

### Sick Parishioners

Please pray for; Jim McFarlane, Caroline Audy, Margaret Chapman, Vincent O' Rourke, Jim and Valerie Lee, Eileen Banks, Matthew Garcia, Beverley Coughlan, Sonia Wall, Dennis Tribe, Rosemary Kilcourse, Adrian Van Twest.

### Parish Events

Sunday 5 January, 7pm: Confirmation, session III.
Monday January 6, 8pm: Baptism course.
Friday 10 January, 1.30pm: Social Club resumes.
Saturday 11 January, 9am/11am: First Holy Communion
Thursday 16 January: Years 2,3,4 Reconciliation at Cottesmore.
Friday 17 January-Sunday 19 January: Confirmation retreat, Saint Bartz.
Tuesday 21 January, 7.30pm: Parish Finance Committee
Thursday 23 January, 8pm: Parish Team Meeting.
Thursday 30 January: Years 6 and R Reconciliation at Cottesmore
Saturday/Sunday 22/23 February: Apostolate of Adoration visit.
Wednesday 26 February: Lent begins.

Sadly, the final Masses have now been said in the Catholic churches and chapels of ease in Sidley (Bexhill Parish), Pulborough (Billingshurst Parish) and Hurstpierpoint (Keymer Parish). We are asked to remember in prayer the people of these communities as they adjust to the changes that result. Let us remember that the diocese has already closed the churches and mass centres at Portslade and Newhaven. Let us redouble our prayers for vocations to the priesthood.

The Secretariat of State in the Vatican has requested that the Holy Father's thanks go to all who have contributed to

Peter's Pence, the annual collection that is taken up on the feast of saint peter and Paul and which is then sent to the Holy See to fund its activities. A recent report, giving the figures for 2018, indicated a rise in contributions from the diocese of £5,772 – a wonderful expression of support for the charitable work of the Holy Father.

Remembering St Josephine Bakhita, the patron saint of modern slaves and human trafficking. This is a call to make both St. Josephine Bakhita and the ending of modern-day slavery our Rosary intention on Saturday 8 February 2020. St. Josephine Bakhita is a saint who was a slave and her feast day on the 8 February is an opportunity to focus prayers on bringing an end to slavery and trafficking. The diocese has formed an anti-slavery group which is seeking ways to promote awareness of this modern day take on an age-old abuse of human dignity. The discovery of the 39 victims in a trailer in Essex recently has particularly highlighted this evil trade. If you, or anyone in your parish would like to be kept up to date on our activities then please contact our Social Action Adviser, Tessa Ricketts at [Tessa.Ricketts@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:Tessa.Ricketts@abdiocese.org.uk).

**Cafod Team update:** Thanks to our wonderful team and all who donated £664 enough to purchase 23 goats.

**UCM** are on their Christmas break and back Wednesday 15 January at 7.30pm in the hall.

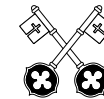
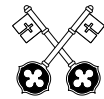
**Social Dancing** in the hall resumes this Thursday. All are welcome!

**Thursday mornings Scripture Reflection:** 10am all welcome.

**Collection** Sunday 29 December, £1, 294.03.

### St. Peter's Catholic Church Portland Road Hove

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5 Jan 2020

Epiphany of the Lord.

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### Mass intentions this week:

Saturday 4 Jan 6pm GE Mikey and Mary Ann O'Toole

Sunday 5 Jan 8.30am For all parishioners

Sunday 5 Jan 10am Sheila O'Rourke RIP

Sunday 5 Jan 11.15am Bill Fuller RIP

Monday 6 Jan 11am Requiem Mass for Kathleen Malenzak

Tuesday 7 Jan 10am Audrey Fitzgerald RIP

Wednesday 8 Jan 10am GE Kathleen O'Grady

Thursday 9 Jan No Mass

Friday 10 Jan 10am Joseph Jensen RIP

Saturday 11 Jan 10am GE Richard Howes

Saturday 11 Jan 6pm GE Spampinato family

Sunday 12 Jan 8.30am GE Austin Mallet

Sunday 12 Jan 10am For all parishioners

Sunday 12 Jan 11.15am Holy Souls

**This Sunday is the solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, also known as the feast of the Three Kings, and traditionally called Twelfth Night.** In fact the Gospel tells us of wise men, or magi, that is astronomers, 'from the east', who bring three gifts, the significance of which is spelled out for us in the hymn 'We Three Kings': gold for a king, frankincense for the presence of God, and myrrh for the anointing of the dead. Because there were three gifts, we assume there were three givers, but this is not necessarily the case. That the magi were kings is something that was added onto the story later, in the light of the scriptural prophecy that we find in the first reading today which speaks of kings coming to worship the Lord. Epiphany is usually celebrated on January 6, but is brought forward by a day to coincide with Sunday for the convenience of the faithful. The Twelfth Night of Christmas is the last of the feasts of the season, and after this feast all Christmas decorations should be taken down, though, as mentioned before, cribs can remain until the feast of the Presentation of the Lord on 2 February (which falls on a Sunday this year.)

The readings today tell the story of the Magi visiting Jesus. This may have taken place up to two years after His birth. The Gospel account tells us that Jesus is born not just as Saviour for the Jewish people, but for all the peoples of the earth, as the Magi are Gentiles who do not come to know Him through the Scriptures, but through studying the heavens. We too, if we consider the evidence offered by Creation, will come to seek the Creator, and like the Magi, worship Him. That they fall on their knees before Him is a sign that the fullness of Divinity is to be found in the Child Jesus.

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Next Sunday is the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Fr Alexander is away (this was booked a year ago, long before his niece announced her wedding date) and all Masses will be said by Fr Paul Martin, who is the head of the Saint Barnabas Society, formerly known as the Converts' Aid Society. Fr Paul is a witty and entertaining preacher and we are lucky to have him. He will talk about the work of the Society and there will be a retiring collection for the Society. Please be generous. The Society helps Anglican and other clergy who wish to become Catholic. This diocese has benefitted greatly from convert clergy.

Confessions are heard every Saturday morning, from 10.30 to 11.15am.

Our stained glass debt currently stands at £14, 636.

#### **Liturgical notes:**

Tuesday is the feast of Saint Raymond of Penafort. All Masses this week are of the Christmas season, which concludes with the feast of the Baptism of the Lord on Sunday. We then start the season of Ordinary Time, when the vestments are green. January is the month dedicated to the Most Holy Name of Jesus.

We have received the sad news of the death of Kathleen Mary Malenczak, who died on the 21 January 2018 at St Rita's Care Home in Southwick. She had been living until recently in Station Road, Portslade, and had received the Sacrament of the Sick. She was 92 years old. Her Requiem Mass will take place at St Peter's on Monday 6 January 2020 at 11am, to be followed by burial at Hove cemetery. This will replace the 10am Mass that day. Let us pray for the repose of her soul, and for

the wellbeing of her children and family members during this difficult time.

Let us also pray for Michael Green, who died on Saturday 28 December. Michael was for many years a deeply appreciated reader in our Church. Let us remember his widow Regina in our prayers too at this very difficult time for her. Funeral plans will be announced at a later date.

While Father Alexander is away, the daily Mass will be said by Canons Heaney and Foley. We are very grateful to them for undertaking this. Please let us make them as welcome as possible when they visit.

Next Advent is still a long way off, but... it might be best to think of it now. In Lewes the parish has been celebrating a Rorate Mass every Monday morning at 7am. This is a Mass for Advent, celebrated entirely by candlelight, at which the congregation are encouraged to bring their own candles in jars. This has proved to be extremely popular and means that people who work and go to school can go to Mass in the week. Some people have even been driving to Lewes from Brighton for the Rorate Mass. Therefore, we propose to hold a Rorate Mass on Wednesdays in Advent at 7am, with this replacing the 10am Mass. Afterwards we can have coffee in the Hall, with bacon sandwiches, if a volunteer can be found to prepare them.

Another thing for Advent is to have a Posada. This word means 'inn' or 'lodging' in Spanish, and this custom comes from Latin America. Figures of Jesus and Mary go from house to house in Advent, reminding us of the

way the Holy Family found no room at the Inn, and that we ourselves, to make up for that, will extend our hospitality to them. Each family passes the figures on at the end of the one night stay, which enables people to make the acquaintance of their fellow parishioners. Children particularly enjoy this, and photos of Joseph and Mary having their supper can be posted on our social media. All we need for this are two suitable figures (three, if you factor in a donkey) which are usually knitted or fabric, and one person to draw up the list of families. Anyone got some suitable figures, or is there anyone who can make them? And anyone want to draw up the list?

This year sadly we forgot to organise the presents that we usually distribute to those in care and nursing homes. Next year we need to have a 'Giving Tree'. This is a tree which is festooned with labels all of which have a description of a present. You take the label in Advent and buy and wrap the present as described on the label; then on the last Sunday of Advent the presents are brought up during the Offertory and placed near the altar. They are then distributed over Christmas.

Many thanks to all who made our five Christmas Masses the success they were. Thanks to all our musicians, whose time, devotion energy and enthusiasm were remarked on by many; some of our musicians were present at four out of the five Masses, and many were present for at least two. The parish is very grateful to them. And many spoke very appreciatively of the flowers, which were the work of Bernie. Many thanks to her, and to all the others who read,

served, and carried up the offertory, and took the collection. And finally, many thanks from Fr Alexander for the collection itself, as well as all the superb cards and presents. All our team worked to full capacity, so, if you could find your way to helping next year, in a suitable capacity, we would be delighted to hear from you.

Our Social Club resumes in the Hall this Friday at 1.30pm. This week it will be bingo. Next Friday, 17 January, it will be cards and board games, along with the usual refreshments; on Friday 24 January, we will be watching the superb film Brooklyn, which is the interesting and moving story of a young Irish woman leaving her homeland and settling in New York in the late 1950's, based on the best selling novel by Colm Toibin.

The new Diocesan Directory for the year 2020 has arrived. If you would like a copy, they are available from the office, and the cover price is £5.

From the Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church:  
276. Where does the Eucharist fit in the divine plan of salvation? The Eucharist was foreshadowed in the Old Covenant above all in the annual Passover meal celebrated every year by the Jews with unleavened bread to commemorate their hasty, liberating departure from Egypt. Jesus foretold it in his teaching and he instituted it when he celebrated the Last Supper with his apostles in a Passover meal. The Church, faithful to the command of her Lord, "Do this in memory of me" (1 Corinthians 11:24), has always celebrated the Eucharist, especially on Sunday, the day of the Resurrection of Jesus.  
277. How is the celebration of the Holy Eucharist carried out? The Eucharist unfolds in two great parts which together form one, single act of worship. The Liturgy of the Word involves proclaiming and listening to the Word of God. The Liturgy of the Eucharist includes the presentation of the bread and wine, the prayer or the anaphora containing the words of consecration, and communion.

**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.

### **Marriage Preparation Course**

You will need to contact Esther Lyon 01273 698182.  
[www.stpetersbrighton.org](http://www.stpetersbrighton.org)  
From the Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church:272. When did Jesus Christ institute the Eucharist?

### **Old Books wanted for Books Abroad:**

Books Abroad, which is a registered charity that supports education in developing countries worldwide by redistributing second hand books. They collect good quality second hand books donated by schools, universities and private individuals from across Scotland and some parts of England. It then redistributes them to educational bodies around the world in response to specific requests for support.

If you would like to donate any books please leave them in the outer sacristy where Bernie will collect them.

**The Bible Society** have sent us several copies of Saint Matthew's Gospels in useful pocket size editions. They are on the magazine rack in the porch. Please help yourself (the same applies to everything on the rack.) This gift is part of the initiative 'The God who speaks', a year long campaign to get people to read the Bible more. It is being supported by the Catholic Church, other Christian groups and the Bible Society.

**Rite of Election 2020** – Advance Notice: Saturday 29th February, at 2.30 pm, with registration from 1 pm.

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