

Message from Susi & Kim, Co-leaders, Brighton and Hove Community Sponsorship

We have set up a community group in Brighton and Hove to resettle a refugee family in our city. We're contacting you to let you know about the work we are doing, and would love to have the support of your faith organisation and your congregation. Although we have a dedicated group of volunteers, we can't do this alone, and the support of the community in Brighton and Hove will be vital, not only to resettle a family but also to ensure their wellbeing in the long term.

Volunteers We have a small, core team and are looking for new members who would like to be instrumental in the resettlement process, from gathering information about local schools and benefits to apply to the Home Office, to helping to raise money. This will also include the people who will support the family when they arrive - from language interpretation to filling out benefit application forms. Anyone who would like to help us - can get in touch on email or via our website.

Fundraising - We need to raise a minimum of £9,000 (likely to be a lot more to cover the cost of living in Brighton and Hove and the growing costs of living more generally). We plan to do this through donations, community fundraising, events, and hopefully grants. We would love any support from your organisation to fundraise for our group and support our work.

Accommodation - We need to find a self-contained property that can be rented to the family for a minimum of two years at the local housing allowance rate.

A note - -The work of our group cannot feel more timely than now, during the conflict in Ukraine. We are currently focused on resettling one of the 500,000 families who were recently displaced from their homes in Afghanistan. Community sponsorship is also being discussed as a way to resettle Ukrainian families, you can find out more on

Reset's website, the charity which supports community sponsorship groups in the UK <https://resetuk.org/>

More information - Visit our website: www.brightonhovecs.com or respond on email brightonhovecs@gmail.com

Forthcoming Events

Monday 28 March, 8pm: Baptism Course
Thursday 24 March, 8pm: Social Dancing.
Friday 1 April, 1.30pm: Social Club - Clive and his accordion.
Friday 1 April, 1.30pm: Funeral of Louis Soopraya at Woodvale.
Friday 1 April, 7.30pm: Taizé service.
Saturday 2 April, 9.00 - 10.30am/11 - 12.30pm: FHC
Saturday 2 April, 1-4pm: Eucharistic Adoration
Saturday 2 April, 2-4pm: Wanda's Cake Sale for Ukraine, at Worcester Villas.
Saturday 2 April, 4.45pm: Catechism for Older Children IV
Saturday 2 April/Sunday 3 April: Retiring Collection for Easter flowers at all Masses.
Sunday 3 April: Book Exchange all morning.
Sunday 3 April, 10am: FHC Mass
Monday 4 April, 7.45pm: Jubilee Action Committee meets.
Wednesday 6 April, 10.45am: Funeral service of Angela Crowley RIP
Saturday 9 April, 4.45pm: Catechism for Older Children V
Sunday 10 April: Palm Sunday
Sunday 10 April, 3pm: Reconciliation service, Saint George's.

Offertory Collection Sunday 20 March = £1,554.95

St Peter's Catholic Church Diocesan Shrine of the Blessed Carlo Acutis.

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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 Fourth Sunday of Lent, known as Laetare Sunday, which marks the more than half way point on our journey to Easter. The readings and prayers for this day can be found in the purple books on page 169. The first reading comes from the Book of Joshua, and is the account of the arrival of the Children of Israel in the Promised Land. The Gospel passage, taken from Saint Luke, is the parable of the Prodigal Son, with which we are all familiar, but which may still surprise us on rereading it. Why does the younger son want to leave home so much, given that he has a loving father, and

everything he could possibly want? Why do some people reject God and His Love? When he comes home in desperation, why does the younger son say he wants to be a servant and not a son any more? Why is the elder son so angry when his father is generous? Is he right to be annoyed at the thought of all that family property swallowed up by the younger brother's profligacy and never to be replaced?

The relic of the Blessed Carlo has arrived in the parish. This is a first class relic and consists of a few particles of his hair. In addition, we also have six second class relics, all tiny, particles of his clothing, and of his original coffin and its lining. The relic is essentially a reminder of the Blessed who is now in heaven, and that he was once among us on earth, but is close to us through intercession. The relic will not be fixed to any part of the shrine chapel but will be kept in a safe place and brought out for veneration on suitable occasions, such as, for example, the feast, but on other days as well. The relic can also be venerated on request. In addition, the relic can be brought to those who are ill, either in hospital or at home, at their request. To mark the arrival of the relic in the parish, it will be exposed on the altar at all Sunday Masses this weekend, and can be venerated after each Mass. One venerates a relic by pausing in prayer before it, and one can hold it and/or kiss it as a sign of devotion.

This Sunday evening at 6.30pm Father Michel will be celebrating the Divine Liturgy for our Eastern Orthodox brethren at 6.30pm. Our Oriental Orthodox brethren, led by Father Aphram, will be celebrating the Divine Liturgy on Sunday 17 April and Sunday 24 April at 6pm, which are Palm and Easter Sunday according to the Julian calendar.

Next Sunday is the Book Exchange. As last time, bring in all the books you do not want and leave them in the Hall on the

tables; then take any book that takes your fancy. No money changes hands. Children's books are particularly welcome. Books can be dropped off after the Saturday evening Mass as well.

At the time of writing, we have sent off £888 to Ukraine via Cafod. There are still envelopes available. Remember one can also give online. Next weekend, we shall have a retiring collection for Easter flowers, as is customary.

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

Our Baptism Course is this Monday at 8pm in the Hall.

On Friday instead of Stations of the Cross at 7.30pm, there will be a Taizé service in the Church to which all are invited.

On Saturday we shall have Eucharistic Adoration from 1pm until 4pm. This is in accord with the Holy Father's wishes that we should have a Holy Hour each week for the Ukraine, as well as being a wonderful opportunity for devotion to the Saint, and a useful Lenten exercise. You can sign up for this online, via our Facebook page, or else via the list in the sacristy.

This Saturday Wanda McRae is holding a Cake Sale in aid of those in need in Ukraine at 33 Worcester Villas, from 2pm to 4pm.

On Saturday at 4.45pm, Catechism classes continue for older children and last for one hour. We are meeting in the Upper Room.

Mass intentions

Saturday 26 March, 6pm: For benefactors
Sunday 27 March, 8.30am: Teresa lo Porcaro Sassi RIP
Sunday 27 March, 10am: For all parishioners
Sunday 27 March, 11.15am: Pietro Addis RIP
Monday 28 March, 10am: Norah Murphy
Tuesday 29 March, 10am: Holy Souls
Wednesday 30 March, 10am: Teresa lo Porcaro Sassi RIP
Thursday 31 March: No Mass
Friday 1 April, 10am: DM Crew family.
Saturday 2 April, 10am: Holy Souls
Saturday 2 April, 6pm: John Killen RIP
Sunday 3 April, 8.30am: For all parishioners
Sunday 3 April, 10am: Holy Souls
Sunday 3 April, 11.15am: For our benefactors

We have heard the sad news of the death of Angela Crowley, who died in the Royal Sussex County Hospital on 15 March at the age of 63. Her funeral service will be here on Wednesday 6 April at 10.45am, to be followed by burial at Hove Cemetery. Let us pray for the repose of her soul, and for her husband Jimmy, and their children at this very sad time.

We have heard the sad news of the death of Louis Soopraya which took place on 16 March at home. Louis was 20 years old. Let us pray for the repose of his soul and for his parents at this very sad time for them, and for all Louis' friends. The funeral will take place at Woodvale at 1.30pm on Friday 1 April.

We have heard the sad news of the death of Katheryn Denis Le Seve who died at home on 22 March, at the age of 85. Let us pray for the repose of her soul and for the comfort of her family at this sad time. Funeral

arrangements will be announced in due course.

We are looking for a First Holy Communion Co-ordinator. Jane Noble has done this job for years and now is retiring from the role. We are all very grateful for the splendid job she has done. We hope to appoint a suitably qualified candidate, to work 15 hours a month, and to be paid £16 per hour. The job specification is available if interested parties wish to examine it. (Please email the Parish Priest.) We hope to have someone in place by September. If you know anyone who might be interested in this, please draw their attention to the vacancy.

Liturgical Notes

As we get nearer to Easter, we need to think about the great feasts that lie ahead. The Chrism Mass is on the Wednesday of Holy Week, at Arundel Cathedral, at 6pm, to which all are invited. Maundy Thursday is on 14 April and the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper will be at 8pm, followed by watching at the Altar of Repose until Midnight. Good Friday is on 15 April and the Liturgy of the Lord's Passion will be at the usual time of 3pm. On Holy Saturday, 16 April, the Easter Vigil takes place at 9pm. The later hour is because Easter is late this year and the Vigil has to take place in the dark. Saturday is the liturgical commemoration of Saint Francis of Paola.

Hall events: Please remember that tea and coffee are available every Sunday after the 10am and 11.15am Masses. On Sunday 8 May we are holding our next Table Top sale. It costs £7 for a large table and £5 for a small table, to be paid in advance. Put the money in an envelope with your name and marked 'Table Top sale' and post through the Presbytery door or hand in at the parish office. At a date to be decided after Easter we are holding a Syrian Market.

Do please visit our revamped Church shop, known as the Repository. Items for sale include goods from the Holy Land, which have been blessed in the Nativity Church in Bethlehem, the selling of which helps Christian families. We also have blessed items from Lourdes including Lourdes holy water. In addition, there are gifts for Easter, First Holy Communion, Confirmation and Blessed Carlo Acutis items too.

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 scheduled to be coming here to confer the Sacrament on Saturday 28 May at 11.30am. We have nineteen 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. (There will be no social dancing on 7 and 14 April.) On Fridays the Social Club meets in the Hall at 1.30pm to which all are invited. This Friday Clive is going to entertain us all with his accordion.

200 Club News – thank you for your patients the bank has resolved our issues. Congratulations to the following: November - £50 – Jean Murray, £90 – Caroline Riley, £200 – Mrs Balfour. December - £50 – Eleanor Bell, £90 – Joe Savage, £200 – Paul Maley.

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.



Parish Notice Board

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 19. (Please note the change of date.) 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

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.

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

 01273 549604

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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

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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Dona contactless giving: Our digital collection plate / contactless machine is in the porch.

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- Total Donated £1,279
- Donations Gift Aided 47%
- Number of Donors 57
- Average donation £9.2

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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.

