

Forthcoming events:

Sunday 4 July, 5pm: Lusophone Mass.
Sunday 4 July, 6pm: Eastern Orthodox Divine Liturgy.
Sunday 4 July, 7pm-8.30pm: Fourth Session of Confirmation preparation.
Tuesday 6 July, 10am: Funeral Mass of Krystyna Szczerbiak RIP
Friday 9 July, 2.30pm: Funeral Mass of Thomas McCauley RIP.
Saturday 10 July, 11am: Walking pilgrimage to Saint Mary de Haura, Shoreham.
Monday 12 July, 2pm: Funeral of Dorothy Citrone RIP at Downs Crematorium.
Monday 12 th July, 3pm: Funeral of Patricia O'Loughlin RIP, Downs Crematorium.
Friday 16 July, 11am: Funeral Mass of Chris Buckingham, RIP.
Friday 16 July, 7pm: Hamish Dustagheer Organ recital.
Sunday 18 July, 7pm-8.30pm: Fifth Session of Confirmation preparation.
Saturday 21 August, 7pm: Grand Re-opening of the Hall.
Saturday 28 August, 7pm: International Dinner.
Sunday 5 September, 7pm-8.30pm: Sixth Session of Confirmation preparation.
Friday 25 September, 7pm: Choral concert
Thursday 29 September, 9am: Saint Christopher's School Harvest Festival.
Sunday October 10, 11.15am: Unveiling of picture of Blessed Carlo Acutis.
Sunday 10 October, 7pm-8.30pm: Seventh Session of Confirmation preparation

Saturday October 16: start of First Holy Communion programme.
Sunday 17 October, 10am: FHC Enrolment Mass
Saturday 6 November, 9am/11am: FHC
Saturday 6 November, noon: Bereavement Mass.
Sunday 14 November, 7pm, Confirmation rehearsal
Saturday 20 November, 3pm Confirmation Mass
Friday 31 December, noon: Bereavement Mass.

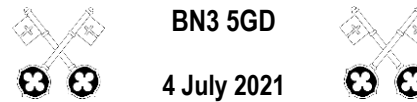
Given the reduced threat from Covid, we are normalising the manner of celebrating Mass. Let us remember to keep the ventilation to a maximum. To this end the windows and the doors are open. Let us also not cluster together.

The following elements are back to normal.

- The collection.
- 'The Body of Christ. Amen' at Holy Communion.
- The Mass books are back, if you want to use them. They contain all the prayers of the Mass, and the readings as well.
- An Extraordinary Minister will help at Holy Communion.
- The gifts will be brought up at the Offertory, along with the collection. Just to clarify, as it may have been forgotten: the collection comes up first, followed by the Gifts of Bread and Wine, on the principle that the most important elements come last.
- From this Sunday we have Bidding Prayers! As soon as possible we need two readers per Sunday instead of one.

Offering Total 27th June: £1,563.42

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

This Sunday is the Fourteenth Sunday of the Year. The first reading is from the prophet Ezekiel and recounts his commission from the Lord to the people of Israel, to whom God sends him, knowing that many will refuse to listen. In the Gospel Jesus goes to His home town of Nazareth, and finds that the people there reject His message because they feel they know him too well: familiarity has bred contempt, as we say. These passages should lead us to consider the problem of unbelief amongst our contemporaries.

Today, it being the Sunday after the feast of Saints Peter and Paul, there is the annual retiring collection for Peter's Pence, which is taken up in every Catholic Church in the world, and goes to support the administrative

costs of the Holy See, which is the central government of the Church.

On Sunday evening, the Confirmation candidates are gathering with their catechists in Wish Park. (Please meet in the very centre.) The idea is to have a picnic, play games, and do various activities making use of the long hours of daylight. This starts at 7pm and ends at 8.15pm.

This evening at 5pm, Father Elio is celebrating a Mass in Portuguese for our Lusophone brethren. A warm welcome to them.

Also this Sunday, our Eastern Orthodox brethren will be celebrating the Divine Liturgy here at 6pm. A warm welcome to them.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 3 July 6pm For our Benefactors
Sunday 4 July 8.30am GE Harvey family (C Lloyd)
Sunday 4 July 10am Leonardo Iacono RIP
Sunday 4 July 11.15am For all parishioners
Monday 5 July 10am Thomas W Fitzgerald RIP
Tuesday 6 July 10am Funeral Mass of Krystyna Szczerbiak RIP
Wednesday 7 July Noreen Coss RIP
Thursday 8 July No Mass
Friday 9 July 10am GE Cashman family
Saturday 10 July 10am Noragh Murphy RIP
Saturday 10 July 6pm GE Bishop Budd
Sunday 11 July 8.30am For all Parishioners
Sunday 11 July 10am For our Benefactors
Sunday 11 July 11.15am Giuliana Sussex RIP

On Saturday 10 July, we aim to do a walking pilgrimage to Saint Mary de Haura, the historic and beautiful Church in Shoreham, starting from here at 11am. The walk is an easy hour and half along the coast; the idea is to pray at St Mary's and then picnic on Shoreham Beach, and then return by bus or train. Those not up to the walk can join us there having made the pilgrimage by bus. The point of this pilgrimage is partly ecumenical, and partly an attempt to pray, and social, as it will enable those who take part to get to know each other. We hope to meet up with one of the parish clergy from St Mary's when we arrive.

Let us continue to pray for the repose of the soul of **Mrs Krystyna Szczerbiak** and the comfort of her family. Her funeral Mass will take place on Tuesday 6 July at 10am, to be followed by committal at the Woodvale crematorium.

Let us continue to pray for the repose of the soul of **Thomas McCauley** and the comfort of his wife family. The funeral Mass will be at 2.30pm on Friday 9 July, followed by committal at Woodvale crematorium. This will not affect the 10am mass that morning.

We have heard the sad news of the death of Dorothy Citrone, who died on June 17, in Worthing Hospital, aged 87. Let us pray for the repose of her soul and the comfort of her family. Her funeral will take place at the Downs Crematorium on Monday 12 July at 2pm.

We have heard the sad news of the death of Chris Buckingham, who died at home on Saturday 26 June, having received the sacrament of the Sick and the Apostolic Pardon. He was 63 years old, and had been ill for some time. Let us pray for the repose

of his soul and for the comfort of his widow Lorraine at this sad time. His funeral Mass will take place here on Friday 16 July at 11am, which will replace the 10am Mass on that day.

We have heard the sad news of the death of Patricia O'Loughlin who died in Lindridge Care Home on 19th June aged 93 years. Her funeral will take place on Monday 12th July, Downs Crematorium, 3pm. Let us pray for the repose of her soul and for the comfort of her family at this difficult time.

Liturgical notes

The month of July is dedicated to the Precious Blood of Christ. On days when there is no feast we will be celebrating a Votive Mass of the Precious Blood. This devotion reminds us of the Passion of Our Lord and of the way we are redeemed through the Precious Blood of the Lamb.

Monday is the feast of Saint Antony Mary Zaccaria.

Tuesday is the feast of Saint Maria Goretti, martyr. She is the youngest canonized saint in the Church. She died tragically on July 6, 1902, at the age of eleven. Born into poverty, her father moved the family when Maria was just six years old from the east side of Italy (near Ancona) to the west side (near Nettuno, about 40 miles south of Rome) in hopes of escaping the grinding poverty that was gripping the area. Just three years later, when Maria was nine, her father died. It fell to her at that time to raise her five siblings while her mother worked the fields to produce the crops with which they would both pay the rent and feed themselves. Aside from having the responsibility of caring for her family, she had to also cook and clean for her two next door neighbours—Giovanni Serenelli and his

son, Alessandro – who assisted her mother with the farm tasks. It was also during this time that Alessandro began to develop an impure liking for Maria. The big 20-year-old would say rude and crude things to her, things that were inappropriate and embarrassing, and that would cause her to run away. However, at a certain point he began to make direct advances towards her, demanding her virginity and threatening her with violence. Finally, after many months of this, Alessandro forced himself upon Maria in an attempt to rape her. Though she prevented him from violating her, Alessandro brutally stabbed her numerous times. Maria died the next day in the midst of horrendous infection brought on by her lacerations. Her last words were, "I forgive Alessandro Serenelli ... and I want him with me in heaven forever." During his prison sentence Maria appeared to Alessandro in a vision and forgave him. Alessandro repented and from that point on, he lived a life of holiness, eventually becoming a Franciscan lay brother. On June 24, 1950 Maria was canonised by Pope Pius XII in St. Peter's Square, before a congregation of half a million, which included the Saint's mother, and Alessandro Serenelli.

Friday is the feast of Saint Augustine Zhao Rong and companions, martyr of China.

Of our target of £30,000 for the Hall restoration fund, we have raised the further sum of £248.58 from the cake sale last Sunday, which brings our total to £9,274.56 so far. Many thanks to all who took part or who donated. For updates of progress of the hall refurbishment, please do check out our social media accounts. We will be showing week by week pictures of how things are going.

On July 16, we have our organ recital at 7pm. The idea of this is to raise money for the Hall, and there will be a retiring collection. More importantly, perhaps is the community building aspect. There will be drinks on the pavement afterwards. It would be wonderful to have as many local people here as possible, particularly those who have never been in the Church before. Please think who you can invite, and please take a poster, and please note the date. If you would like to help with stewarding the event, as a welcomer on the door, or to help with the drinks afterwards, please do let us know. If you can take a poster to display, please do so.

Advance notice: Fr Alexander will be away on 19-23 July inclusive. During this time he will not be answering the phone or replying to emails. All enquiries should be directed to the Parish secretary. Canon Oliver Heaney will celebrate mass on Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st. Fr Alex Sharpe will celebrate Mass on Friday 23rd July, many thanks to them.

First Holy Communion begins this October. Fr Alexander has started visiting all the candidates at home with their parents. Don't miss out! He is looking forward to seeing you all.



Please leave your donations for the Food Bank in the tub inside the door of the Outer Sacristy. If locked, by the door. Please remember we cannot accept perishable goods, opened packets or out of date food. We have bought some new tubs and boxes for donations.

Bags for Life used by our clients to carry their goods home, urgently needed.



Parish Notice Board

CCRS - The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS) is beginning again in our Diocese this September. The course is designed for teachers in Catholic schools, for Catechists and for anyone who would like to grow in understanding as they live their Catholic faith. The CCRS offers a very flexible and accessible way of learning, it includes some online content and is made up of eight modules: six core and two specialist modules. Each module involves ten hours of course time and an assignment. For more information or to register your place please contact our Formation Adviser, jon.harman@abdiocese.org.uk

We are getting lots of passport forms and other forms to sign. Aisling has kindly taken this on. Please note that forms should be dropped off in office hours only, and all the details need to be filled in before submission for signature or counter-signature and stamping. They will then be handed back to you also during office hours, within a reasonable time. It is not possible to offer a while you wait service. Neither is it possible to countersign identity papers for people who one does not know. With regard to baptism and confirmation certificates, requests are best submitted in writing, with a stamped addressed

envelope. Please remember to include as much information as possible, as this makes tracking down the records easier. Dealing with forms does take time, and the parish does not charge for this service, but craves your patience.

Gift Aid Envelopes are now available at the back of the church. Please remember to collect them. Your number may have changed as part of our recent audit, this will not affect your donations. Yellow envelopes are available at the back of the church for anyone who wishes to donate regardless of being a member of our scheme. Thank you for your continued support.

Those Covid Rules:

- The capacity of the church is 100 people: two people per bench, spaced at one metre apart, and one person per chair. (Families can sit together.) Please spread out as widely as possible and do not bunch together.
- Please check in for track and trace purposes, either electronically or in writing.
- Please sanitise your hands on entry and exit.
- Please observe the one way system: up the middle, down the sides, especially at Holy Communion.
- If you take a newsletter, please take it home with you.
- There is STILL no congregational singing.
- The Church doors are to remain open to ventilate the building.
- Mass is shorter than usual.
- There is no procession of the Gifts to the altar. Your offering will be taken as you leave the Church.
- There is no sign of peace.
- Holy Communion will be received under one kind only.
- Communion must be given silently, avoiding any physical contact.
- Please remove your mask (if wearing one) and gloves to receive Holy Communion.
- As you leave do not to linger in doorways or other 'choke points'.
- People are urged not to come to the sacristy before and after Mass, unless they are servers or sacristans.
- Face coverings are mandatory for all who are not exempt.
- The Bishops also urge readers to wear disposable gloves.

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.

Curious about Catholics? To learn more and talk in an unpressured and confidential environment, please contact Sue Hollow on 0755 730 1796 or Fr Alexander.

Thinking of driving lessons? Please contact Phil Harris (Bartholomews Driving School) on 07711 688147.

Counselling Service

Contact Lara who is experienced with counselling people with substance abuse, sexual abuse, bereavement, couple counselling. Tel 07787 555168 <http://www.larasmith.co.uk>

Caroline's Kitchen – Tel 595922 Caterers for Baptisms, etc. Tel 595922 or carolineriley@carolines-kitchen.co.uk

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

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