

Forthcoming events:

Sunday 5 Dec, 10am: FHC Mass.
Sunday 5 Dec: Book Exchange in the Hall.
Tuesday 7 Dec, 7.30: Synod meeting.
Wednesday 8 Dec, 7am: Rorate Mass.
Wednesday 8 Dec, 10.30am: Synod meeting.
Thursday 9 Dec, 8pm: Social Dancing.
Friday 10 Nov, 11.30am: Funeral of Dulcie Preston, RIP.
Friday 10 Dec, 1.30-3pm: Social Club, Clive our accordionist.
Sunday 12 Dec: Children's clothes and toys' Freecycle. The Crib appears.
Tuesday 14 Dec, 7.30: Synod meeting.
Wednesday 15 Dec, 7am: Rorate Mass.
Wednesday 15 Dec, 10.30am: Synod meeting.
Thursday 16 Dec, 11.30am: funeral of Robert Scahill at Woodvale Crematorium.
Friday 17 Dec: Social Club, 1.30: how to avoid being scammed.
Friday 17 Dec, 4pm: Christmas Trees put up in Church.
Sunday 19 Dec, 6.30pm: Carol Service.
Tuesday 21 Dec, 7.30: Synod meeting.
Wednesday 22 Dec, 7am: Rorate Mass.
Wednesday 22 Dec, 10.30am: Synod meeting.
Friday 31 Dec, noon: Bereavement Mass.

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. For information, 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.

Dona

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. Please note! 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. Parishes that are a similar size to St Peter's have raised between £400-£800 extra a month.

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.

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5 December 2021

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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 Second Sunday of Advent. The prayers and readings can be found in the purple Mass books on page 84. The first reading comes from the prophecy of Baruch, who speaks of the return of the Israelites to their own land, and the way that God will smooth the path for them by filling in the valleys and flattening the mountains. This phrasing is evoked too in the Gospel, from Luke, where we are told of the appearance of John the Baptist, who comes to prepare a way for the Lord. John offers a baptism for

the repentance of sins, which is a pointer to us of the penitential nature of the Advent season, when we are invited to repent for our sins, the better to welcome the Lord at Christmas.

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?

Mass Intentions
Saturday 4 Dec 6pm Holy Souls
Sunday 5 Dec 8.30am Holy Souls
Sunday 5 Dec 10am For all Parishioners
Sunday 5 Dec 11.15am Holy Souls
Monday 6 Dec 10am Beatus Kasenganya RIP
Tuesday 7 Dec 10am Anne O'Halloran RIP
Wednesday 8 Dec 7am Holy Souls
Wednesday 8 Dec 10am Michael Pierce RIP
Thursday 9 Dec No Mass
Friday 10 Dec 10am Holy Souls
Saturday 11 Dec 10am Stephanie Fromholz RIP
Saturday 11 Nov 6pm GE Kasamaki family
Sunday 12 Nov 8.30am For all parishioners
Sunday 12 Nov 10am A Private Intention
Sunday 12 Nov 11.15am Ignacy Mackowiak

This Sunday 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. Next Sunday,

12 December, we will be 'freecycling' redundant children's toys, bicycles, and clothes, all in good condition. The same principle applies, and no money need change hands.

Last Sunday's cake Sale made the sum of £237.65 for our poor fund. Well done one and all who took part! Many thanks! Glad so many enjoyed themselves!

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 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 by Debbie and her team on the afternoon of Sunday 12 December. If you can bring in some greenery that day, it would be appreciated. On the Friday of the third week of Advent we aim to put up our Christmas trees, in time for the Carols on the Sunday. This would be a great opportunity for those who love such things to help. Do come along at 4pm. And at Christmas the statue of Baby Jesus will be making its appearance!

This Advent we are celebrating a Rorate Mass once a week. You are all invited to come to Mass on Wednesdays in Advent at 7am, and bring candles in jam jars for light. After Mass we can, if desired, go out to breakfast.

Monday is the feast of Saint Nicholas, patron saint of children.

Tuesday is the feast of Saint Ambrose.

Wednesday is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.

Friday is the feast of Our Lady of Loreto.

Saturday is the feast of Saint Damasus I, pope.

Looking ahead to Christmas..... The feast of the Nativity this year falls on a Saturday. As in past years there will be five Masses over Christmas, as laid down below, and the usual Sunday morning Masses on 26 December. However, there will be no Mass on the evening of Christmas Day. In addition, note our Carol Service on the Fourth Sunday of Advent. Here is your cut out and keep guide!

- Sunday 19 December, 6.30pm: Carol Service.
- Friday 24 December, 6pm: Vigil Mass.
- Friday 24 December, 12 midnight: Midnight Mass.
- Saturday 25 December, 8.30am: Dawn Mass.
- Saturday 25 December, 10am and 11.15am: Day Mass. Divine Liturgy (Oriental Orthodox) at 1pm. (NO evening Mass, and no Lusophone Mass)
- Sunday 26 December: Mass at 8.30am, 10am, and 11.15am. Lusophone Mass at 5pm.

We have heard the sad news of the death of Stephanie Fromholz, who died in Worthing in October, and who was for many years a member of this parish. Let us pray for her eternal repose, and let us remember her family in our prayers. We have also heard the sad news of the death of Pauline Penfold, on Friday 26 November, in hospital in Worthing.

Pauline was a daily Mass-goer, before ill-health overtook her. She had received the Sacrament of the Sick. May she rest in peace, and let us pray for the comfort of her husband John.

We have heard the sad news of the death of Robert Scahill who died at home in Westbourne Gardens on 29 November, aged 88 years, having received the Sacrament of the Sick and the Apostolic Pardon. His funeral service will take place at Woodvale Crematorium (South Chapel) on Thursday 16 December at 11.30 am. Let us pray for the repose of his soul and the comfort of his family.

The Care Group met 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. The number of people at home and unwell is increasing and we do need suitable people to help.

Our Platinum Jubilee programme is taking shape.
Thursday 2 June: Livestreaming of Trooping of the Colour in the Hall. Decoration of the Hall, and making of souvenir gift bags.
Friday 3 June: Tea Dance with retro Music.
Saturday 4 June: Lecture in the afternoon; International dinner in the evening, with livestreaming of the Jubilee Concert.
Sunday 5 June 2022: Mass of Thanksgiving with Te Deum. Evening Concert in the Church, followed by refreshments in the Hall.

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. On Friday 10 December, our resident accordionist Clive will be leading us in a festive sing-song. On Friday 17 December, before breaking for Christmas, Aidan Goodwin, our local PCSO, will join us to talk about the dangers of scams and how to avoid them.

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.

If you are a reader, a Eucharistic minister, on duty at Mass, please come into the sacristy for prayers before the Mass begins at about seven minutes prior to the start.

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

Synod: Many people could not make it to our meetings this week so could you please take a booklet from the porch and look at it. You might like to fill it in and put it into the box in the porch - we will send this on to the Diocese. Or you could post it yourself to the address given at the back. You might also be able to give one to someone you know who isn't able to come to church meetings- the sick or disabled, the lapsed, young people. We want to know what they think too.

Offertory collection Sunday 25 November 2021. - £1,532.06.

Parish Notice Board

Future Governors' Fair

Have you ever considered serving your local parish community by becoming a School Governor? It's an incredibly fulfilling role, having an impact on future generations as you give back, but how can you know whether it's right for you? The Diocese will be leading a short, informal event for anyone in the city who is interested in finding out more about governance. Come and join us for a short talk and the opportunity to meet and speak to current governors and priests from across the Deanery of Brighton & Hove. That way you can find out what it really involves and whether it might be something you'd be interested in, now or in future months or years.

Feel free to turn up and find out more. Monday 17th January 2022, 6.30-7.30pm, Newman College (top gate), The Upper Drive, Hove

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.

Caroline's Kitchen – Tel 595922

Caterers for Baptisms, etc. Tel 595922 or carolineriley@carolines-kitchen.co.uk

Host Families needed

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