

Recently we have noticed certain anti-social acts in the Church and Hall:

someone trying to steal from the shop, and being caught in the act, and someone throwing whole rolls of paper down the lavatory pan which can lead to blockages. In addition someone has stolen the plug and lead for the Dona machine, which can be of no benefit to anyone, but is very inconvenient for us. And, of course, over the Jubilee weekend, the Church was graffitied, now removed, thankfully. Let us all keep an eye out and protect our Church!

Many thanks to our benefactors who

have helped out recently with various problems in the Church and the house. Ronie dos Santos very kindly fixed the leak in the Presbytery that occurred on the day of his daughter's First Holy Communion; and Michael Maguire lent his expertise about the Church lighting which means that it is improved in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel: where but one light out of five shone, four are now working! Many thanks to them, and all our benefactors.

If you are a reader, a Eucharistic minister,

on duty at Mass, please come into the sacristy for prayers before the Mass begins at about seven minutes prior to the start.

We are collecting donations for the Food

Bank. Please leave your donation in the tub inside the door of the Outer Sacristy. If locked, by the door

Offertory:

Offertory collection Sunday 19 June 2022. = £1,728.48.
2nd collection 'Day For Life' = £195.14

200 Club May Winners: Congratulations to £50 – John Rogers, £90 – J Johnson, £200 – B Gallagher.

What is the 200 Club? The 200 Club 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

1. Reaching the Unreached
<https://www.rtu.org.uk/>,
2. 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 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 to join, so please do get in touch with the Parish office if you wish to join.

Forthcoming Events

Thursday 30 June, 8pm: Social dancing.
Friday 1 July, 1.30pm: Social Club – Anna Lin on My Life as a Beauty Queen.
Wednesday 27 July, 7pm: Feast of Saint Charbel celebration.
Monday 12 September, 8pm: Baptism course.
Sunday 18 September: Stewardship Sunday I
Sunday 25 September: Stewardship Sunday II
Sunday 25 September, 3pm: Aneesa Chaudhry concert.
Sunday 2 October: Stewardship Sunday III
Sunday 8/9 October: collection for Lepra.

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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. We are currently on the Book of Psalms. Please visit our website which is constantly being updated. Do ask to join our WhatsApp group.

This Sunday is the Thirteenth Sunday of

the year, and we are back to our green vestments, the colour that represents spiritual growth. The prayers and readings are on page 102 of the maroon books. The first reading comes from the First Book of the Kings and is an account of how Elisha is called to follow Elijah the prophet, whose successor he eventually becomes. In the Gospel, taken from Saint Luke, Jesus encounters various people who are called to follow Him, and it is clear that this vocation to become a disciple involves giving up

rather a lot. These readings invite us to reflect on what it means to be a disciple of Christ, in other words, a Christian.

This Sunday the annual collection for Peter's Pence takes place after all Masses. This is your chance to help defray the running costs of the Holy See. This collection is taken in every Catholic Church in the world.

This Wednesday we celebrate the solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, which is a Holy Day of Obligation, to be treated like a Sunday in importance, and is also our patronal feast. Mass is at 10am.

Next Sunday, 3 July, Stefano our Pizza Man, who has his pitch at the corner of Portland and Shelley Roads, is doing a fundraiser for Ukraine. All pizzas are £8, all monies for the Ukraine DEC appeal. Spread the word! The offer is from 11am-5pm.

Mass intentions

Saturday 25 June, 6pm: Angela Dangerfield RIP
Sunday 26 June, 8.30am: Holy Souls
Sunday 26 June, 10am: For all parishioners
Sunday 26 June, 11.15am: GE TFR Lucie-Smith
Monday 27 June, 10am: GE Rita Blackall (birthday)
Tuesday 28 June, 10am: GE Alex Gibbons
Wednesday 29 June, 10am: Available
Thursday 30 June, No Mass
Friday 1 July, 10am: Available
Saturday 2 July, 10am: Available
Saturday 2 July, 6pm: Available
Sunday 3 July, 8.30am: Antonietta Nicotra RIP
Sunday 3 July, 10am: For all parishioners
Sunday 3 July 11.30am: Stanislaw Szczerbiak RIP (birthday)

Liturgical notes

We are in the season of Ordinary Time, when the vestments are green. The month of June is the month dedicated to the Sacred Heart. The month of July is dedicated to the precious Blood of Our Lord.

- Monday is the feast of Saint Cyril of Alexandria, bishop and doctor of the Church.
- Tuesday is the feast of Saint Irenaeus, bishop and martyr.
- Wednesday is the feast of Saints Peter and Paul.
- Friday is the feast of the Consecration of Arundel Cathedral.
- Saturday is the feast of Saint Oliver Plunkett, bishop and martyr.

Your time to time reminder on Mass

intentions. The Mass is a sacrifice, offered on Calvary, by Jesus Christ, for the salvation of all. Thus, every Mass is offered for all the living and all the dead, as is made explicit in the Eucharistic prayer. As a part of this, the priest can offer the Mass for a named individual, living or dead, at the request of the faithful, and for doing this, it is customary to offer the priest a stipend, which in this diocese is suggested to be in the region of £10. This is in keeping with tradition whereby the person who requests the Mass intention undertakes to provide for the upkeep of the priest for that day. The stipend is supposed to be the equivalent of a square meal. Priests in this diocese do not draw a salary but live off the stipends they receive, chief of which are the Christmas and Easter offerings. The list of intentions is published in the newsletter to encourage prayer for that intention and to remind people that the Mass is an efficacious sacrifice; RIP signifies 'requiescat in pace', rest in peace, in other words that the person has died. GE signifies 'good estate', in other words we are praying for the welfare of someone who is alive.

Sometimes the intention is just marked 'a private intention'. If someone has died, and you request a Mass for them, you can send their family and friends a Mass card, which is signed by the priest as a sign that you have requested a Mass for the repose of the deceased's soul. These are available in our shop. Incidentally, every week, as laid down by canon law, one Mass is said for 'all our parishioners'.

Do please remember that we have an electronic collection basket in the church porch called Dona. It is easy to use with a credit or debit card. One can also pay for items bought in the shop in this way.

Our next baptism course is on Monday 12 September at 8pm in the Hall. If you have a baby to baptise, please see Fr Alexander who will come and see you at home, before inviting you on the course.

The Social Club meets on Friday 1 July at 1.30pm, when Anna Lin will talk about her career as a beauty queen, which is sure to be enthralling.

First Holy Communion is now over. Many thanks to Jane and her team for ensuring everything went so smoothly. Jane is now retiring from the fray after many years of dedicated hard work, for which we are all grateful. Next year there will be three courses, one each term. The first course is going to be on Saturday mornings from 10th September to 26th November inclusive (but not the two Saturdays that fall within the half term holiday). Each session will be from 9.15am to 10.45am. First Holy Communion will be celebrated on Advent Sunday, which falls on Sunday 27 November, at the 11.15am Mass. Numbers are limited. If you wish for a place for your child (and this course is for children accompanied by at least one parent), then please get in contact with Fr Alexander by email as soon as

possible. There are still a few places left. In January another course will begin; and a further course will take place in the summer term. If you are interested in these later course, please register your interest now.

Thoughts about Stewardship III

Administration is a pretty boring topic, but huge swathes of the population are involved in 'admin' of one sort or the other. You may remember from the Bible that King Solomon's wisdom was manifested in the way he administered his Kingdom so well. He had lots of horses and they were all fed on time: 'Solomon had four thousand stalls for his twelve thousand chariot horses. These commissaries, one for each month, provided food for King Solomon and for all the guests at the royal table. They left nothing unprovided. For the chariot horses and draft animals also, each brought his quota of barley and straw to the required place.' (1 Kings 5:6-8) That must have been some feat of organisation. Here at Saint Peter's there is a lot to do with regard to admin. Naturally, we must pay our bills, and that is taken care of by our treasurer Vincent. We also have to count and bank the collections, which, pre-Covid, was done by a team of volunteers. There is also the question of dealing with Gift Aid, and the monitoring of electronic donations and transactions. Our treasurer oversees the accounts. We are subject to auditing, and our health and safety measures are also audited; indeed, if we fail with regard to health and safety our building can be closed down. Likewise, we are under statutory obligations with regard to child and vulnerable adult safety. This means there is a lot of stuff to be done. Another challenge is record keeping, which is also checked up by the dean on a regular basis. We have to keep registers of baptisms, confirmations, weddings and funerals. We get frequent requests for certificates of one sort or the other. This falls to our parish secretary, but

could easily be taken over by some willing helper, who could become parish archivist. Apart from all this, are all the people getting in touch by letter, email or phone, sometimes up to thirty or forty a day, with various requests, on a wide variety of topics, some of which are way beyond our remit, but all of which have to be dealt with. We aim to reply to everyone, though in some cases, with certain correspondents, this is not always possible. On top of this are all the things we should be doing, but which often get pushed to the back of the queue, such as ordering things like candles, arranging for the window cleaner to come, and so on. There is no realistic prospect of this burden of admin being reduced any time soon, so what can we do to make things run more smoothly, and above all to spread the burden which currently falls rather heavily on a small team?

The Finance Committee met recently to discuss the finances of the parish, which are reasonably healthy. The refurbished Hall is bringing in a significant income which will help defray the outlay of refurbishment. We are looking to clean the guttering of the Church, Hall and house very soon. This job needs to be done, and we are awaiting estimates. We also discussed the lighting of the Church, and what can be done about it, and how long the current system will survive. We have one estimate for renewal of the system, which is in the region of £18,000; it may be best to live with the system as is until the whole thing can be overhauled from scratch. The lighting in the link corridor and the narthex is independent of the rest of the Church lighting, and can be redone relatively easily, and this will need to be looked at, as so many of the bulbs are dead. We also need to look at the pointing of various exterior walls. In addition we are aiming to review certain charitable payments we have made to individuals.



Parish Notice Board

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

Deep Waters Sunday lunches are back, 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.

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bereavement, couple counselling. Tel 07787 555168.

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