

### Sick Parishioners.

Please pray for Caroline Audy, Margaret Chapman, Jim and Valerie Lee, Vincent O' Rourke, Dennis Tribe, Rosemary Kilcourse, Liz Perkins, Richard Martin, Sheila Coldicott, Margaret Heffernan, Eric Mee. redeem before 26th September 2021

**Interfaith Prayer Hour:** Our next Interfaith Prayer Hour will be at 7pm Thursday September 30 at St Peter's. This is a quiet, reflective hour: everybody is welcome so please come along if you can.

**Experienced Cleaner** required for the hall, no more than 5 hours a week required, if interested please contact Fr Alexander.



Donate with Dona

### Dona contactless giving:

You can now donate directly to St Peter's via the Dona donations webpage on our website if you wish to donate that way, at the following link <http://www.stpeters-hove.org.uk/donations/> Or just click on the Donate button on the home page.

Many other churches have started using Dona and have found it very successful. You may have noticed our digital plate /contactless machine is in situ in the porch but remains switched off until we have a proper power source, hopefully we will have this next week. In the meantime feel free to donate using Dona through our website as mentioned above. Please look out for further announcements.

### Offertory Collection:

Sunday 12 September 2021- £1,392.6.

### Forthcoming events:

Sunday 3 October, 6pm: Eastern Orthodox Liturgy.
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
Monday 1 November, 8pm: Baptism Course.
Saturday 6 November, 9am/11am: FHC
Saturday 6 November, noon: Bereavement Mass.
Sunday 14 November, 7pm, Confirmation rehearsal
Saturday 20 November, 3pm Confirmation Mass
Friday 31 December, noon: Bereavement Mass.

### Counselling Service

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

**Thinking of driving lessons?** Please contact Phil Harris (Bartholomew's Driving School) on 07711 688147.

### Professional Organiser & Photo

**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](mailto:nicola@lifeoflibra.com)

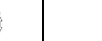
### St Peter's Catholic Church

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26 September 2021



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

### This Sunday is the Twenty-Sixth

**Sunday of the Year**, and the readings can be found in the blue Mass books on page 138. The first reading is from the Book of Numbers, and recounts the incident where God gives his Spirit to the elders who are assisting Moses in his leadership of the Chosen People. The passage foreshadows the pouring out of the Holy Spirit on the whole human race, and invites us to think of the various gifts of the Spirit that we were given at our Confirmation. In the second reading, again taken from the Letter of Saint James, the saint denounces the rich for their meanness and greed and

the way they have deprived the workers of their just wages, for which they will be punished. In the Gospel, we have a collection of sayings of Our Lord, some of which will be very familiar, others less so. The first of these cautions us to remember that anyone who does something in Jesus' name is not to be dissuaded from doing so, for whoever is not against us is for us.

**Last Sunday the cake and other goodies** stall made £144.70. This means the running total for the Hall is now £15,431.32. Once more very many thanks to all who helped and contributed in any way. This Sunday after the 10am and 11.15am Masses we have a special sale of goods by Luigi and Fabiana, who are specialists in Italian cake and pastry making, and who are raising money for Cruse, the bereavement charity, and in particular for its work with parents who have lost children. This is of course a charity that does good work and which we want to support. Luigi and Fabiana are doing this in memory of their baby daughter, Chloe, who they lost last year.

### We have had our most recent Baptism

course, and the next one will be on Monday 1 November in (we hope) the newly refurbished Hall at 8pm. Currently every Sunday is booked up for Baptisms until the second Sunday of the month of November. Anyone who wants to enrol on the course is invited to contact Father Alexander, who will come and see them at home.

**This Sunday is the second of four census** Sundays. The congregation will be counted as you leave Mass. Please let the clickers see you as you do so, and so not distract them in their very challenging task. Last Sunday the figures were as follows:

6pm 52; 8.30am 46; 10am 115; 11.15am 88. That makes a total of 301 spread over four Masses. Let us see how the figures pan out over the next few weeks, but, as is immediately apparent, our numbers are just over half what they were before the pandemic, when our average congregation was 550 on census Sunday. We have, as the pandemic comes to its long drawn out close, tried to encourage people to come back to Church, and we will need to think of what else we can do to try and build up our numbers again. Incidentally, the figure of just over half of what it was before seems to be fairly typical, according to anecdotal evidence from other churches.

### Mass Intentions

Saturday 25 September 6pm Frances Raimondo RIP
Sunday 26 September 8.30am For all Parishioners
Sunday 26 September 10am For our Benefactors
Sunday 26 September 11.15am Maria McCarthy RIP
Monday 27 September 10am Canon Cyril Murtagh RIP
Tuesday 28 September 10am Kay Doyle, recently deceased
Wednesday 29 September Michael O'Connell, recently deceased
Thursday 30 September No Mass
Friday 1 October 10am GE Mr and Mrs Christides
Saturday 2 October 10am For our benefactors
Saturday 2 October 6pm Danny Harrington RIP
Sunday 3 October 8.30am Margot Brown RIP
Sunday 3 October 10am For all parishioners

Sunday 3 October 11.15am Baby Chloe

**On Sunday 3 October**, our brethren from the Eastern Orthodox Church, led by Abouna Michel, will be celebrating the Divine Liturgy at 6pm.

### Liturgical notes

**The month of October** is dedicated to prayer for the Missions of the Church and it is also the month of the Holy Rosary. On days when there is no feast we shall celebrate the Mass for the Progress of Peoples, or the Evangelisation of Peoples, or for persecuted Christians. Because it is the month of the Holy Rosary we shall say the Rosary after every weekday mass when there is no funeral.

**Monday** is the feast of Saint Vincent de Paul.

**Tuesday** is the feast of Saint Wenceslaus, martyr.

**Wednesday** is the feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, archangels.

**Thursday** is the feast of Saint Jerome.

**Friday** is the feast of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus.

**Saturday** is the feast of the Holy Guardian Angels.

**The Platinum Jubilee Action Committee** has now been embodied in the persons of Eileen Harris, MBE, her daughter Trish, Wendy Wallis, Milad Albadin, Melitza Bowen, Bill and Michelle, Jo Chamberlain and Janice Sagna. We will be meeting soon.

**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. We have bought some new tubs and new boxes for donations. Thank you so much for your support, there seems to be an ever growing demand for this service.

**How to Pray the Rosary - Do please pick up a leaflet at the back of the Church on How to Pray the Rosary**, which we have reprinted in preparation for October, month of the Rosary. The idea of the leaflet is that it makes an ideal gift to someone who may be unsure of how to use their Rosary beads.

*In addition, at the back of the Church we have more Novenas to the Blessed Carlo Acutis, whose picture we will be unveiling soon on Sunday 10 October, the day which will eventually be his feast day. Now is the time to make this novena once more. In addition, we have a supply of holy pictures/prayer cards.*

**We have a consignment of Rosary beads** on order for distribution on Rosary Sunday which this year falls on Sunday 3 October. You may remember these rosary beads from previous years; they are inexpensive, and they are a wonderful reminder of the usefulness of prayer.

**Grandparents' Groups:** Within the Diocese we have several active grandparent groups who gather to pray for their grandchildren and to share the highs and lows of this stage of life. Remember when you joined toddler groups when your children were young, to find likeminded people and unlimited support? It's a bit like that, chat over issues such as how to help your Grandchildren without upsetting your

own children...or their spouse!! How to pass on your faith and find strength in praying about it all together. If you are interested in joining or creating a group in your parish please do contact Katherine Bergin at Katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk

**Fr Alexander writes:** It is always a pleasure to go out walking and bump into our parishioners either in George Street or on the seafront, which are the two most likely places to meet people. Recently I walked past the Chabad House in the Upper Drive, just below Cottesmore, and there was the Rabbi building his succoth, and we had a long conversation about matters of mutual interest. The Chabad, as you may know, is an organisation that promotes the understanding of Jewish life amongst both Jews and non-Jews. Succoth are tabernacles or booths, built for the Feast of Tabernacles, when Jews sleep out in the garden or open air to recall their time of forty years in the desert. The Rabbi told me two things which I pass on. Firstly, that his advice to the goyim is 'Be good Christians!' And that if Britain were a truly Christian country it would be so nice, as it would mean you need never lock your door as no one would ever dream of stealing. He also said he was shocked and saddened by the way so many people did not seem to have any understanding of their presumed Christian heritage. He was of the position that the watering down of tradition was a very bad thing indeed. All this, one feels, gives us plenty to think on. We need to look at our Jewish brethren and learn from them. It is not the first time that I have thought this. When the Hall is up and running we shall perhaps invite the Rabbi over to meet up with us.



### Parish Notice Board

**Lady Cleaner..** Available to work for single ladies and families in Brighton, services include deep cleaning, ironing, dressmaking and alterations. 16 years experience and references available on request. Please contact me on tel. 07909 309422 or email [ageoroshi@live.com](mailto:ageoroshi@live.com)

**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](mailto:josiewade@gdwg.org.uk). <http://www.larasmith.co.uk>

**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.

### Caroline's Kitchen – Tel 595922

Caterers for Baptisms, etc. Tel 595922 or [carolineriley@carolines-kitchen.co.uk](mailto: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](mailto:nicklee@pebble-financial.co.uk)

### Host Families needed

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