

## Forthcoming Events

Saturday 25 March, 9.15am-10.45am: First Holy Communion
Thursday 30 March, 8pm: Social Dancing.
Friday 31 March, 1.30pm: Social Club.
Friday 31 March, 7pm: Stations of the Cross
Saturday/ Sunday, 1 and 2 April: Palm Sunday Great Spring Book Exchange
Tuesday 4 April, 11am: Church Cleaners' Thank You Party
Holy Thursday 6 April, 8pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper, followed by watching at the Altar of Repose until midnight.
Good Friday 7 April, 12 noon, Stations of the Cross for families; 3pm: Liturgy of the Passion.
Holy Saturday, 8 April, 8pm: Easter Vigil.
Easter Sunday 9 April: First Holy Communion
Friday 14 April, 10:30am: Funeral of Veronica Lloyd RIP (at Saint Theresa's)
Saturday/Sunday 15/16 April: Appeal by the Comboni Missionaries.
Sunday 16 April, 7pm-8.30pm: Confirmation.
Friday 21 April, 7.30pm: Meeting of Deanery with Bishop Richard.
Sunday 23 April, 7pm-8.30pm: Confirmation.
Tuesday 25 April, 3.45pm to 5.15pm: First Holy Communion.
Tuesday 25 April: Meeting of the Finance Committee.
Sunday 30 April, 7pm-8.30pm: Confirmation.
Tuesday 2 May, 3.45pm to 5.15pm: First Holy Communion.
Saturday 6 May: Coronation Day.
Sunday 7 May: Mass of Thanksgiving with Te Deum followed by Syrian lunch in the Hall.

Sunday 7 May, 7pm-8.30pm: No Confirmation, Bank Holiday weekend.
Monday 8 May: Coronation Tea Dance.
Tuesday 9 May, 3.45pm to 5.15pm: First Holy Communion.
Sunday 14 May, 7pm-8.30pm: Confirmation.
Tuesday 16 May, 3.45pm to 5.15pm: First Holy Communion.
Sunday 21 May, 7pm-8.30pm: No Confirmation, Duke of Edinburgh weekend.
Tuesday 23 May, 3.45pm to 5.15pm: First Holy Communion.

**Door news:** the new doors are ready and will be installed shortly. We are very much hoping this will be before Easter.

**Electric news:** Mark our electrician has been hard at work renewing the lighting in the Narthex, the Link, the yard and the presbytery kitchen. We hope you notice the difference and like it!

**The Bishops of England and Wales** have said that we may return to our normal practice of administering the Chalice to the lay faithful from Holy Thursday. If someone does not wish to receive from the Chalice, they may receive Holy Communion by receiving the Sacred Host alone, but receiving the Precious Blood is a more complete sign of Holy Communion. We anticipate that there will be one minister with the chalice at the left hand side and another at the right hand side of the altar step, and that this will be sufficient for the time being. If you are an Extraordinary Minister, we need to hear from you! Even if you have been dormant since before the pandemic..... More on this in weeks to come.

**Offertory collection** Sun 19 March 2023 = £1,607.

## St Peter's Catholic Church

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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 beginning the prophet Jeremiah. Please visit our website which is constantly being updated.

### This Sunday is the Fifth Sunday of Lent.

The prayers and readings for today can be found in the yellow books on page 170. The first reading is from the prophecy of Ezekiel in which God promises to raise the people of Israel from their graves and to restore them to their own land. The Gospel is from Saint John and is the story of the raising of Lazarus.

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

**Many thanks to all who helped with the Table Top sale** in the Hall last Sunday. Not only did the stall holders donate to the

Syrian Earthquake to hire their tables, but some even donated their takings. In addition, they were all happy with the response, so this is an important community endeavour, which greatly helps our Church. Remember: name recognition, footfall, sales. We have donated £204 to the DEC Syria earthquake appeal, which included some money raised by the Social Club.

### 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.

### This Friday, and every Friday of Lent,

there will be Stations of the Cross at 7pm. This Friday we will be doing all the Stations, from one through to fourteen. It will last, as usual, about 25 minutes.

### Next Sunday is Palm Sunday,

so please note the following. All Masses start in the Hall with the proclamation of the Gospel of the Lord's entry into Jerusalem and then the blessing of Palms and the procession. As in past years, please bring your own palm or green branch, and even better bring some for those who do not have gardens. In addition we need readers for the Passion, two 'extra' at each Mass so we can have the Passion read by three voices: Priest - Synangoga/Narrator, and Others. There will be a list in the sacristy. Please do not hold back.

### Next Sunday is also the Great Spring

**Book Exchange.** Yes, it is time for a really good clear out of preloved books of all types and a great opportunity to pick up some really nice books too. No money changes

hands: just bring your books, place them on the tables in the Hall, and then take anything you like. The Hall will be open and ready for your books (and palms, see above) from 5.30pm on Saturday and all morning on Sunday.

### Mass intentions

Sat 25 March, 6pm: Angela Crowley RIP
Sunday 26 March, 8.30am: For all parishioners
Sunday 26 March, 10am: Eileen dalla Mura RIP, Month's Mind Mass
Sunday 26 March, 11.30am: SF Agbro family (in thanksgiving)
Mon 27 March, 10am: Giuliana Sussex RIP
Tuesday 28 March, 10am: WPLS intention
Wednesday 29 March, 10am: Giuliana Sussex RIP
Friday 31 March, 10am: Giuliana Sussex RIP
Saturday 1 April, 6pm: WPLS intention
Sunday 2 April, 8.30am: For all parishioners
Sunday 2 April, 10am: For our benefactors and donors
Sunday 2 April, 11.30am: GE Bill and Anne Murphy

**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.

**We have heard the sad news of the death of Gerald Meaden**, which occurred on Saturday 18 March, in hospital. He was 78 years old. Let us pray for the repose of his soul and for his family at this sad and difficult time for them. His funeral arrangements will be announced in due course.

**The funeral of Veronica Lloyd** will take place at Saint Theresa's at 10:30am, on Friday 14 April.

### Liturgical notes

There are no feasts this week, which is the Fifth Week of Lent. Next week is Holy Week.

- Holy Thursday, April 6, when we commemorate the Last Supper, the giving of the Eucharist, the foundation of the priesthood, and the call to serve. Mass is at 8pm, followed by silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at the Altar of Repose until midnight.

**WITNESS the last Supper and WATCH with Our Lord on the eve of His Passion in the Garden of Gethsemane.**

- Good Friday, April 7, the day of the suffering and death of Jesus on the Cross. Stations of the Cross at 12 noon for children and families. The Liturgy of the Passion is at 3pm, the hour at which Our Lord died. **STAND at the foot of the Cross.**

- Holy Saturday, April 8, our day of waiting at the tomb of Our Lord, which concludes with the Easter Vigil, which begins at 8pm, at which we celebrate the Resurrection and renew our baptismal promises. On Easter Sunday, April 9, Mass is at 8.30, 10am and 11.30am, and we will renew our baptismal promises at each one.

**RENEW your baptismal commitment on the day of the Resurrection.**

**WITNESS, WATCH, STAND, RENEW.** Are you able to invite someone to one or other or more of the Easter ceremonies? The Watching at the Altar of Repose, where you can breeze in for 15 minutes or so of peace and quiet in the silence of the night, or the

family Stations of the Cross (which lasts 25 minutes or so) might be just the thing that someone who does not normally go to Church might like. Again, the Mass of the Lord's Supper and the Good Friday Passion Liturgy might also be just the thing for someone who feels the day is important, but does not really know why they think this. There may be people who would love to be invited to Church, and are just waiting for the invitation....

**Stand by! We are having a little thank you party for our dedicated band of Church Cleaners** on Tuesday 4th April at 11am. The Church always looks good, and this does not happen by magic.... and we all want to show how grateful we are!

**Congratulations to our First Holy Communion Group** who made their first Confessions this Saturday. The First Holy Communion themselves will be on Easter Sunday, and in one case on the third Sunday of Easter. Let us pray for *Lucas Ryan, Michael Reeve, Millie Finley, Anthony Vivas, Georgina Colley, Ada Whisker, Mirolla Adjouri, Ella Shoglu, Olive Bradley, Rose Mullans and Eva Zakikhani.* Meanwhile the next course starts on Tuesday 25 April at 3.45pm.

**National Adult Education Charity**, the WEA are running 'Getting Ready for ESOL' in our Church Hall. (ESOL means English for speakers of other languages.) The course will run from 21st April to the 4th August. 3-hour sessions every Friday morning from 09.30 - 12.30 with our lovely tutor Alice. The course will better prepare learners for a City & Guilds accredited ESOL course to run in September 2023 for the new academic year. Do please spread the word about this to those who might be interested and do not necessarily see this notice.

**Sylvia, our indefatigable coffee maker** on Sunday mornings, is taking a bit of a break. Would anyone else like to step up to the plate and help out? You do not have to undertake this alone, by the way.

**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 31 March we are going to watch the 1962 retro cult classic *On the Beat* which stars Norman Wisdom. All are invited.

**From Last week: Bishop Richard** met with the priests of the deanery on Friday 10 March. The subject of the meeting was the pastoral plan, which essentially means the reorganisation of parishes and Mass times throughout the deanery. On Tuesday 14 March the deanery priests met at their usual meeting to consider what Bishop Richard had said, and that evening the Acutis Group met to consider this further. The Bishop foresees that the whole of Hove and Southwick will form a single parish with a central administrative hub by the year 2025, and we should all prepare ourselves for this by working closely with other parishes. One thing this will involve is a change to Mass times, and getting used to thinking of ourselves as a joint mission area rather than single parishes. Moreover, we need to think about how we can invite people to Church, rather than just maintaining our present structures, which, from a practical point of view, are hard to maintain, and the maintenance of which may not be the best way of promoting the Church's mission in the first place. On Friday 21 April, after Easter, Bishop Richard will hold a meeting with the parish priests and with their leadership teams, which is our case means the Acutis Group, and with the various heads of local Catholic schools, for further discussion of the pastoral plan.

## Parish Notice Board

**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](http://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. 1<sup>st</sup> prize is £200, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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**Confirmation: Easter Sunday falls on 9 April** next year. Many thanks to all those who have registered their interest. 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](mailto: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.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**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](mailto: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.



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