

Father Alexander went to see Balavendra, our sculptor, to see how things are going on the new Saint Peter statue he is creating for us. There are photos of his visit on our social media pages. The statue should be ready by Christmas!

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Forthcoming Events

Saturday 28 January, 9.15am-10.45am: First Holy Communion
Sunday 29 January: Facepainting in the Hall after Mass, in aid of Ukraine.
Thursday 2 February, 6pm: Feast of Candlemas, and Month's Mind Mass for Pope Benedict XVI.
Thursday 2 February, 8pm: Social Dancing.
Friday 3 February, 1.30pm: Social Club – Bingo with Gretta.
Saturday 4 February, 9.15am-10.45am: First Holy Communion
Saturday/Sunday 11/12 February, all Masses: Collection for Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund.
Monday 6 February, 7pm: Induction for readers new and old.
Friday 10 February, 1.30pm: Social Club: An encounter with David Wilson.

Wednesday 22 February: Ash Wednesday, Lent begins.
Saturday 25 February, 9.15am-10.45am: First Holy Communion
Sunday 26 February, after 10am/11.30am Mass: Martlets Choir in the Hall.
Saturday 4 March, 9.15am-10.45am: First Holy Communion
Monday 6 March, 8pm: Baptism course.
Friday 10 March: Visit of Bishop Richard to the deanery.
Saturday 11 March, 9.15am-10.45am: First Holy Communion
Monday 13 March, 8pm: Meeting of the Acutis Group.
Saturday 18 March, 9.15am-10.45am: First Holy Communion
Saturday 18 March, 7pm: Choirs and musicians celebration.
Saturday 25 March, 9.15am-10.45am: First Holy Communion
Easter Sunday 9 April: First Holy Communion
Saturday/Sunday 15/16 April: Appeal by the Comboni Missionaries.
Friday 21 April, 7.30pm: Meeting of Deanery with Bishop Richard.

Please note events are also published on our website.

Roof news: The scaffolding is now up on the south side of the Church. The good news is that the slates are as they should be, but water is probably entering through the saturated brickwork of the buttresses, which means that these will have to be treated with a sealant, which was last done some seven years ago.

Offertory Collection Sun 22 Jan 2023 = £1,413.69

St Peter's Catholic Church

Diocesan Shrine of the Blessed

Carlo Acutis.

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29 January 2023



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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'. We are doing a virtual Walking Tour Through the Bible, starting with the Book of Genesis, in bite size chunks. We are now at the prophet Isaiah. Please visit our website which is constantly being updated.

This Sunday is the Fourth Sunday of the Year. The prayers and readings for today can be found in the yellow books on page 130. The first reading is from the prophet Zephaniah, who urges the children of Israel to seek integrity and humility. In the second reading, writing to the church at Corinth, Saint Paul reminds them that at the time of their calling they were perfectly ordinary people, indeed common and contemptible in the eyes of the world. (This passage leads many to suppose that the earliest Christians were predominantly women, children and slaves, groups that were denied Roman citizenship.) The Gospel is Saint Matthew's account of the opening of the Sermon on the Mount, where Jesus proclaims the Beatitudes. All of these follow

on from the first one: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit.'

- Eucharistic Prayer One is on page 18
- Eucharistic Prayer Two is on page 25
- Eucharistic Prayer Three is on page 28
- Eucharistic Prayer Four with its set preface is on page 32.

This Sunday, there is another chance to donate to Ukraine, as Armanda will be facepainting in the Hall after 10am Mass and 11.30am Mass, and soliciting donations. Currently, our fundraising for Ukraine stands at £3, 574.

This week, there are two special events. The first is on Thursday night at 6pm, when we will be celebrating the feast of Candlemas, which commemorates the Presentation of the Lord Jesus in the Temple forty days after His birth. Just as Simeon hailed him as the light of the world, we will do the same and candles will be blessed, with a candlelit procession. The prayers and readings are to be found on page 297 of the yellow books. Mass will be offered for the late Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI and will conclude our commemoration of his life. We will be singing Christmas carols, and after this feast the crib will be removed. After Mass there will be drinks in the Hall.

The second is on Friday, which is the feast of Saint Blaise, when throats are blessed, with two unlit candles, using these words: 'Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.' The martyr Saint Blaise, according to the story of his life, while on

his way to execution, saved the life of a boy who had a fishbone stuck in his throat. We shall have the Blessing of Throats at the end of the 10am Mass.

You may remember last Sunday the sermon was about the idea of invitation, and how the first four disciples were called and at the same time charged to call others to join the Kingdom. With this in mind, let us keep the invitation idea in our minds. Perhaps we could invite people to Church for one of these special events. More special events are in the pipeline and will be advertised in due course.

Next Sunday, after a very long pause, Children's Liturgy starts again. 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. Many thanks to the volunteers who have made this possible.

Readers present and future are invited to gather on Monday 6 February at 7pm. If you are able to come, and we hope you can, please indicate with an email to the parish priest. Remember, if you are baptised, you are a prophet, priest and king, and commissioned to proclaim the Word to others.

Confessions are heard after Mass each Friday, that is, starting at 10.30am, and every Saturday before the evening Mass, from 5.15 to 5.45pm.

200 Club January Draw Winners:
 Congratulations to £200 – F Benham,
 £90 – M Dolan, £50 – C Rozario.

Mass intentions

Saturday 28 January, 6pm: Sarah B Fitzgerald RIP
Sunday 29 January, 8.30am: For all parishioners
Sunday 29 January, 10am: Nina Skinner RIP (Month's Mind Mass)
Sunday 29 January, 11.30am: Giuliana Sussex RIP
Monday 30 January, 10am: Paul Whitehead RIP
Tuesday 31 January, 10am: Neville Wood RIP
Wednesday 1 February, 10am: GE Fr Teum Berhe, in thanksgiving
Thursday 2 February, 6pm: Benedict XVI RIP
Friday 3 February, 10am: Holy Souls
Saturday 4 February, 6pm: Mary Luz Martinez Floresz RIP
Sunday 5 February, 8.30am: For all parishioners
Sunday 5 February, 10am: SF Agbro RIP (2 anniv)
Sunday 5 February, 11.30am: Krystyna Szczerbiak RIP (birthday)

Liturgical notes

We are now in Ordinary Time, when the vestments are green, unless there is a feast. January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus. February is dedicated to the Holy Family. The feast of Our Lady of Lourdes falls on the 11 February, which is World Day of the Sick. On days when there is no feast, we shall celebrate a Mass for the Sick.

- Tuesday is the feast of Saint John Bosco.

- Thursday is the feast of Candlemas, the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple.
- Friday is the feast of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr.

Brace yourselves! Lent is coming, and begins on Ash Wednesday, 22 February. Makes sure you get those ashes, so that you can have the best possible start to Lent.

A very kind person, who wishes to be anonymous, has given us a cheque for £1,000 in order to defray the cost of heating the presbytery. Many thanks. Let us pray for this kind benefactor.

The next baptism preparation course for parents of babies to be baptised is on Monday 6 March at 8pm in the Hall. If you want to take part, please contact Father Alexander by email, and he will then arrange to meet up with you.

Please remember, if you have need of a baptism certificate, a confirmation certificate, or a marriage certificate, the email address you need to use is as follows: SaintPeterArchives@gmail.com

You may remember that the Acutis group met on Tuesday 17 January at 8pm. The members are Fr Alexander, Mary Yacoub, Sam Barrett, Katie Szeless and Aleks Szczerbiak. We discussed the article which we placed on our social media about 'Refilling the Pews'. We agreed that it would be good if members of the congregation could invite friends to come to Church – a personal invitation as opposed to some generalised invitation, one by word of mouth too, face to face, which is

considered much more effective. But to what should they be invited? On Saturday 18 March at 7pm we will hold a social event for our musicians, with proper wine from Quaff and food. Spouses and children of drinking age are invited, and there will be soft drinks for children on non-drinking age. In addition, all music lovers and those who like singing are invited. We shall eat, drink, be merry, and have a singalong of some very well-loved songs. And if that goes well, if you are not a member of the choir, you will be invited to join. The choir members have been primed to invite you!

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. The social Club meets in the Hall at 1.30pm on Fridays. This Friday we are having Bingo with Gretta, and her fantastic sandwiches. The next Friday, 10 February, we shall be entertained by William (David) Wilson whose book "Angels and Devils" is "cautionary tales of ordinary mortals doing extraordinary things". David, who lives in Hove, will be reading from his recently published and thoroughly entertaining collection of stories of the unexpected which leave us asking ourselves what we would do if faced with such moral dilemmas.

Confirmation: Easter Sunday falls on 9 April next year. Our confirmation course will be on Sunday nights starting on Low Sunday and lasting until half term. This is for those in Year Ten. The dates are 16, 23, 30 April and 7, 14, 21 May. Please note those dates and if you are interested, please make your interest known via email to Fr Alexander. In 2023, all confirmations are taking place in Arundel Cathedral. We have been assigned the date of Sunday July 2, at 3pm. (This notice has been corrected.)

Parish Notice Board



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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.

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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 contact us on towerhouse@svp.org.uk or 01273 549604

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What is the 200 Club? This was set up initially twenty years ago to raise money for the parish Link construction between church and hall, and when that was paid off we kept the 200 Club going to support the charities which the parishioners voted for. It now supports two charities selected by our parishioners, namely Reaching the Unreached <https://www.rtu.org.uk/>, and Sussex Nightstop www.sussexnightstop.org.uk

Information about these charities is available at the back of the church and on our notice boards in the Link.

How it works? Sign up for £52 per year for a chance to win a bi-monthly draw payable annually, half yearly or quarterly. 1st prize is £200, 2nd prize is £90 and third prize is £50, all the while your money is helping others. We are looking for new members, so please do get in touch with the Parish office if you wish to join.

We are collecting donations for the Food Bank. Please leave your donation (in date items only please) in the tub inside the door of the Outer Sacristy. If locked, by the door.

Deep Waters Sunday lunches,

organised by Wellspring Community, for students & young adults. Every 1st & 3rd Sunday of the mass after 11am mass (around 12pm) outside St Joseph's. It is a great opportunity to meet & have fellowship with other like minded young adults & students.

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.

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.

