

We are preparing ourselves for the Synod with a series of meetings in 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. From an interview with Cardinal Grech on the upcoming Synod.

The Holy Father has said the upcoming synod on synodality is not about “gathering opinions,” but “listening to the Holy Spirit.” How will participants be able to discern what the Holy Spirit is telling us, and how much will the Church’s teaching and tradition inform that discernment?

Synodality is as old as the Church herself. In the first millennium of the Church’s history, it was taken for granted that the only infallible ecclesial subject was the People of God who, as a whole, could not err in matters of belief; and this because all of the baptized have received the Holy Spirit as gift. The *sensus fidei* runs throughout the Church’s entire history. In fact, in the second millennium, the popes had recourse to the *sensus fidei* in their definitions of the Marian dogmas.

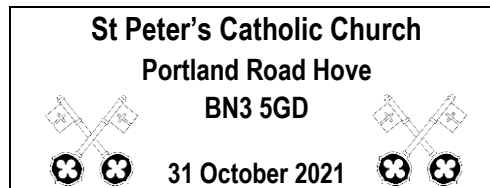
What does it mean to be the Church of the third millennium? Is it about adjusting the Church to the spirit of the times, or rather having the world adjust to the wisdom of the Church’s teaching? The Church of the third millennium cannot be the repetition of the Church of the second millennium, just as the Church of the second millennium could not be the repetition of the Church of the first millennium. As a historical subject, the Church of Christ deepens its own identity through the centuries, in order to draw ever closer to the will of its Founder. As Benedict XVI said in 2005, the Church is a subject that always renews itself in continuity. Therefore,

continuity and renewal are not opposed, rather they are complementary. The goal of the Church is not to adjust itself to the “spirit of times,” but to listen to this “spirit” to discern within what the “Spirit,” the Holy Spirit, might be communicating to the Christian community in order to be more faithful to Christ.

Forthcoming events:

Monday 1 November, 8pm: Baptism Course.
Tuesday 2 November, 11am: Funeral Mass of John Southworth RIP
Thursday 4 November, 8pm: Social Dancing.
Friday 5 November, 1.30-3pm: Social Club.
Saturday 6 November, 9am/11am: FHC
Saturday 6 November, noon: Bereavement Mass.
Sunday 7 November, 10am FHC Mass: ‘We Listen to the Readings & Homily.’
Sunday 7 November, 2.30pm: Blessing of the Graves at Hove Cemetery.
Sunday 7 November, 4pm: Holy Hour.
Monday 8 November, 7pm: Station Mass with Bishop Richard at Sacred Heart.
Sunday 14 November, 4pm: Holy Hour.
Sunday 14 November, 7pm, Confirmation rehearsal
Monday 15 November, 7.45pm: Meeting of the Platinum Jubilee Action Committee.

Experienced Cleaner required for the hall, early morning cleaner Monday / Wednesday / Friday 1 Hour 20 mins per day @ £10 per hour, if interested please contact Fr Alexander.



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

This Sunday is the feast of All Saints which is being anticipated this year, as 1 November, the usual day, is on Monday. The prayers and readings can be found in the blue Mass books on page 186. The first reading comes from the Apocalypse of Saint John and describes the huge number of people from every race, tribe nation and tongue who are gathered around the throne of the Lamb. This is a sign to us of the universal call to holiness, which is felt by people of all times and places and draws them near to God. The Gospel, from Saint Matthew, is the

Beatitudes, in which Jesus spells out the blessed state of those who follow Him, and in which He outlines the way His followers should live. The point of this feast is to commemorate all those faithful Christians who have pleased God, and who, though not canonised saints, or even well known, are now rejoicing in His presence for ever. At the same time, we contemplate our vocation to be with God forever in heavenly glory.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 30 October 6pm Margaret & John Callaghan RIP
Sunday 31 October 8.30am Bridget Mary Carr RIP
Sunday 31 October 10am For all parishioners
Sunday 31 October 11.15am Deceased Clergy RIP
Monday 1 November 10am Billy O’Connor RIP
Tuesday 2 November 11am Funeral of John Southworth RIP
Wednesday 3 November AM Cloherty family
Thursday 4 November No Mass
Friday 5 November 10am Elizabeth Murphy RIP
Saturday 6 November noon Holy Souls
Saturday 6 November 6pm For our benefactors
Sunday 7 November 8.30am Fr Ken McCarthy RIP
Sunday 7 November 10am Holy Souls
Sunday 7 November 11.15am For all Parishioners

On Friday 22 October all the priests and deacons who were able gathered with Bishop Richard and members of the diocesan safeguarding team, and here are a few points one took away from the meeting, which may be of interest.

- The diocese employs four full time staff to deal with safeguarding matters; three of them have backgrounds in the police; they are paid for by, ultimately, your contributions to the parish, a proportion of which are sent to the diocese. This is a sign of the way the diocese takes safeguarding seriously.
- Safeguarding is not an add on to parish life but integral to it and to the message of the Gospel.
- Everyone in ministry needs to be aware of safeguarding issues and is invited to/needs to undertake training in this regard. (For some it is mandatory, for others not, depending on the ministry.)
- Here at Saint Peter's we need to appoint a deputy to the Parish Rep, who is Aisling Brombley.
- The diocese is aware that many parishes are short of volunteers and it does not want safeguarding checks to put people off volunteering, but nevertheless they are essential in many roles. If you have been asked to bring your DBS up to date, then we need to hear from you, so we can then pass this on to the diocese, who are waiting to hear from us.

- Safeguarding is the duty of us all, not just Reps, diocesan authorities and clergy.
- Very soon we want to start Children's Liturgy again. For this we need volunteers who have to have a DBS check. Moreover, parents who want their children to come to Children's Liturgy must give their written consent. If you are interested in this, we very much want to hear from you.
- On the whole the day was very positive, and it was the first in person meeting since the pandemic began.

Liturgical notes

The month of November is dedicated to prayer for the faithful departed. On days when there is no feast we shall celebrate the daily Mass for the Dead.

Tuesday is the Commemoration of All Souls. A plenary indulgence applicable to the souls in Purgatory may be obtained under the usual conditions on this day by visiting a Church and saying the Our Father and the Creed. A plenary indulgence also applicable to the Holy Souls may be obtained under the usual conditions by those who visit a cemetery from 1-8 November and pray for the faithful departed.

Wednesday is the feast of Saint Martin de Porres.

Let us pray for Father Ken McCarthy who died on Thursday 21 October in Epsom hospital, aged 92. Fr McCarthy was ordained on 31 May 1953. Before the creation of the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton, he served in the parishes of Tunbridge Wells, Kingston, and Dover.

When Arundel and Brighton came into being, he continued his priestly apostolate in Brighton (St Mary Magdalen), Langley Green, Seaford, and Hailsham, before his retirement in 1999. May he rest in peace. Holy Mass is being offered for him here on Sunday 7 November at 8.30am.

Please note that the funeral Mass of John Southworth will take place here on All Souls Day, 2 November, at 11am. The coffin will be commended for cremation at the Church door after the Requiem Mass. Let us pray for the repose of his soul and the comfort of his family. This Mass will replace the 10am Mass on that day.

Hall news: we are still waiting for a few finishing touches, including the glass doors. Apart from that there is no Hall news, and we can all move on to thinking about other things. As from now fundraising and raffles etc are over. Hurrah! Thanks to all who made such a stupendous effort over first of all the stained glass and more recently the Hall. Today for the very last time, Mary and Mary will be selling delicious things in the Hall. Many thanks to them from us all for their sterling efforts. We can now all take a well deserved pause! Except for one thing..... 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!

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 all dates, and for more information, please visit the school website. To book your place on a tour, please contact the school office on 01273 555811 or email ruthyahiatene@cottesmore.brighton-hove.sch.uk

MUSIC FOR A WINTER'S EVENING

We would like to invite you to a wonderful evening of candlelight and beautiful music led by our 10am Music Group. This will take place on **Friday 12th November from 7.30 - 8.30pm** in St Peter's Church. The evening will include beautiful liturgical songs, a special guest appearance from one of our talented youth groups and refreshments. As it is the month of November, we will be raising money for the charity 'CRUSE', which does such important work with those that have been bereaved. We hope to see you there.

The Charity of the Southwark

Brethren was started in 1921 and has always focused in helping sick, or those Priests who are in need. We thank you for your continuous generosity in the past and ask for your help again this year. Please send donations to Fr Paul Hough, 3 Birch Way, Warlingham CR6 9DA, so that we can continue to support Priests in the Diocese of Southwark and Arundel and Brighton, and also help working Priests who have serious sickness. In addition, we have a Gift Aid Scheme for those who pay tax and we thank you, the lay people, who have joined by applying for a Gift aid form. Please feel free to contact us for more information if needed.

Bishop Richard will be celebrating a Station Mass at Sacred Heart on Monday 8 Nov at 7pm to which everyone in the is invited.

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.

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. We have bought some new tubs and new boxes for donations.



Parish Notice Board

Sick Parishioners.

Please pray for Caroline Audy, Margaret Chapman, Jim and Valerie Lee, Vincent O' Rourke, Dennis Tribe, Rosemary Kilcourse, Liz Perkins, Richard Martin, Sheila Coldicott, Margaret Heffernan, Eric Mee.

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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

St Vincent's Charity shop: Volunteers desperately needed for St Vincent's Charity shop on Portland road. If interested please contact Rachel on 07540 857816.



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.

Lady Cleaner.. Available to work for single ladies and families in Brighton, services include deep cleaning, ironing, dressmaking and alterations. 16 years experience and references available on request. Please contact me on tel. 07909 309422 or email ageoroshi@live.com

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.

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

Redundant iPads and Laptops are desperately needed by the Gatwick Detainees' Welfare Group. An IT company has agreed to 'clean' devices to remove any data. These devices can enable a person whether in detention or after release, to help themselves; to access classes for speakers of other languages, to communicate with friends, family, our staff, their volunteer visitor and to access resources such as Food Banks and to join our post detention services. Contact Josie at: josiewade@gdwg.org.uk. <http://www.larasmith.co.uk>

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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