

Forthcoming Events

Mon 31 Jan, 2,30pm: Funeral of Kevin O'Connor RIP, in Shoreham.
Wed 2 Feb: Feast of Candlemas.
Thur 3 Feb, 8pm: Social Dancing.
Fri 4 Feb: Blessing of the Throats, after 10am Mass.
Fri Feb 4: Funeral of Norma Cambridge RIP, 11am.
Fri 4 Feb, 1pm: Funeral of Leslie Smith RIP, 1pm.
Fri 4 Feb, 1.30pm: Social Club, reflections on Costa Rica.
Sat 5 Feb, 9 - 10.30am/11 - 12.30pm, FHC: The Sacrament of Reconciliation
Sun 6 Feb, 10am: FHC Mass
Mon 7 Feb, 7.45pm: Jubilee Action Committee
Tues 8 Feb 6pm: Care Group meets.
Tues 8 Feb, 7.30pm: Parish team meets.
Wed Mar 2: Lent begins.
Fri 4 Ma, 7.30pm: Stations of the Cross.
Sat 5 Mar 9-10.30am: Sacrament of Reconciliation Preparation and Service (9am Group)
Sat 5 Mar, 4.45pm: Catechism for Older Children I
Sun 6 Mar, 9.30-1pm: Table Top Sale in the Hall.
Sat 12 Mar, 11- 12.30pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation Preparation and Service (11am Group)
Sat 12 Mar, 4.45pm: Catechism for Older Children II
Sat 19 Mar, 4.45pm: Catechism for Older Children III
Sat 26 Mar, 4.45pm: Catechism for Older Children IV
Sat 2 Apr, 9.00 - 10.30am/11 - 12.30pm: FHC
Sat 2 Apr, 4.45pm: Catechism for Older Children V

Lent is still some way off, but we need to think about it before it begins. The emphasis is as always on prayer, fasting and almsgiving. With have already proposed

- Eucharistic Adoration on Saturdays, from after Mass until 4pm (not the first two Saturdays, though, which are devoted to First Confessions).
- Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings at 7.30pm.

It will be a good idea to have confessions after each weekday Mass, as well as the usual confessions on Saturdays. In addition, reviving a practice from years past, we shall have fish and chips one Friday for the altar servers after the Stations of the Cross (proposed date Friday 4 March). Before Covid we had a Choir Supper one evening. Perhaps this could be revived too (proposed date Sunday 6 March). Other suggestions to make Lent special are welcome. Further initiatives will be announced in due course.

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.

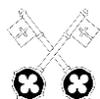
The Parish team is going to meet on Tuesday 8 February. This meeting is long overdue, thanks to the pandemic. One of the things we will be discussing is the continuing effects of the pandemic on our congregation, and the uses to which we can put our newly refurbished Hall. As you may have seen and heard, the book exchange and the children's toy exchange were both huge successes, and our cake sales have also been successes in the past. The idea is to attract people into the hall, rather than make money or raise funds.

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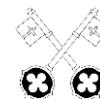
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Follow us on Twitter @HoveSaint Join us on Facebook: search for 'Saint Peter's, Hove'. Find our YouTube channel: search for 'Alexander Lucie-Smith'. Right now we are doing a virtual Walking Tour Through the Bible, starting with the Book of Genesis,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

This Sunday is the Fourth Sunday of the Year. The readings and prayers for today can be found in the purple books on page 133. The first reading comes from the prophecy of Jeremiah, and describes the prophet's vocation from God, and the call to be fearless and strong in passing on the message of the Lord. The Gospel, from Saint Luke, is the continuation of last week's story. Jesus speaks to His fellow Nazarenes in the synagogue, and because they do not like what He is saying, they drive Him out and try to kill Him. Both readings tell us that the Word of God is not popular, but rather counter-cultural. 'No prophet is ever accepted in his own country,' as Jesus says. Two more recent sayings also come to mind,

the first from Dean Inge of Saint Paul's, who said: 'The church that is married to the spirit of this age, becomes a widow in the next.' The second is from Rowan Williams, who said: 'Jesus is not the one who answers our questions, but the one who questions our answers.' In other words, the Church is meant to follow the Lord and be the prophetic voice of truth, rather than telling people what they want to hear.

Fr Stipica is leaving us this Thursday. We wish him a happy return home, a happy future ministry in Uganda, with many thanks for all he has done for us here!

Mass intentions

Sat 29 Jan, 6pm: Thanksgiving (C. Lloyd)
Sun 30 Jan, 8.30am: Maria Colombotti RIP
Sun 30 Jan, 10am: For all parishioners
Sun 30 Jan, 11.15am: Shell Delaney
Mon 31 Jan, 10am: Giuliana Sussex RIP
Tue 1 Feb, 10am: Simon Dixon RIP
Wed 2 Feb, 10am: Amy Mulvay RIP
Thur 3 Feb, no Mass.
Fri 4 Feb, 10am: Elizabeth Murphy RIP
Sat 5 Feb, 9am: Anthony Lin Chiew Hoong RIP (20 anniv)
Sat 5 Feb, 6pm For all parishioners
Sun 6 Feb, 8.30am: Thanksgiving (Lock)
Sun 6 Feb, 10am: Krystyna Szczerbiak RIP
Sun 6 Feb, 11.15am: Kitty Fitzgerald RIP

Liturgical Notes

We are now in the Ordinary Time of the year, which continues up until Lent, which this year begins on Wednesday 2 March. In Ordinary Time, the vestments are green, which represents growth. The month of February is dedicated to the Holy Family. On days when there is no feast we shall celebrate the Votive Mass of Saint Joseph or the Votive Mass of Our Lady. Monday is the feast of Saint John Bosco.

Wednesday is the feast of the Presentation of the Lord, known as Candlemas. Mass on this day starts with a procession in the Narthex; candles are blessed and carried; they are relit for the Gospel (welcoming the coming of the Lord in His Word) and relit again for the Eucharistic Prayer (welcoming the coming of the Lord in the Eucharist). Candlemas marks the fortieth day since Christmas, and after this feast the Crib will be removed.

Thursday is the feast of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr. As we have no scheduled Mass on this day, we shall celebrate the saint on the Friday instead and the Blessing of the Throats will take place after Mass. According to tradition, Saint Blaise cured a child with a fishbone stuck in his throat as he was being led to martyrdom, and is thus invoked as intercessor by all who suffer throat disease. Saturday is the feast of Saint Agatha, virgin and martyr, patroness of the city of Catania. Please note that Mass on this day is at 9am, not 10am, to facilitate Fr Alexander being at the First Holy Communion classes that day.

We have heard the sad news of the death of Norma Cambridge, who died on 12 January at Royal Sussex County Hospital at the age of seventy-one. Her funeral service will be here at 11am this coming Friday, followed by a private cremation. Let us pray for the repose of her soul and the comfort of her family at this sad time.

We have heard the sad news of the death of Leslie Francis Smith, at the age of 81. His burial, which will be simple, at his own request, will take place at Hove Cemetery at 1pm on Friday, February 4, at 1pm. Let us pray for the repose of his soul and the comfort of his sister and nieces at this sad and difficult time for them.

We have been informed by the Bishops of England and Wales that we can now refill the Holy Water stoups. Thus, when you

enter the Church, you can bless yourselves with Holy Water as one could prior to the pandemic. This ancient practice has much to recommend it, as it is a way of reminding ourselves of our original entrance into the Church, that is to say, the occasion on which we were baptised and became Christians. The Holy Water in the stoups has been blessed and used in Baptisms. Incidentally one should only use the Holy Water on the way into Church, not on the way out, as it is through the water of baptism we enter the Church, not leave it. The Holy Water has salt in it to sterilise it, in accordance with ancient custom.

The Platinum Jubilee begins on February 6, next Sunday, which is the day, seventy years ago, when the then Princess Elizabeth acceded to the throne as Queen Elizabeth II on the death of her father King George VI. Some of our older parishioners, then children, may remember the day; Princess Elizabeth, with Prince Philip, had been undertaking a tour of the Commonwealth and was in Kenya, staying at Treetops, a game lodge in the Aberdare range, when the news came through that her father had died unexpectedly in the night. While 6 February marks the start of the Jubilee, because it is the anniversary of her father's death, the Queen passes this day in prayer and reflection rather than celebration. The focus of celebration will be 2 June, which was when the Coronation took place. Let us, as this Platinum Jubilee starts (the first in British history), pray for the repose of the soul of King George VI, and give thanks to God for the last 70 years in which we have all been enriched by God's blessings.

On 21st April, 1947, on her 21st birthday, the then Princess Elizabeth said, in a broadcast to the Commonwealth:
We must not be daunted by the anxieties and hardships that the war has left behind for every nation of our commonwealth. We know

that these things are the price we cheerfully undertook to pay for the high honour of standing alone, seven years ago, in defence of the liberty of the world. Let us say with Rupert Brooke: "Now God be thanked who has matched us with this hour".... I am sure that you will see our difficulties, in the light that I see them, as the great opportunity for you and me. If we all go forward together with an unwavering faith, a high courage, and a quiet heart, we shall be able to make of this ancient commonwealth, which we all love so dearly, an even grander thing - more free, more prosperous, more happy and a more powerful influence for good in the world - than it has been in the greatest days of our forefathers. To accomplish that we must give nothing less than the whole of ourselves... I declare before you all that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service and the service of our great imperial family to which we all belong.... But I shall not have strength to carry out this resolution alone unless you join in it with me, as I now invite you to do: I know that your support will be unfailingly given. God help me to make good my vow, and God bless all of you who are willing to share in it.

As part of our Platinum Jubilee celebrations, we propose to display three banners on the Church wall on Portland Road. To this end all the children of our school are being invited to submit a design for one of the banners. Details have been sent to Cottesmore and Saint Mary's; naturally we do not want children at other schools to be left out, and if they would like to submit designs, please ask for details via email.

You may have noticed that Children's liturgy has not been happening. This is because we have not really had enough volunteers, but this may not necessarily be a bad thing. As several parents have expressed, it is good for children of all ages

to participate in the whole Mass. At the 10am Mass we are endeavouring to have a child-friendly sermon, that even the young can understand. (For those who come to the 10am, the adult version of the sermon is always published on our Facebook page.) At this point let us all agree that even when small children are boisterous in Mass, this is not a problem for anyone, and parents should not feel embarrassed or that people are staring at them. Children of all ages are welcome in Church, on their own terms. The same goes to parents of children. Please feel that the Church is your home.

A Table Top Sale has been suggested for a Sunday morning in the Hall. If you have something to sell, ask for a table on which to lay out your wares. The cost of a larger table is £5 and that of a smaller table is £3, to be booked in advance. The cost will go to the parish. The idea is to get people into the Hall and use it as a community hub. If you want a table, please email Fr Alexander or the Parish Secretary. We have 12 tables available, and perhaps this will start in a small way, but it could grow and be quite a draw. The Sale will take place on Sunday 6 March, from 9.30am until roughly 1pm. Do please think of what you might sell (craftwork, produce from your allotment, collectables, white elephant, etc, etc) and tell anyone you know who may be interested as this is not something just for parishioners. And do please come along and spend some money.

Does anyone, in Year 10 of secondary school, or older, wish to be confirmed? Bishop Richard will be visiting us to confer the sacrament of Confirmation in May this year, and we need to think about starting preparations in February. (This is much later than normal, but we have only just finished a confirmation course.) If you are interested, please email Fr Alexander without delay.

Don't forget Social Dancing at 8pm on Thursdays to which all are welcome. This Friday, 4 February, the Social Club will meet and Fr Alexander will give an illustrated talk about Costa Rica, and what makes the country so special. It will not be very long and it will be light-hearted and recreational.

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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

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