

Forthcoming events:

Sun 28 Nov: Cake bring and buy after 10am and 11.15am Masses
Sun 28 November, 4pm: Holy Hour.
Tuesday 30 Nov, 7.30: Synod meeting.
Tues 30 November, 7.30pm: Meeting of the Care Group.
Wednesday 1 Dec, 7am: Rorate Mass.
Wed 1 Dec, 10.30am: Synod meeting.
Thurs 2 Dec, 8pm: Social Dancing.
Frid 3 Dec, 1.30-3pm: Social Club.
Sat 4 Dec, 9 - 10.30am/11- 12.30pm First Holy Communion.
Sat 4 Dec, 7pm: Film Night, Hairspray the Musical.
Sun 5 Dec, 10am: FHC Mass.
Sun 5 Dec: Book Exchange in the Hall.
Tues 7 Dec, 7.30: Synod meeting.
Wed 8 Dec, 7am: Rorate Mass.
Wed 8 Dec, 10.30am: Synod meeting.
Fri 10 Nov, 11.30am: Funeral of Dulcie Preston, RIP.
Sun 12 Dec: Children's clothes and toys' Freecycle.
Tues 14 Dec, 7.30: Synod meeting.
Wed 15 Dec, 7am: Rorate Mass.
Wed 15 Dec, 10.30am: Synod meeting.
Sun 19 Dec, 6.30pm: Carol Service.
Tues 21 Dec, 7.30: Synod meeting.
Wed 22 Dec, 7am: Rorate Mass.
Wed 22 Dec, 10.30am: Synod meeting.

Tours for prospective reception children joining Cottesmore St Mary September 2022. A range of tours, for the parents of prospective Reception children, joining September 2022, are available at Cottesmore St Mary Catholic Primary School throughout November and early December. For more information, please visit the school website or to book your place on a tour,

contact the school office on 01273 555811 or email ruthyahiatene@cottesmore.brighton-hove.sch.uk.

We are preparing ourselves for the Synod with a series of meetings this Advent, which will take place in the Upper Room at 7.30 pm on 30 November, 7 December, 14 December and 21 December. These meetings will be chaired by Kate Williamson and will use material prepared by the diocese. There will be additional meetings in the Hall on Wednesdays 1 December, 8 December, 15 December and 22 December after Mass, at 10.30am, for those who prefer a daytime appointment. From an interview with Cardinal Grech on the upcoming Synod.

Will most of the Synod's conclusions be determined by voting? And if so, what do you say to critics who argue that the Church's doctrine and practice are not matters of personal preference and majorities, but are rather based on immutable truths, and that the Synod of Bishops, which was only ever meant to be an advisory body for the Pope, has exceeded its mandate originally laid out by Pope St. Paul VI? Until today synod assemblies have approved their documents through a final vote. In *Apostolica Sollicitudo*, the "motu proprio" with which Paul VI created the Synod as an advisory body for the Pope, the vote of the synod fathers is explicitly provided for. This is not new. The history of the Church, in the first and second millennium, testifies that local synods and ecumenical councils used to vote, even when doctrinal truths are involved. There is a fundamental difference between a vote taken in parliament and a vote taken in a general synod. A vote taken in parliament is a merely human action and expresses nothing more than a majority. A vote taken at a general synod is a spiritual action by which the synodal fathers seek to give voice to that which the Holy Spirit is saying here and now.

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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 Second Book of Samuel. Please visit our website which is constantly being updated. Do ask to join our WhatsApp group.

This Sunday is the first Sunday of

Advent and the beginning of the new Liturgical Year. The prayers and readings can be found in the purple Mass books on page 82. The cycle of readings is Year C. The first reading comes from the prophecy of Jeremiah, who speaks of the coming Messiah as one who will be descended from David and practice honesty and integrity. In the Gospel, from Saint Luke, Jesus tells us about the end of the world and the Second Coming. He warns us to be careful in case we let our hearts be coarsened with drunkenness and

debauchery and the cares of life. We need to keep our hearts and our behaviour pure, and keep our attention fixed on Him.

Advent is our time of preparation for the coming of the Lord, at Christmas, but also once more in glory.

At the end of each this Sunday Mass

Kate Williamson will give a brief presentation about the forthcoming Synod.

There is Children's Liturgy at the 10am

Mass. Participants will be called out at the appropriate moment. Thanks to those who have volunteered to help. Would anyone else like to do so?

At the 10am Mass this Sunday,

Jayden and Kiran Mistry and Catherine Hooper will be enrolled in the Guild of Saint Stephen and receive their medals. We are grateful for their service at the altar and we wish them every encouragement.

This Sunday we are having a cake sale

after the 10am and 11.15am Masses. The idea is to fill the Hall with happy cake eaters; any money made will be for the parish poor fund. If you wish to leave cakes beforehand, please leave them in the outer sacristy where they will be looked after before the event begins.

Many people no longer carry money –

hence our machine for electronic donations at the back – but if you do, Josie will be collecting loose change and notes after all Sunday Masses in November in aid of the Hall. She will have her bucket, so please do be generous!

Once more this Sunday at 4pm

we are holding a Holy Hour, ending in good time before the Lusophone Mass which is at

5pm. This hour has the advantage of being at the evocative time of sunset. The idea of the Holy Hour (much loved by the Blessed Carlo Acutis, who made one as often as he could) is to spend time with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, usually having silent prayer, hymns, the Evening Prayer of the Church (Vespers) and Benediction. This is a very good way of praying for the dead, and also remembering the bereaved and showing our solidarity with them.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 27 November 6pm Giuliana Sussex RIP
Sunday 28 November 8.30am Holy Souls
Sunday 28 November 10am For all parishioners
Sunday 28 November 11.15am Holy Souls
Monday 29 November 10am Holy Souls
Tuesday 30 November 10am Holy Souls
Wednesday 1 December 7am Holy Souls
Wednesday 1 December 10am Margaret McGoldrick, RIP 10 anniversary
Thursday 2 December No Mass
Friday 3 December 10am Holy Souls
Saturday 4 December 10am Madeleine Cockell RIP, 1 anniversary
Saturday 4 December 6pm Holy Souls
Sunday 5 December 8.30am Holy Souls
Sunday 5 December 10am For all Parishioners
Sunday 5 December 11.15am Holy Souls

Liturgical notes

Advent is a penitential season, hence the vestments are purple, there are no flowers on the altar, and there is no Gloria. (The Creed will be sung at the 11.15am Mass.) We have a selection of materials for

Advent, and they are at the back of the Church, so please help yourself. For adults we have 'My day by Day' and 'Walk with Me', which provide the Scripture readings and a reflection for each day of the season. We also have 'My Day by Day' in Junior and infant editions, which provide youngsters with daily activities. Make sure you get yours, if you have not done so already!

We have an Advent wreath, the work of Mireille. It is rather delicate, so please do not attempt to move it for any reason. Each candle represents one of the Sundays of Advent and the final candle represents the feast of Christmas. The greenery represents our hope of eternal life. The circle represents eternity. Our Crib will be built in the usual place later on in Advent. And at Christmas the statue of Baby Jesus will be making its appearance!

This Advent we are celebrating a Rorate Mass once a week. The name comes from the opening words of the Entrance Antiphon of the Votive Mass of Our Lady in Advent, 'Rorate cæli desuper', Latin for "Drop down dew, ye heavens". As this is a Votive Mass in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary celebrated in Advent, the vestments will be white. It is traditionally celebrated by candlelight. The sky is dawning just as it finishes. This is to symbolize the coming of Christ, the Light of the World. You are all invited to come to Mass on Wednesdays in Advent at 7am, and bring candles in jam jars for light. We will sing some suitable hymns, and after Mass we can, if desired, go out to breakfast.

Tuesday is the feast of Saint Andrew, patron of Scotland.

Friday is the feast of Saint Francis Xavier. **The Care Group is meeting on Tuesday** 30 November at 7.30pm in the presbytery. This is the group that tries to ensure that all who are in need are getting the attention they deserve, particularly the sick and the housebound.

Please continue to pray for the repose of the soul of Dulcie Preston, and for the wellbeing and comfort of her afflicted family at this very sad and difficult time for them. Dulcie's funeral service will take place here on December 10 at 11.30am, to be followed by cremation at Woodvale.

We are aware of some electrical faults with the Church and allied buildings, and are negotiating for an electrician to attend. If there is anything you have noticed and you fear no one else has, please email the parish office.

Our Platinum Jubilee Concert will take place on Sunday 5 June 2022. We have a line-up of talents to display and hope a good time will be had by all. Many thanks to those who have responded positively when invited to perform. The concert will be followed by refreshments in the Hall. It is our hope to make Saint Peter's a focal point for local celebration during the four-day Platinum Jubilee holiday (Thursday 2 June to Sunday 5 June inclusive).

On Sunday 5 December, we are having a Book Exchange in the Hall. Bring your excess books to Mass, and leave them on the tables in the Hall; then browse and take whatever books take your fancy. No money will change hands, but hopefully you will find something nice to read. On Sunday 12 December, we will be 'freecycling'

redundant children's toys, bicycles, and clothes, all in good condition.

Bishop Richard was with us on Saturday afternoon when he confirmed 12 young people from St. Peter's and 2 from St Theresa's Southwick. Sincere thanks to Katharine, Natalie, Emma, Marie & Sophia for all the help and support they have given and to the Folk Group for leading the music. Thank you to Claire Gwynn & Susan Cashman for preparing the Church flowers for the service. Congratulations to *Luke Brombley, Mia Chamberlain, Freddie George, Jacob Harper, Viola Hunter, Luke Kilgallon, Rhys Laverick, Christian Lloyd, Liam McCarthy, Louis O'Kane, Sylvester O'Kane, Noa Phillips, Oliver Sheffield, Luis Silva, Sophie Box, George Richardson.*

Film Night is back! Our first film in the new Hall will be at 7pm on Saturday 4 December and is Hairspray the Musical, which is going to be staged at Cardinal Newman soon, and which is cracking entertainment for all the family. Do come along. Pizza will be served at half time. The film lasts just under two hours.

Do please, especially if you have not thought about it before, come to either or both of the following activities. Social dancers meet in the Hall on Thursday at 8pm. The Social Club meets on Fridays at 1.30pm and meets for two hours. Both are meant to be fun social occasions. Do please bring all your friends with you.

Offertory collection Sunday 21 November 2021. - £1,532.06.

There are several children in the parish who, for whatever reason, have missed the usual catechism classes for Holy Communion, or who have not been baptised before the age of seven. For such children we are proposing a tailored catechism class in Lent, so they can celebrate the Sacraments at Easter. Lent next year begins on Wednesday March 2 and Easter is on Sunday 17 April. The classes will take place on Saturdays of Lent at 4.45pm. If you would like to join this group, then please make your interest known to Father Alexander.

Parish Notice Board



Dona contactless giving:

You may have noticed our digital collection plate / contactless machine in situ in the porch. It is now fully operational so please feel free to try using it should you wish.

You can choose to gift aid your donation this way or you may find it easier to register for gift aid using our online platform on our website initially. Parishes that are a similar size to St Peter's have raised between £400-£800 extra a month. Contactless donations are for people of all ages, one of our parishes had a donation from a parishioner who is 96, according to our Diocesan gift aid department.

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.

Many other churches have started using Dona and have found it very successful.

Carer required for young lady with Downs Syndrome. India is 24 years old currently living in a private house in Brighton with two other girls with DS. She attends a cafe training course 4 days a week called Team Domenica. India's mother is looking for a carer to live in with India 4 days a week to assist in the mornings, get India to her course, collect her in the afternoon and care for her until she goes to bed. The wages are approximately £800 per week. Please contact Caroline on 07773 280623

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

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.

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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