

Forthcoming Events

Tuesday 1 March, 11am: Funeral service of Neus Mackay RIP
Wednesday March 2: Lent begins.
Thursday 3 March, 8pm: Social Dancing.
Friday 4 March, 1.30pm: Social Club
Friday 4 March, 7.30pm: Stations of the Cross.
Saturday 5 March, 9-10.30am: Sacrament of Reconciliation Preparation and Service (9am Group)
Saturday 5 March, 4.45pm: Catechism for Older Children I
Sunday 6 March, 9.30-1pm: Table Top Sale in the Hall.
Sunday 6 March, 6pm: Choir Supper.
Monday 7 March, 11am: Funeral Mass for Jeanie Ryan RIP.
Friday 11 March, 7.30pm: Fish and Chips for Altar servers.
Saturday 12 March, 10am: Requiem Mass for Stephanie Fromholz RIP
Saturday 12 March, 11- 12.30pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation Preparation and Service (11am Group)
Saturday 12 March, 4.45pm: Catechism for Older Children II
Saturday 19 March, 4.45pm: Catechism for Older Children III
Monday 28 March, 8pm: Baptism Course
Saturday 26 March, 4.45pm: Catechism for Older Children IV
Saturday 2 April, 9.00 - 10.30am/11 - 12.30pm: FHC
Saturday 2 April, 4.45pm: Catechism for Older Children V
Sunday 3 April, 10am: FHC Mass
Monday 4 April, 7.45pm: Jubilee Action Committee meets.
Saturday 9 April, 4.45pm: Catechism for Older Children VI
Sunday 10 April: Palm Sunday

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 or find out more

 towerhouse@svp.org.uk

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Offertory Collections:

Offertory collection Sunday 20 February 2022. = £1,153.77.

Sunday 13 February 2022 = £1,257.99

Donations for the Food Bank. please leave your donation in the tub inside the door of the Outer Sacristy. If locked, by the door.

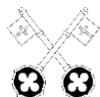
Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, celebrating the feast of St. Patrick. 14th March 2022. £699.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight with 10kg hand luggage, all transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. Lunches on days out. Wheelchair accessible rooms. Single room supplement £100. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

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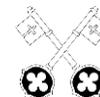
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Follow us on Twitter @HoveSaint Join us on Facebook: search for 'Saint Peter's, Hove'. Find our YouTube channel: search for 'Alexander Lucie-Smith'. Right now we are doing a virtual Walking Tour Through the Bible, starting with the Book of Genesis, in bite size chunks. We are currently on the Book of Job. Please visit our website which is constantly being updated. Do ask to join our WhatsApp group.

This Sunday is the Eighth Sunday of the Year. The readings and prayers for this day can be found in the purple books on page 145. The first reading comes from the Book of Ecclesiasticus. In it the author cautions us against loose or harmful words and warns us that our conversation reveals our character. The Gospel passage, taken from Saint Luke, warns us against hypocrisy, pointing out that our words and actions should be coherent.

This Sunday, back by popular demand, Retro Ralph will be in the Hall after the

11.15am Mass. Do come and enjoy yourself before Lent begins!

Lent begins on Wednesday. Mass with the imposition of Ashes is at 10am. The prayers and readings for Ash Wednesday can be found on page 149 of the purple books. There is a service with imposition of Ashes at Cottesmore at 2pm.

There will be Confessions after each weekday Mass in Lent, as well as the usual confessions on Saturdays.

On Friday Stations of the Cross are at 7.30pm.

On Saturday the children are making their First Confessions, from 9.30am to 11am. Fr Carl Davis will be in attendance to help. **The daily Mass will be at 9am**, please note. Eucharistic Adoration will start at noon, and continue until 4pm.

On Saturday at 4.45pm, Catechism classes begin for older children and last for one hour.

Next Sunday, we are having a Table Top sale all morning in the Hall. This was advertised in the local Facebook page and received an overwhelming response from people wanting to sell things. We will have twelve tables in all, so please do go in and look and buy some stuff, most of which is handmade, locally crafted and so on. The sellers are paying £5 or £3 depending on the size of their table; but this is not a money-making exercise but rather a way of increasing footfall in our parish, and sharing our parish Hall with the local community. In theological terms it is a 'Courtyard of the Gentiles' initiative. The Temple of Jerusalem had a space open to all, and our Hall is the equivalent.

Mass intentions

Saturday 26 February, 6pm: Bernie Harvey RIP (R Green)
Sunday 27 February, 8.30am: For all parishioners
Sunday 27 February, 10am: Margaret Heffernan RIP (R Green)
Sunday 27 February, 11.15am: GE Ralph and Sylvia Morrison
Monday 28 February, 10am: Elizabeth Murphy RIP
Tuesday 1 March, 10am: GE Culhane family
Wednesday 2 March, 10am: Jane Ann Paula Cook RIP
Thursday 3 March, no Mass.
Friday 4 March, 10am: Holy Souls
Saturday 5 March, 9am: Giuliana Sussex RIP
Saturday 5 March, 6pm: Bernie Harvey RIP (R Green)
Sunday 6 March, 8.30am: For all parishioners
Sunday 6 March, 10am: Holy Souls
Sunday 6 March, 11.15am: For our benefactors

Liturgical Notes

Lent begins on Wednesday and is forty days of preparation for the feast of Easter, recalling the forty years the Children of Israel spent in the desert, journeying towards to Promised Land, and the forty days Our Lord spent in the desert before His public ministry. Lent is a time of fasting, prayer and almsgiving. Ash Wednesday is, in addition, a day of abstaining from meat. During Lent, the vestments are purple, which is the colour of penance. There are no flowers in Church and the organ is only used to sustain the singing. In Lent one can give something up, usually

smoking, sugar, meat, chocolate, or some other luxury food. This is good and to be encouraged. One can also take something up, such as daily Mass, the Rosary, the Stations of the Cross, or some other form of private prayer. Again, this is good and to be encouraged. Perhaps a third idea is to join in some community event or become involved in some parish activity, as a way of building up the community of the Church. Monday is the feast of Saint David, patron saint of Wales. Friday is the memorial of Saint Casimir.

We have finally got hold of the texts (in Italian) for the Votive Mass of Blessed Carlo Acutis, and we shall celebrate this on Tuesday 2 March, just before Lent begins. In addition, you may notice that we have rearranged things in the Shrine Chapel. We have commissioned some Holy Pictures, and some display boards as well.

You are warmly invited to a Lenten Retreat Day led by the monks of Worth Abbey based in Brighton. Venue: St Martha's Convent, Rottingdean. Date: Saturday March 12. Time: 10am – 3pm. Bring your own lunch. Teas and Coffees provided. Donations on the day to St. Martha's. Please book your place(s) via brightonmonks@worth.org.uk

The funeral service of Neus Mackay will be here on Tuesday March 1 at 11am, followed by burial in Hove Cemetery. (Please note the change of time.)

Stephanie Fromholz RIP will be remembered at a Requiem Mass here on Saturday 12 March at 10am, at which we will commend her ashes for burial.

We have heard the sad news of the death of Jeanie Ryan, which happened on Friday 18 February, at the Lindridge Nursing Home. Jeanie died on the eve of her 89th birthday. She had received the Sacrament of the Sick and the Apostolic Pardon. May she rest in peace. Let us pray for the repose of her soul and the comfort of her family at this sad time. Her funeral Mass will take place here at 11am on Monday 7 March, to be followed by burial at Woodingdean. This will replace to 10am Mass on that day.

Did you know that the diocese has a recently ordained priest, Father Tristan Cranfield, who is stationed at Guildford, who is fluent in Classical Arabic, which he studied at Oxford University? He also spent a year in Cairo as part of his studies. Father Tristan has been invited to come here to celebrate Mass in honour of Saint Charbel on Wednesday 27 July at 7pm, in Arabic, after which we can have a gathering in the Hall to rejoice in the memory of this great Saint and miracle worker. (Saint Charbel's feast this year is on a Sunday, hence the transfer to midweek.) It is a long way ahead, but please note the date now.

Are there any more young persons from Year 10 or above who wishes to be Confirmed? If so, please get in touch with Fr Alexander, by email. The bishop is provisionally scheduled to be coming here to confer the Sacrament on Saturday 28 May at 11.30am. We have thirteen candidates so far, and have room for more. Given the constraints of time, thanks to the aftermath of Covid, it is proposed to run a compressed five session course on Sunday evenings in Eastertide, that is to say, starting Sunday 24 April through to Sunday 22 May, every Sunday at 7pm. The deadline for registration is the evening of Palm Sunday, 10 April.

Don't forget Social Dancing at 8pm on Thursdays to which all are welcome. On Fridays the Social Club meets in the Hall at 1.30pm to which all are invited.

Our next Baptism Course will be on Monday 28 March at 8pm in the Hall. If you have a baby to baptise, please get in touch with Fr Alexander who will come and see you at home before the course begins.

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.

Some Thoughts on Children's Liturgy [part one]

Children's liturgy is sometimes hailed as "the answer" for Catholic parents who are keen to take their children to Church but unsure of the best way to approach it. However, there is another (dare I suggest it, better!) way... As Mum to 3 children under 5, I wanted three things for my young children:

To know what was happening during the Mass was special and different

To feel at home in church

To know themselves loved by God through the love of their Church family – our parish community

We thought if we gave them that much, they would always be happy to come to Mass and they could learn anything else they needed later. We lived in a parish which offered Children's Liturgy, but we weren't convinced that taking them out of church during the Mass was going to help us to achieve any of these three aims, so we set about approaching it a different way. Nowadays I often attend Mass with my three year old nephew and we still approach it the same way. [to be continued]



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.

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

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.



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Statistics from Dona thank you for your donations since the launch last October:

- Total Donated £1,119
- Donations Gift Aided 45%
- Number of Donors 53
- Average donation £9.17

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

Parish Notice Board

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.

Deep Waters Sunday lunches are back, organised by Wellspring Community, for students & young adults. It will be every 1st & 3rd Sunday of the mass after 11am mass (around 12pm) outside St Joseph's. We will gather after mass before going into the kitchen through the back gate to have lunch together. It is a great opportunity to meet & have fellowship with other like minded young adults & students. Starting February 20th.

Lenten Reflection for young adults (18-35) Saturday 12 March 10am – 4pm. To book contact lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.oeg.uk

Counselling Service

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