

Forthcoming Events

Saturday 4 March, 9.15am-10.45am: First Holy Communion (FHC)
Sunday 5 March: Second collection for earthquake victims.
Monday 6 March, 8pm: Baptism course.
Thursday 9 March, 8pm: Social Dancing.
Friday 10 March, 1.30pm: Social Club – Keeping fit with Jude.
Friday 10 March: Visit of Bishop Richard to the deanery.
Friday 10 March, 7pm: Stations of the Cross
Saturday 11 March, 9.15am-10.45am: FHC
Tuesday 14 March, 8pm: Meeting of the Acutis Group.
Friday 17 March: feast of Saint Patrick.
Friday 17 March, 7pm: Stations of the Cross
Saturday 18 March, 9.15am-10.45am: FHC
Saturday 18 March, 7pm: Choirs and musicians celebration.
Sunday March 19: Table Top Sale.
Monday 20 March: feast of Saint Joseph. Mass at 10am, followed by Power Breakfast.
Friday 24 March, 7pm: Stations of the Cross
Saturday 25 March, 9.15am-10.45am: FHC
Friday 31 March, 7pm: Stations of the Cross
Saturday/ Sunday, 1 and 2 April: Palm Sunday Great Spring Book Exchange
Holy Thursday 6 April, 8pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper, followed by watching at the Altar of Repose until midnight.
Good Friday 7 April, 12 noon, Stations of the Cross for families; 3pm: Liturgy of the Passion.
Holy Saturday, 8 April, 8pm: Easter Vigil.
Easter Sunday 9 April: First Holy Communions
Saturday/Sunday 15/16 April: Appeal by the Comboni Missionaries.

Friday 21 April, 7.30pm: Meeting of Deanery with Bishop Richard.



On Monday 20 March, transferred from the day before, the Church will celebrate the solemnity of Saint Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mass is at 10am. Afterwards, you are invited to a power breakfast at Scotties. Because this is a festal day, there is no Lenten fasting and abstinence.

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This year marks the 150 anniversary of the opening of Arundel Cathedral. On Saturday 1 July at 12 noon there is going to be a Solemn High Mass to which all parishes have been invited to send two delegates. Our parish will be represented by Peter and Angela Fishenden.

On Sunday 19 March it is our Table Top Sale in the Hall; it runs from 8.30am to lunchtime. This is not a money making exercise, but an opportunity for willing buyers and willing sellers in the community to come together. Last time there were lots of lovely things on sale, so please put the date in your diary. If you want a table, it is £5 for a small one and £7 for a large one. Place the money in an envelope with your name on, and that it is for the Table Top sale, and place it through the letter box of the presbytery, with your contact details if you want receipt to be acknowledged. The table money will be donated to the appeal for the Syrian/Turkish earthquake. There are still some tables left.

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Diocesan Shrine of the Blessed
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5 March 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 Second Sunday of Lent. The prayers and readings for today can be found in the yellow books on page 155. The first reading is from the book of Genesis and is the story of the call of Abraham to leave his country for an unknown land that God would show him, along with the promise God makes to him that he shall be the ancestor of a great nation. We too are people who have received a call and a promise: Abraham is our father in faith. The Gospel is from Saint Matthew, and is the story of Jesus' Transfiguration on Mount Tabor, where He allows His three closest disciples to see the revelation of His Glory. This prefigures the Beatific Vision that we shall all enjoy, we hope and pray, one day in the presence of God.

- Eucharistic Prayer One is on page 18
- Eucharistic Prayer Two is on page 25
- Eucharistic Prayer Three is on page 28

This Sunday we are having a retiring collection, as part of our Lenten almsgiving, for the victims of the recent earthquake in Syria. We aim to pass the proceeds on to Mary's Meals, a charity that works in Aleppo and which is currently providing food to those in need there, and to Aid to the Church in Need, which works with several partners, both Catholic and Orthodox, in Aleppo.

Children's Liturgy takes place at the 10am Mass. 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. Children's Liturgy is every Sunday, irrespective of school holidays, except in the months of April, August and December.

This Friday, and every Friday of Lent, there will be Stations of the Cross at 7pm. This Friday we will concentrate on stations five to nine. That is:

5. Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus carry the Cross
6. Veronica wipes the face of Jesus
7. Jesus falls for the second time
8. Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem
9. Jesus falls for the third time

Next Sunday at the 10am Mass, Liz Wakefield, who is the communications officer for Sussex Nightstop, will be saying a few words at the end of Mass about the charity, which we support, and accepting a cheque for £2,000, money we have raised over the last few months via, the 200 Club.

Last Sunday the Martlets Choir serenaded us in the Hall after the 10am and 11.30am Masses. The amount raised will be announced in due course. In addition, awareness was raised about the very important work of the Hospice, which is invaluable.

Mass intentions

Saturday 4 March, 6pm: A private intention
Sunday 5 March, 8.30am: Dennis Leo Driscoll RIP
Sunday 5 March, 10am: For all parishioners
Sunday 5 March, 11.30am: Hedyie Allahuiran Zadeh RIP
Monday 6 February, 10am: Giuliana Sussex RIP
Tuesday 7 February, 10am: WPLS intention
Wednesday 8 March, 10am: Pietro Addis RIP (1 anniv)
Friday 10 March, 10am: Holy Souls
Saturday 11 March, 6pm Giuliana Sussex
Sunday 12 March, 8.30am WPLS intention.
Sunday 12 March, 10am: For all parishioners
Sunday 12 March, 11.30am: For benefactors.

In Lent, Confessions are heard after Mass each weekday, that is, starting at 10.30am, and every Saturday before the evening Mass, from 5.15 to 5.45pm.

Liturgical notes

In the season of Lent, the Church's liturgy is deliberately sober. The vestments are purple, the colour of penitence, on the weekdays and Sundays of Lent. The Gloria is omitted. There is no Alleluia. The organ is used only to support the singing, except on Laetare Sunday, the fourth Sunday of Lent, when Hamish will play at the 6pm Mass. There are no flowers on the altar. Tuesday is the commemoration of Saint Perpetua and Felicity, martyrs. Wednesday is the commemoration of Saint John of God.

A Retreat for Lent: An opportunity to deepen our Lenten conversion and turn to God in prayer as we prepare to remember Christ's Cross and Resurrection in Holy Week. The monks of Worth Abbey, based in Kempton, invite you to a Day Retreat to be held at St Martha's Convent, Rottingdean BN2 7HA. Time: 10am – 3pm. Please bring your own lunch. Teas and Coffees provided. Suggested donations of £10 on the day to St. Martha's. Book your place(s) via brightonmonks@worth.org.uk or phone 07444 802368.

Living Faith Theology Course @ St Joseph's Church: Enlivening Faith - Deepening Transformation - Empowering Mission. We are launching a new series of conferences at St Joseph's to help you explore the Catholic faith in greater depth. The series is aimed at Catholics involved in ministry and leadership, teachers in Catholic schools, and young adults/students to prepare them to be leaders and influencers in their areas of professional work and Church engagement. Our speakers are theologians and experts in their fields who will bring the faith to life, offering a bold vision of human life and discipleship. Our goal is to provide content that stretches mind and heart, leading to greater transformation in Christ, and a fuller living

out of his saving mission in the world today. First Conference: Sunday 19 March. Our first series will explore "The Trinity", with 3 Conferences on Sundays: 19 March, 14 May, and July (date tbc). Fr Nicholas Crowe OP and Fr Joseph Bailham OP - Dominican Friars - will be our speakers on 19 March, exploring "The Father". Start Time: 12:45 pm in St Joseph's Parish Hall, on Milton Road. We will begin with lunch: please bring a dish to share or a packed lunch. The conference will finish with Tea/Cake at 4pm. Suggested Donation: £10 (waged), £5 (unwaged). Bookings info to follow.

How is your Lent going so far? Have you got a plan? Lent means:

- Fasting
- Almsgiving
- Prayer
- Penance, that is, going to Confession.

And the point of all this is preparation for the Paschal Triduum and Easter. Easter is a feast spread over three days, namely:

- Holy Thursday, April 6, when we commemorate the Last Supper, the giving of the Eucharist, the foundation of the priesthood, and the call to serve. Mass is at 8pm, followed by silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at the Altar of Repose until midnight.
- Good Friday, April 7, the day of the suffering and death of Jesus on the Cross. Stations of the Cross at 12 noon for children and families. The Liturgy of the Passion is at 3pm, the hour at which Our Lord died.
- Holy Saturday, April 8, our day of waiting at the tomb of Our Lord, which concludes with the Easter Vigil, which begins at 8pm, at which we celebrate the resurrection and renew our baptismal promises. On Easter Sunday, April 9, Mass is at 8.30,

10am and 11.30am, and we will renew our baptismal promises at each one.

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 10 March we are going to be meeting up with Jude who is a personal trainer and who will be giving advice on how to keep fit.

Bishop Richard is meeting the priests of the deanery parishes on Friday. The subject of the meeting is the pastoral plan, which essentially means the reorganisation of parishes and Mass times throughout the deanery. The deanery covers the following parishes: Saint Teresa's and Saint George's, ourselves, Sacred Heart, Saint Mary Magdalene, Saint Mary's in Preston Park, Saint Thomas More in Patcham, the parish of East Brighton (Saint Joseph and Saint John the Baptist) and Our Lady of Lourdes, Rottingdean. On Friday 21 April, after Easter, Bishop Richard will hold a meeting with the parish priests and with their leadership teams, which is our case means the Acutis Group, and with the various heads of local Catholic schools, for further discussion of the pastoral plan.

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!

Parish Notice Board

Confirmation: Easter Sunday falls on 9 April this 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.

If you miss Mass on a Sunday morning, and this does sometimes happen, remember that there is Mass in Portuguese at 5pm on Sundays, and the Brazilian and Portuguese community is always happy to welcome visitors.

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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.

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.

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.

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.



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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 the parish has donated £4,999.75, £9.61 is the average donation and you have chosen to gift aid 41% of your donations, thank you!

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

Counselling Service. Contact Lara who is experienced with counselling people with substance abuse, sexual abuse, bereavement, couple counselling. Tel 07787 555168.