

Forthcoming Events

Saturday 25 February, 9.15am-10.45am: First Holy Communion
Saturday 25 February, noon: reception of the ashes of Rosemary Richards RIP
Sunday 26 February, after 10am/11.30am Mass: Martlets Choir in the Hall.
Tuesday 28 February, 9am: Burial of Dennis John Geary RIP at Hove Cemetery.
Wed 1 March: feast of Saint David.
Thursday 2 March, 8pm: Social Dancing.
Friday 3 March: Cafod family fast day.
Friday 3 March, 1.30pm: Social Club – Quadrophrenia.
Friday 3 March, 7pm: Stations of the Cross.
Sunday 5 March: Second collection for earthquake victims.
Monday 6 March, 8pm: Baptism course.
Friday 10 March: Visit of Bishop Richard to the deanery.
Friday 10 March, 7pm: Stations of the Cross
Saturday 11 March, 9.15am-10.45am: First Holy Communion
Tuesday 14 March, 8pm: Meeting of the Acutis Group.
Friday 17 March: feast of Saint Patrick.
Friday 17 March, 7pm: Stations of the Cross
Saturday 18 March, 9.15am-10.45am: First Holy Communion
Saturday 18 March, 7pm: Choirs and musicians celebration.
Sunday March 19: Table Top Sale.
Monday 20 March: feast of Saint Joseph.
Friday 24 March, 7pm: Stations of the Cross

Saturday 25 March, 9.15am-10.45am: First Holy Communion
Friday 31 March, 7pm: Stations of the Cross
Saturday/ Sunday, 1 and 2 April: Palm Sunday Great Spring Book Exchange
Easter Sunday 9 April: First Holy Communion
Saturday/Sunday 15/16 April: Appeal by the Comboni Missionaries.
Friday 21 April, 7.30pm: Meeting of Deanery with Bishop Richard.
Tuesday 25 April: Meeting of the Finance Committee.
Saturday 6 May: Coronation Day.
Sunday 7 May: Mass of Thanksgiving with Te Deum followed by Syrian lunch in the Hall.
Monday 8 May: Coronation Tea Dance.
Sunday 2 July, 3pm: Confirmations at Arundel Cathedral.

If you miss Mass on a Sunday morning, and this does sometimes happen, remember that there is Mass in Portuguese at 5pm on Sundays, and the Brazilian and Portuguese community is always happy to welcome visitors.

Many thanks for the further donations for the Ukraine appeal. We have sent £100 to the DEC Appeal, which brings our parish giving so far up to £3,845.50

Dona machine is now working again thank you for your patience.

Offertory Collection Sun 19 Feb 2023 = £1,424.23

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Diocesan Shrine of the Blessed

Carlo Acutis.



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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'. We are doing a virtual Walking Tour Through the Bible, starting with the Book of Genesis, in bite size chunks. We are now at the prophet Isaiah. Please visit our website which is constantly being updated.

This Sunday is the First Sunday of Lent.

The prayers and readings for today can be found in the yellow books on page 151. The first reading is from the book of Genesis and is the story of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, and how they disobey God by eating the forbidden fruit, tempted to do so by the cunning serpent. The Gospel is from Saint Matthew, and is the story of Jesus' temptation in the wilderness, and how he overcomes the cunning of the Devil. So, what was lost in Adam is regained in Christ. The three temptations are to greed for material things (symbolised by bread), to vainglory or showing off (symbolised by throwing oneself off the Temple and being rescued), and to power and domination of others (symbolised by all the kingdoms of the world).

- Eucharistic Prayer One is on page 18
- Eucharistic Prayer Two is on page 25
- Eucharistic Prayer Three is on page 28

Children's Liturgy takes place at the

10am Mass. It is for children from year minus 1 to First Holy Communion age. Children and parents who wish to take part will be called up after the Gloria and Opening Prayer, and will then process into the Hall. They will return for the Offertory. Children's Liturgy is every Sunday, irrespective of school holidays, except in the months of April, August and December.

On the benches this Sunday please find

the envelopes for the Cafod Family Fast Day, scheduled for Friday 3 March. You can put money in the envelopes and then place the envelope in the collection basket in due course. However, the money is only really one part of it. If you go without food in solidarity with those who are in need, this is greatly educational for adults and for children; then put the money 'saved' in the envelope. This will be an important lesson to us all of our own abundance and excess, in strong contrast to the privation which many people feel every day the world over.

This Friday, and every Friday of Lent,

there will be Stations of the Cross at 7pm. This Friday we will concentrate on the first four stations. That is:

1. Jesus is condemned to death
2. Jesus takes up his Cross
3. Jesus falls the first time
4. Jesus meets his Mother.

This Sunday the Martlets Choir will be serenading us in the Hall after the 10am and 11.30am Masses. Once more a hat will be put out to raise money for the Hospice, a

very worthy local charity. Do please go in and have coffee.

Mass intentions

Saturday 25 February, 6pm: GE Fr Jerry O'Brien (UCM int)
Sunday 26 February, 8.30am: WPLS intention
Sunday 26 February, 10am: For all parishioners
Sunday 26 February, 11.30am: Hedyie Allahuiran Zadeh RIP
Monday 27 February, 10am: Giuliana Sussex RIP
Tuesday 28 February, 10am: WPLS intention
Wednesday 1 March, 10am: GE Mark Nugent
Friday 3 March, 12 noon: Requiem Mass for Barbara Rozario RIP
Saturday 4 March, 6pm: A private intention
Sunday 5 March, 8.30am: Dennis Leo Driscoll RIP
Sunday 6 March, 10am: For all parishioners
Sunday 6 March, 11.30am: Hedyie Allahuiran Zadeh RIP

In Lent, Confessions are heard after Mass each weekday, that is, starting at 10.30am, and every Saturday before the evening Mass, from 5.15 to 5.45pm.

Liturgical notes

Wednesday is the feast of Saint David, bishop, patron saint of Wales. No Lenten penance on this day.

In the season of Lent, the Church's liturgy is deliberately sober. The vestments are purple, the colour of penitence, on the weekdays and Sundays of Lent. The Gloria is omitted. There is no Alleluia. The organ is used only to support the singing, except on Laetare Sunday, the fourth Sunday of Lent,

when Hamish will play at the 6pm Mass. There are no flowers on the altar.

The funeral Mass of Barbara Rozario RIP, formerly of Mortimer Road, Hove, BN3, who died on the 15 February 2023 at the Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton, at the age of 87, will be celebrated here on Friday 3 March 2023 at 12 noon, followed by her committal at Woodvale Crematorium at circa 1.30 pm. This will replace the 10am Mass on that day. Let us continue to pray for the repose of Barbara's soul, and for the comfort of her family.

We have heard the sad news of the death of Rosemary Richards, which occurred in Bournemouth on 1 January, and whose daughter is Belinda Formosa. Rosemary was for many years a parishioner here and her ashes will be received into Church at noon on Saturday 25 February. Let us pray for the repose of her soul and for the comfort of her family and friends.

How is your Lent going so far? Have you got a plan? Lent means:

- Fasting: this means going without some food or drink; it can mean denying yourself something that you spent too much time on, such as television, the internet, screen or sleep.
- Almsgiving: don't forget our foodbank, the collection for Lenten alms on Sunday 5 March which will be for the earthquake victim in Syria, and the Cafod Family Fast day on 3 March.
- Prayer: the best prayer is attendance at Mass on Sundays and during the week. In addition, we will have the Stations of the Cross on Fridays. One can pray at home or privately, by saying the Rosary, and meditating on the Scriptures.
- Penance: Go to Confession.

Social Dancing takes place on

Thursdays in the Hall, starting at 8pm. Do come and join in the fun! Suitable for all ages, 19-99. The social Club meets in the Hall at 1.30pm on Fridays. This Friday we are going to be watching the cult classic film *Quadrophrenia*, which dates from 1979 and which is set in Brighton in 1964 and deals with the clashes between the Mods and the Rockers. This film 'contains adult themes' as they say, and 'strong language' along with violence and other things, so please be aware of this. It is a great film, but you have been warned.

Syria and Turkey: We have already donated £1,000 to the Cafod appeal for the earthquake victims. The retiring collection on Sunday March 5, our Lenten alms, will be for the same cause. Apparently, the government in Syria is refusing charitable donations from abroad, so we are looking into how to make a donation to those in need in Syria in particular. The best way seems to be to donate the collection to Mary's Meals, a charity that works in Aleppo already and which is currently providing food to those in need there.

Roof news: Adrian Egan and his team have put special sealant on the brick work that is exposed to the south winds and rains, which we hope will solve the problem.

Electric news. We have had the estimate from the electrician and asked him to go ahead with the work of renewing the lighting in the Narthex, the link corridor and the Presbytery kitchen. Also to be repaired is one of the lights in the yard area between Hall and sacristy. One feels confident that this will greatly enhance all four environments.

On Saturday 18 March at 7pm we will

hold a social event for our musicians, with proper wine from Quaff and food. Spouses and children of drinking age are invited, and there will be soft drinks for children on non-drinking age. In addition, all music lovers and those who like singing are invited. We shall eat, drink, be merry, and have a singalong of some very well-loved songs. And if that goes well, if you are not a member of the choir, you will be invited to join. The choir members have been primed to invite you!

On Sunday 19 March it is our Table Top

Sale in the Hall; it runs from 8.30am to lunchtime. This is not a money making exercise, but an opportunity for willing buyers and willing sellers in the community to come together. Last time there were lots of lovely things on sale, so please put the date in your diary. If you want a table, it is £5 for a small one and £7 for a large one. Place the money in an envelope with your name on, and that it is for the Table Top sale, and place it through the letter box of the presbytery, with your contact details if you want receipt to be acknowledged. The table money will be donated to the appeal for the Syrian/Turkish earthquake.

It was most encouraging that we had full

Churches for Mass at 10am on Ash Wednesday and for the evening Liturgy of the Word. It was very good to see people taking time off work to come in the morning one, and to see the number of children in the evening one. In addition, there were lots of confessions in both the morning and evening sessions. A great start to Lent. Let us remember where all this is headed, namely, the three most important days of the Church's Year, the Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. More about these three important days next week.

Parish Notice Board

Confirmation: Easter Sunday falls on 9 April this year. Our confirmation course will be on Sunday nights starting on Low Sunday and lasting until half term. This is for those in Year Ten. The dates are 16, 23, 30 April and 7, 14, 21 May. Please note those dates and if you are interested, please make your interest known via email to Fr Alexander. In 2023, all confirmations are taking place in Arundel Cathedral. We have been assigned the date of Sunday July 2, at 3pm.

If you miss Mass on a Sunday morning, and this does sometimes happen, remember that there is Mass in Portuguese at 5pm on Sundays, and the Brazilian and Portuguese community is always happy to welcome visitors.

Please remember, if you have need of a baptism certificate, a confirmation certificate, or a marriage certificate, the email address you need to use is as follows: SaintPeterArchives@gmail.com

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Deep Waters Sunday lunches, organised by Wellspring Community, for students & young adults. Every 1st & 3rd Sunday of the mass after 11am mass (around 12pm) outside St Joseph's. It is a great opportunity to meet & have fellowship with other like minded young adults & students.

We are collecting donations for the Food Bank. Please leave your donation (in date items only please) in the tub inside the door of the Outer Sacristy. If locked, by the door.

Oncology yoga course aimed at supporting cancer patients, no matter where they are on their journey. Learn how to improve your body functions, provide a container for your emotions and become excited about your healing. Course runs at The Tree of Life on Fridays 16.00-17.00. Call Eva on 07962 505782 for more information.

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

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.

What is the 200 Club? This was set up initially twenty years ago to raise money for the parish Link construction between church and hall, and when that was paid off we kept the 200 Club going to support the charities which the parishioners voted for. It now supports two charities selected by our parishioners, namely **Reaching the Unreached** <https://www.rtu.org.uk/>, and **Sussex Nightstop**

www.sussexnightstop.org.uk
Information about these charities is available at the back of the church and on our notice boards in the Link.

How it works? Sign up for £52 per year for a chance to win a bi-monthly draw payable annually, half yearly or quarterly. 1st prize is £200, 2nd prize is £90 and third prize is £50, all the while your money is helping others. We are looking for new members, so please do get in touch with the Parish office if you wish to join.



Thank you for your offertory donations via the Dona device

If you are an existing Gift Aid donor, you still need to opt-in for Gift Aid on this system – it is not linked to the envelope or standing order system.

You can also donate directly to St Peter's via the Dona donations webpage on our website at <http://www.stpeters-hove.org.uk/donations/>

Or just click on the Donate button on the home page and follow the instructions. To date the parish has donated £4,999.75, £9.61 is the average donation and you have chosen to gift aid 41% of your donations, thank you!

SVP England & Wales Tower House provides sociable lunches and more for older people in Brighton & Hove. Tuesdays we host a memory café providing support, snacks and activities for people with dementia and their carers. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday join us for lunch, visit our pop-up or take part in art and activities. To book contact us on towerhouse@svp.org.uk or 01273 549604

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