

**Pope Francis' intention for January:** For the gift of diversity in the Church. That the Spirit helps us to recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions at the heart of the Catholic Church.

**Prayer for our Diocese**

- Bishop Richard, and all the lay faithful, religious, deacons and priests in our communities – parishes, schools, monasteries, convents, prisons – as we strive to build our communities into strong, lively schools of discipleship.
- Use the Scriptures this month to reflect on your Baptismal calling and anointing for mission: to preach the Gospel and to “go, make disciples of all the nations” (Matt. 28:19).
- For all who proclaim the Word, and for all who listen as the Scriptures are proclaimed: that God’s word may land on rich soil and bear fruit. For those who have not yet heard the message of Christ: that we may be willing to bring them the good news of salvation.

Lord, the Word who is Life.  
 May all the people of our Diocese grow in openness to the power of the Holy Spirit,  
 so that through a growth in understanding and courage, and truly open to your call,  
 we may bear powerful witness to all around us,  
 for you are Lord forever and ever.  
 Amen.

**Reaching the Unreached, our parish charity.** Please see copies of their newsletter in the porch.

**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)

**Thank you for your offertory donations via the Dona device.**

If you are an existing Gift Aid donor, you still need to opt-in for Gift Aid on this system – it is not linked to the envelope or standing order system.  
 You can also donate directly to St Peter’s via the Dona donations webpage on our website at <http://www.stpeters-hove.org.uk/donations/>  
 Or just click on the Donate button on the home page and follow the instructions.

**Offertory: 21 January 2024**  
 Total = £1,158.06.



**St Peter’s Catholic Church**

**Diocesan Shrine of the Blessed**

**Carlo Acutis.**

**Portland Road, Hove**

**28 January 2024**



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**Mass intentions**

Sat 27 Jan, 6pm: Susan Kenny 20th Anniversary
Sun 28 Jan, 8.30am: For all parishioners
Sun 28 Jan, 10am: For all parishioners
Sun 28 Jan 11.30am: Kay McEvoy RIP
Mon 29 Jan, 10am: For all parishioners
Tue 30 Jan, 10am: For all parishioners
Wed 31 Jan, 10am: For all parishioners
Thu 1 Feb: No mass
Fri 2 Feb, 10am: Holy Souls
Sat 3 Feb, 6pm: For all parishioners
Sun 4 Feb, 8.30am: For all parishioners
Sun 4 Feb, 10am: For all parishioners
Sun 4 Feb, 11.30am: For all parishioners

**This Sunday is the Fourth Sunday of the Year.**

The readings this weekend invite us to compare Jesus with Moses. They suggest that Jesus fulfils the role of the prophet like Moses whom Moses himself foretells in our first reading. Of course we are aware that Jesus is much more than this. But for Jesus’ original audience even suggesting equality with Moses would have been an audacious move.

However the people do recognise he speaks with ‘authority’, ‘unlike the scribes’. What was the difference? In the first place, the normal way scribes taught was to quote earlier authorities, often comparing different opinions: ‘This rabbi said this, that rabbi said that’. Jesus does not do that; he speaks on his own authority. But perhaps more importantly, in Jesus there is someone who embodies authority. In Mark this is seen not just in his teaching but in his power. A power that makes a real difference to people’s lives

We may not be able to work miracles (though we should never rule that out), but our proclaiming of the Gospel will only be effective if people see it makes a difference in our own lives and the lives of the people we serve.

**Fr Rod Jones, the Dean, has asked that,** in the interest of security, if you have a key to the church or the house please make yourself known to Aisling in the office. Any keys not required need to be collected in.

**Church opening times have been** changed to make the building more secure until our new parish priest arrives. Please see changes as follows:

- Monday open after 10am mass until 12.00pm
- Tuesday open after 10am mass until 3.30pm
- Wednesday open after 10am mass until 3.30pm
- Thursday closed all day.
- Friday open from 10am mass until 11.00am.
- Saturday open for 6pm mass only.
- Sunday open for all masses then closed after 11.30am mass.

**Please note that Funeral of Pasqualina Kay** will take place here at St Peter's on Tuesday 6 February at 10:30am.

**Message from the Hall Manager, Jo Chamberlain.** Please do not adjust the thermostat in the hall. It has been set to accommodate all hall users. Any changes may stop the heating from actually coming on which causes problems for various users in this colder weather at the moment. All our regular private hires have also been notified. The broken lights in the hall have also been repaired and our builder is repairing the leak in the roof. Any questions, please contact Jo at [stpetershallbn3@gmail.com](mailto:stpetershallbn3@gmail.com)

**Money counting. Please come forward** if you think you can help count the weekly offerings after mass. We need some more people to work in pairs. Full training will be provided for this essential job.

**There is a need for help with running** things in the church now more than ever. If you think you could spare some time please do contact the office to discuss what you might do.

**Mass Intentions are being managed by** the office and our team of priests. Please do make requests using the envelopes at the back of the church or by email.

#### **Pilgrimage to Westport, Knock & Co. Mayo.**

Escorted tour 3 March 2024. £899.00 pps. Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, five nights' in 4\* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on three days. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick & Ashford Castle. Single supplement on enquiry. Contact Patricia or Natali on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com)

**Day of Reflection for Ministers of the Eucharist** on Saturday 10 February. Free of charge. Bishop Richard will lead a day of reflection and formation for Ministers of the Eucharist at St Michael's, High Salvington, Worthing from 11am to 4pm. The day will include theological and practical talks, eucharistic adoration and mass. Please register by email to [formation@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:formation@abdiocese.org.uk)

**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. Thank you to the liturgy team who keep this running for the parish.

**Please remember, if you need 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)

**The Royal Sussex County Hospital** chaplain is Fr Celestine, who can be reached by phone on 01273 696955 ext. 64122 or [celestine.nnolim@nhs.net](mailto:celestine.nnolim@nhs.net). Fr Celestine is in the hospital from 8.30am to 4.30pm every weekday.

**The Social Club is held on Fridays from** 1.30pm in the hall. Agnes and Jenny will be there to welcome you all. New members are welcome. **Please note it's Bingo on 2 February** in the church hall. The club meets as usual this week.

**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.

**We have a permanent Book Exchange** in the hall, which you will find by the windows above the cupboard to one side of the main entrance. Please help yourself to any books you like the look of, as they all need good and appreciative homes. We have lots of books in stock at present, so please help yourselves! We are not particularly soliciting donations for the moment.

**Do you have any unwanted gift sets,** soap, toiletries etc? Please bring them in for a sale for the Aid to the Church in Need. The sale will be held in the hall after mass on Sunday 3 March. There will be a basket for donations in the narthex, or give them to Monica Quinn or Mary Whitehead.

**Music Tuition.** Are you interested in learning to play the piano? Then contact John Byrne on 07989 413459. Theory, GCSE, etc.

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

**Catering Services** Please contact Victoria for your catering needs. She will be happy to talk and guide you through her menus which she tailors to each individual's needs. Victoria Myall, [Victoriamyall@hotmail.com](mailto:Victoriamyall@hotmail.com) or Tel 07788673097

## List of Events at St Peter's Hall

Day	Event	Contact
Mon 9.15 - 10.15	Yoga	lee.spearpoint@googlemail.com
Mon 10.15 - 11.30	Tai Chi	stpetershallbn3@gmail.com
Mon 16.40 - 17.00	Alta Dancing	info@altadance.co.uk
Mon 19.00 - 20.00	Paul Jukes Fitness	paul@pj-brands.co.uk
Tue 13.30	UCM Winter meetings. October - March	wendywallis@ntlworld.com
Tue 17.00-19.00	Brownies	<a href="http://girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter">http://girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter</a>
Tue 19.15 – 21.00	Guides	<a href="http://girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter">http://girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter</a>
Wed 9.15–12.15	Baby Ballet	brightonwestandhove@babyballet.co.uk
Wed 14.15-19.15	Alta Academy of Dance	info@altadance.co.uk
Wed 19.00-21.00	UCM Summer meetings. April - September	wendywallis@ntlworld.com
Thu 09.30 - 12.00	Music with Mike	mike@musicwithmike.co.uk
Thu 16.45 -18.00	Rainbows	<a href="http://girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter">http://girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter</a>
Thu 18.00 – 19.45	Brownies	<a href="http://girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter">http://girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter</a>
Thu 20.00 – 22.00	Social Dancing	stpetershallbn3@gmail.com
Fri 9.30- 10.30	Pilates	nicolajhowarth@gmail.com
Fri 10.30.13.30	ESOL (English language lessons)	KWadham@wea.ac.uk
Fri 13.30- 15.30	Apostles Lunch Club	stpetershallbn3@gmail.com