

Forthcoming Events

Saturday 4 February, 9.15am-10.45am: First Holy Communion
Monday 6 February, 7pm: Induction for readers new and old.
Thursday 9 February, 8pm: Social Dancing.
Friday 10 February, 1.30pm: Social Club: An encounter with David Wilson.
Saturday/Sunday 11/12 February, all Masses: Collection for Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund.
Wednesday 22 February: Ash Wednesday, Lent begins, Mass at 10am, Liturgy of the Word at 7pm.
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.
Sunday March 19: Table Top Sale.
Saturday 25 March, 9.15am-10.45am: First Holy Communion
Saturday/ Sunday, 1 and 2 April: Plam Sunday Great Spring Book Exchange
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.
Tuesday 25 April: Meeting of the Finance Committee.
Saturday 6 May: Coronation Day.
Sunday 7 May: Mass of Thanksgiving with Te Deum followed by Syrian lunch in the Hall.
Monday 8 May: Coronation Tea Dance.
Sunday 2 July, 3pm: Confirmations at Arundel Cathedral.

Please note events are also published on our website.

Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 15th March 2023. £699.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight, all transfers, 4 nights in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre & National Museum. Special St. Patrick's Day Celebrations. Single supplement £150.00. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

Let us pray for the recovery of Fr Jerry whos been unwell of late. Let us also prayer for other clergy who are also unwell at this time. Our prayers are also asked for several other people in the parish who are unwell.

Offertory Collection Sun 29 Jan 2023 = £1,260.55.

St Peter's Catholic Church

Diocesan Shrine of the Blessed

Carlo Acutis.

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5 February 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 Fifth Sunday of the Year. The prayers and readings for today can be found in the yellow books on page 133. The first reading is from the prophet Isaiah, who urges the children of Israel to do acts of practical charity, such as giving bread to the hungry and sheltering the homeless. The Gospel is from Saint Matthew, and contains Jesus' words about His followers being a light for the world and salt of the earth. In other words, the followers of Christ are meant to set a good example to others and to illuminate the world with their charitable actions.

- 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.

Last Sunday, Armanda's facepainting, ably assisted by Melitsa, in the Hall after 10am Mass and 11.30am Mass, was a huge success, and raised £71.50 for the DEC Ukraine appeal. A few parents did not have cash on them, as is often the case these days, and were advised that they could donate online. Currently, our fundraising for Ukraine stands at £3,645.50.

This 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.

Next Sunday is the collection for the Lourdes Fund, which subsidises those who wish to go on the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes. The envelopes are out now; please put your donation in an envelope and bring it back next Sunday and place it in the collection.

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.

Mass intentions

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)
Monday 6 February, 10am: Thanksgiving (M and N Lock)
Tuesday 7 February, 10am: Kitty Fitzgerald (Granny) RIP
Wednesday 8 February, 10am: Holy Souls
Friday 9 February, 10am: DM Zorzan and Pieri families.
Saturday 10 February, 6pm: Andrew Smith RIP
Sunday 10 February, 8.30am: For all parishioners
Sunday 10 February, 10am: Jadwiga Mackowiak (birthday) RIP
Sunday 10 February, 11.30am: Angela Fitzgerald RIP

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.

Liturgical notes

We are now in Ordinary Time, when the vestments are green, unless there is a feast. 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.

- Monday is the feast of Saint Paul Miki and his companions, the martyrs of Japan.
- Wednesday is the feast of Saint Josephine Bakhita, virgin.
- Friday is the feast of Saint Scholastica, virgin.

Brace yourselves! Lent is coming, and begins on Ash Wednesday, 22 February. Make sure you get those ashes, so that you can have the best possible start to Lent. On Ash Wednesday Mass will be at 10am, and the Ashes will be imposed at that Mass. In order to enable as many people to get the Ashes as possible, there will be a Liturgy of the Word (not Mass) with the Imposition of Ashes at 7pm. This will last about 20 minutes maximum. In addition there are going to be two Assemblies at Cottesmore, to enable every child in the school to have the Ashes. What do the Ashes mean? In Old Testament times, people would put ashes on their heads as a sign of penance and sorrow for their sins, and to show that they were fasting. The Ashes we use (made from the Palms used on Palm Sunday), are a sign that we wish to repent, to turn over a new leaf, and that we want to do this throughout Lent and in preparation for Easter.

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**

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 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.)

Great Spring Book Exchange. It is time for another clearout, and another opportunity to pick up some good pre-loved books. As with previous occasions, bring your books to the Hall and take whatever you like. Children's books are welcome too. We shall hold this on the Palm Sunday weekend, which is Saturday 1 April/ Sunday 2 April.

More Hall news: we are looking into having a Produce Market in the Hall, that is, an opportunity to sell plants, vegetables, and fruit, along with jams and chutneys. There is a demand for such a thing, that is, plenty of buyers, so let us see if we have any sellers. The date pencilled in for this is Sunday 23 April. Do please note the date. While we are on the subject, we need to have another Table Top Sale: the date for this is Sunday 19 March.

Thank you for your offertory donations via the Dona device. 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. To date parishioners have donated £4,999.75, £9.61 is the average donation and you have chosen to gift aid 41% of your donations.

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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.

