hours’.



Parish Notice Board

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Manager. If you're looking for help decluttering and organising your home, business or photographs please contact Nicola Austin on 07747798858 or nicola@lifeoflibra.com

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.

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.

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

Counselling Service

Contact Lara who is experienced with counselling people with substance abuse, sexual abuse, bereavement, couple counselling. Tel 07787 555168
<http://www.larasmith.co.uk>

Caroline's Kitchen – Tel 595922

Caterers for Baptisms, etc. Tel 595922 or carolineriley@carolines-kitchen.co.uk

Financial Adviser - Nick Lee

He would be delighted to help anyone with their Mortgage, Pension and Investment needs. You can contact him on 07500 660492 nicklee@pebble-financial.co.uk

Host Families needed

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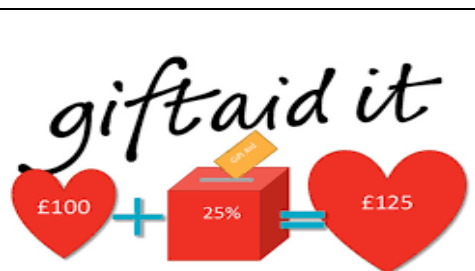
Marriage Preparation Course

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

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.

Redundant iPads and Laptops are desperately needed by the Gatwick Detainees' Welfare Group. An IT company has agreed to 'clean' devices to remove any data. These devices can enable a person whether in detention or after release, to help themselves; to access classes for speakers of other languages, to communicate with friends, family, our staff, their volunteer visitor and to access resources such as Food Banks and to join our post detention services. Contact Josie at: josiewade@gdwg.org.uk.



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.