

Sick Parishioners

Please pray for; Jim McFarlane, Caroline Audy, Margaret Chapman, Vincent O' Rourke, Jim and Valerie Lee, Eileen Banks, Matthew Garcia, Beverley Coughlan, Sonia Wall, Dennis Tribe, Rosemary Kilcourse, Adrian Van Twest.

Parish Events

Monday 27 January, 1pm: Funeral of Gillian Faulkner, Woodvale Crematorium.
Tuesday 28 January, 12 noon: Funeral Mass of Richard Hitchens
Thursday 30 January: Years 6 and R Reconciliation at Cottesmore
Friday 31 January, 1.30pm: Social Club Film, 'Brooklyn'.
Friday 31 January, 7.30pm: Musicians' party
Saturday 8 February, 9-10.30am/11-12.30am First Holy Communion.
Sunday February 9, 7-8.15pm: Confirmation session 4.
Tuesday 11 February, 10am: Our Lady of Lourdes/World Day of the Sick, healing Mass.
Friday 14th February, 7pm: Junior Choir party
Saturday/Sunday 22/23 February: Apostolate of Adoration visit.
Wednesday 26 February: Lent begins.
Tuesday 21 April, 8pm: Baptism course, Upper Room.

Thank you - Old Books for Books

Abroad: I think I have almost 5,000 books now so I have enough now, thank everyone for all your donations. Bernie Harvey.

UCM: meeting in the hall 29 January at 7.30pm, this week its New Recipies.

Social Dancing in the hall this Thursday. All are welcome!

Thursday mornings Scripture

Reflection: 10am all welcome.

From the Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church: 284. Does the breaking of the bread divide Christ? The breaking of the bread does not divide Christ. He is present whole and entire in each of the eucharistic species and in each of their parts.

285. How long does the presence of Christ last in the Eucharist? The presence of Christ continues in the Eucharist as long as the eucharistic species subsist.

286. What kind of worship is due to the sacrament of the Eucharist? The worship due to the sacrament of the Eucharist, whether during the celebration of the Mass or outside it, is the worship of latria, that is, the adoration given to God alone. The Church guards with the greatest care Hosts that have been consecrated. She brings them to the sick and to other persons who find it impossible to participate at Mass. She also presents them for the solemn adoration of the faithful and she bears them in processions. The Church encourages the faithful to make frequent visits to adore the Blessed Sacrament reserved in the tabernacle.

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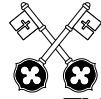
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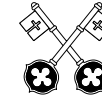
Collection Sunday 19 December, £1, 531.

St. Peter's Catholic Church Portland Road Hove BN3 5GD



26 January 2020

Third Sunday of the Year.



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Mass intentions this week:

Saturday 25 January 6pm Holy Souls
Sunday 26 January 8.30am Holy Souls
Sunday 26 January 10am For all parishioners
Sunday 26 January 11.15am Holy Souls
Monday 27 January 10am Susan Kenny RIP
Tuesday 28 January 12 noon Funeral Mass of Richard Hitchens RIP
Wednesday 29 January 10am Anthony Lim RIP
Thursday 30 January No Mass
Friday 31 January 10am GE Sister Mary Teresa
Saturday 1 February 10am Canon Brendan MacCarthy RIP
Saturday 1 February 6pm Michael Green RIP
Sunday 2 February 8.30am For all parishioners
Sunday 2 February 10am Josie Keating RIP
Sunday 2 February 11.15am Jimmy O'Meara RIP

This Sunday is the Third Sunday of the Year. Today the Bishop has sent us a pastoral message about lectio divina, which is reproduced in the newsletter. There are also leaflets for you to take home with you. This Sunday has been designated Word of God Sunday, a day on which we are encouraged to commit to a deeper knowledge of Scripture.

In today's Gospel the first four apostles are called by the Lord to leave their nets and boats and to become fishers of men rather than fishermen. Saint Matthew, echoing the prophecy of Isaiah, which is the first reading, sees the preaching of Jesus as a great light dawning. Jesus' proclamation is very simple: 'Repent, for the Kingdom of heaven is close at hand!' This means that He calls us all to a change of life. We are to leave old ways behind and embrace a new way of living, in faith, in hope and in charity.

Next Sunday is the feast of the Presentation of the Lord, which marks the occasion, forty days after Christmas, when Joseph and Mary took the Child Jesus up to the Temple to be presented to the Lord. On this day candles are blessed. We will provide candles, of course, but you can bring your own, which you can then take home with you afterwards.

Confessions are heard every Saturday morning, from 10.30 to 11.15am.

Fr Paul Martin who celebrated all Sunday Masses earlier this month said he very much enjoyed coming to Hove and particularly liked the music at our Masses. He also remarked on the generosity of the congregation, and sends his thanks.

We have received the sad news of the death of Richard Hitchens which took place in hospital on 28th December. Richard had been living in the Adelaide Nursing Home where he was visited by Claire Gwynne and Father Alexander. He had recently received the Sacrament of the Sick. For many years he was a keen member of the congregation at Saint Mary Magdalene's. His funeral Mass is at Saint Peter's on Tuesday 28th January at 12 noon. This will replace the 10am Mass on that day. Let us pray for the repose of his soul and the comfort of his friends and family.

The diocese has informed up of the sad passing of Canon Brendan MacCarthy. He was born on 15 January 1932 and ordained to the Priesthood on 17 June 1956. He served in the following parishes: Dockhead, Bermondsey, Portslade, Knaphill, Horley and Hersham. He retired in 2017 and died on 10 January 2020. His funeral will take place at Christ the Prince of Peace, Portmore Way, Weybridge KT13 8JD. The Vigil Mass will be on Thursday 30 January 2020 at 8pm and the Funeral Mass on Friday 31 January 2020 at 12 noon. May he rest in peace, and may the Lord reward him for all his hard work! If anyone wishes to go, please advise Fr Alexander.

We have also heard the sad news of the death of Gillian Elizabeth Faulkner, who lived at Alexandra Court, St Peter's Close, and who died on the 5 January 2020 at home, aged 80 years old. She had received the Sacrament of the Sick and the Apostolic Pardon on the same day. Her funeral will be held at Woodvale Crematorium (North Chapel) on Monday 27th January 2020 at 1pm. May she rest in peace, and let us pray for the comfort of her family.

Pastoral Message for the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, 26th January 2020, Sunday of The Word of God

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, In his recent letter *Aperuit illis* Pope Francis has designated today as **The Sunday of the Word of God**. This day takes on a particular significance for us this year here in England & Wales, as we reflect very particularly on the theme: "The God Who Speaks."

The Scriptures are, of course, central to our lives. Our reading and reflection on the inspired texts of Old and New Testaments enable us to encounter the God Who is love; Who sustains His people on their pilgrim way; Who is always faithful to us even when we go our own way; Who calls us back to Him and Who sends His Son, the Word made flesh, to dwell amongst us, to suffer and die for us and enable us to find new life through His resurrection. It is in the Scriptures that we read the account of the early Church as those who first responded to Jesus' call, through their encounter with the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, began the Mission that we continue today.

The practice of *Lectio Divina* has been spreading in the Diocese in recent years and renewed copies of the leaflet outlining this way of prayer are available in parishes today. Join me in your encounter with the Word Who is Life through this way of prayer.

During this year, we shall have particular opportunities to join with our brothers and sisters in England & Wales in our celebration of "The God Who Speaks", notably at the Corpus Christi Celebration at Arundel Cathedral and – most especially for our school communities – at the Good Shepherd Celebration and the Secondary Schools' Pilgrimage to Arundel.

May we all deepen our experience of God's love for us as we read the Scriptures and hear them proclaimed in our Liturgy, that we may be formed by the Word for the Mission to which we are called. With every Blessing,

Bishop Richard Moth

Liturgical notes:

Tuesday is the feast of Saint Thomas Aquinas.
Friday is the feast of Saint John Bosco.
January is the month dedicated to the Most Holy Name of Jesus.

The next baptism course is going to be after Easter and will take place on Tuesday 21 April in the Upper Room. (Note the change of venue.) Parents who have a child to baptise need to see Fr Alexander in advance, so he can come round and see you at home beforehand.

Please remember the following points about the Hall. All booking enquiries are to be addressed to Jo Chamberlain, our manager. Her contact details are as follows: Tel 01273 204439 after 3.30 pm or email at stpetershallbn3@gmail.com Hall and Church users are urged to park their cars in strict keeping with the law, and not to block pavements.

Our Social Club meets in the Hall this Friday at 1.30pm. We will be watching the superb film *Brooklyn*, rescheduled from last week, which is the interesting and moving story of a young Irish woman leaving her homeland and settling in New York in the late 1950's, based on the best-selling novel by Colm Toibin. All are welcome and please bring along all your friends. Tea, coffee, cake and other refreshments will be served at half time.

Tuesday 11 February is the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, and is designated World Day of the Sick, a day of prayer for all those who are unwell. At the 10am Mass that day we will be praying for the sick, and celebrating the Anointing of the Sick. Anyone who is unwell is invited to come along, and you are invited to make this known to

anyone you know who is in need of healing. Needless to say, the Sacrament of the Sick can be celebrated at other times too on request.

During this week's Parish Finance Committee meeting, the importance of the poor box (by St Anthony's statue) was highlighted and especially the generosity of the Parishioners. Many people have been helped by the proceeds of the poor box and should you know of anyone in desperate need of assistance, please let Fr Alexander know.

Evening of prayer for the separated, divorced & remarried: The diocese is holding an afternoon of welcome, listening, conversation & afternoon tea for the Separated, Divorced and Remarried. This event will be held at St John the Evangelist parish in Horsham on Sunday 23 February at 3pm and will conclude with the celebration of Evening Prayer. Please respond to Katherine Bergin on Katherine.Bergin@abdiocese.org.uk to assist with catering.

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.

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