

**Please pray for those who are sick.**

*John Lloyd.*

Please tell us in the parish office if you know of anyone who needs to be added to this list. Thank you!

**The Royal Sussex County Hospital**

chaplain is Fr Celestine, who can be reached by phone on 01273 696955 ext. 64122 or [celestine.nnolim@nhs.net](mailto:celestine.nnolim@nhs.net)  
Fr Celestine is in the hospital from 8.30am to 4.30pm every weekday.



**We have a permanent Book Exchange** in the hall, which you will find by the windows above the cupboard to one side of the main entrance. Please help yourself to any books you like the look of, as they all need good and appreciative homes. We have lots of books in stock at present, so please help yourselves.



**You will see our Dona machine is back** working in the church porch. Thank you for your patience. Donations can also be made online via our website or by using the QR code which is below and on the poster in the porch.



**Gift Aid Envelopes**

If you currently regularly donate using an envelope, please collect your new set for this tax year from the porch bench— the envelope number may have changed again! Please only use the envelopes for the correct tax year especially if your numbers changed.  
Please remember if you pay any tax you really should sign up to Gift Aid. It's minimal effort and means the parish can claim 25% from the UK Government, so for every £4 you give we can claim £1! It doesn't cost you anything - nor is this information used for any other purpose.

**Offertory collection Sunday 28th April - £1,218.44**

**St Peter's Catholic Church**

Portland Road, Hove

**Diocesan Shrine of  
the Blessed Carlo Acutis.**



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**Mass intentions**

Sat 4 May, 6.00pm: For all parishioners
Sun 5 May, 8.30am Maureen O'Neill RIP
Sun 5 May, 10.00am For all parishioners
Sun 5 May, 11.30am Eira & John Crichton RIP
Mon 6 May, 10.00am: For all parishioners.
Tue 7 May, 10.00am: For all parishioners.
Wed 8 May, 10.00am: For all parishioners.
Thu 9 May, Church closed.
Fri 10 May, Church closed.
Sat 11 May, 6.00pm: For all parishioners
Sun 12 May, 8.30am For all parishioners
Sun 13 May, 10.00am For all parishioners
Sun 14 May, 11.30am Ann Fitzgerald RIP

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Today's gospel is a command to love: "What I command you, is to love one another." As a command it means that we do not have any option than to love one another. The reason is simple. We ourselves are products of love. This love flows from God to Christ and from Christ to us.

It also flows from God to our parents and, from our parents to us. This is why Christ tells us today: "As the father has loved me, so have I loved you." So, we have no reason not to extend it to others. We are to continue the chain.

The love we are talking about here goes beyond mere emotion or sentiments. It is a "sacrificial love." Strong emotion and sentiments may accompany it but they are not in themselves love. They are simply modes of expressing love. It is the commitment of the will that keeps sacrificial love steadfast and unchanging. That is, the will to endure or persevere.

This is the mark of a good and true Christian love. Hence, sacrificial love must be patient. It shows forbearance even under provocation. It is steadfast despite opposition and difficulties. Sacrificial love is sympathetic, considerate, gentle and kind. This love is not jealous. It works for the good of the other. This love is not arrogant, even when we think we are right and others are wrong. Sacrificial love is not selfish. Rather, it is an act of the will which seeks to serve and not be served. Sacrificial love is a strong commitment to help and appreciate others unconditionally. It is always ready to give rather than to receive. Sacrificial love rejoices with the truth and never fails. It is that love that fears no accusation. As we celebrate, and obey this great command to love, let us

give thanks to God, who “has shown his salvation to the nations.” Alleluia.

Peace be with you!

*Rev. Fr. Njoku Canice Chukwuemeka,  
Holy Ghost Fathers.*

### **Message from Fr Rod**

We have some good news to share as we now have a start date for Canon David Parmiter. He will commence his role as parish priest here at St Peter's on Tuesday 28 May. I've no doubt you will all make him feel very welcome in Hove and wish him every success & blessing as he prepares for his new mission.

### **Children's Liturgy starts again this**

Sunday. Thank you as always to our excellent team who lead this group.

### **First Communions**

Please note we are not running a programme at the moment. More information will be provided in September. Please do share this news with anyone you think may be interested.

### **Confirmations**

The next session takes place Monday 13 May 6-7pm in the Sacred Heart Parish Rooms. If students have missed a session, please let the Catechists know so they can help them catch up. If you are unable to attend please let Cassie know by email at [pastoral.sacredhearthove@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:pastoral.sacredhearthove@abdiocese.org.uk)

### **Brazilian Mass is at 5pm every Sunday**

at St Peter's. If you would like to attend please join them. The Brazilian and Portuguese community is always happy to welcome visitors.

### **Confessions are held on Saturdays**

from 5.15 to 5.45pm followed by Mass at 6pm.

### **Church sound system**

Ed has now repaired all the high frequency speakers that needed replacing so hopefully you will notice an improvement in the sound quality.

### **Message from parishioners**

We are a young married couple who recently moved to the area and attend Mass at St Peter's. We are interested in connecting with other young couples in the parish for local recommendations, socialising and friendship. If you would like to connect please email us at [ellenandelroy@gmail.com](mailto:ellenandelroy@gmail.com)  
Thank you, Ellen & Elroy

### **Coffee after 11.30am Mass is working**

well, thanks to our team of volunteers. If anyone would like to undertake this role after the 10am Mass please don't hesitate to contact the office. It's a lovely social task that brings its own rewards. It does require a team of volunteers, so it doesn't become too onerous.

### **There will be a Bargain Sale after the**

10.00 and 11.30 Masses this Sunday 5 May. Everything just 10p!  
Last week's sale raised £81 for families in Darfur, and there were lots of happy customers. Coffee and cake also available after the 11.30 Mass. Thank you to those who have donated and supported *Kids for Kids*.

### **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.

### **Special thanks to our florists,**

Mireille and Mariola, who quietly and tirelessly spend several hours each week flower arranging for us. Your work is appreciated by the parish!

### **The Social Club is held on Fridays**

from 1.30pm in the hall. Last week's guest speaker at the Friday social club thanks members for their warm welcome and the generous donations made for her hand drawn sketches. The £55.50 raised will be given to The Martlets Hospice.

Scheduled events for the next few weeks:

- Talk on Sign Language - 17 May
- Tales from the Theatre Wardrobe - date to be confirmed

Jenny & Greta will be here to welcome you all.

### **Church hall - a polite reminder.**

Would users please not block the fire alarm with chairs because access is required at all times.

No chairs should be left in the link. Please remember there is only one storage cupboard for hall tables which is in the Link and is clearly labelled. The other cupboard in the Link is used by our regular hirers for storage of equipment, and there is no room there for tables.

Your cooperation is appreciated.



### **The monks of Worth Abbey living in the**

city invite you to join them. Pray with us. Join the monks for Prayer in St John the Baptist's Church:

- LAUDS (Morning Prayer): Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat - 9am VESPERS (Evening Prayer): Mon, Tues, Wed - 6pm
- LECTIO DIVINA every Wednesday, 8-9 pm. Join online here or see our website MIDDAY STILLNESS Every Friday, 12noon to 1pm, an hour of music, prayer and reflection at SJB
- MONK TALKS- Join the monks for Evening Prayer at 6pm in the Church, followed by soup & bread supper at 6.30pm in the Fitzherbert Community Hub with a talk at 7pm.
- Tue 7 May - "Planted in the house of the Lord" - Exploring Stability
- Tue 11 Jun - 'Growing in the Freedom of Obedience'

### **Money Counters**

We have a wonderful group who count each week after Mass and we really need just a couple of more people to step forward, please contact the office if you would like to join the team.

### **Please remember, if you need a baptism**

certificate, a confirmation certificate, or a marriage certificate, the email address you need to use is:

[SaintPeterArchives@gmail.com](mailto:SaintPeterArchives@gmail.com)

**Music Tuition.** Are you interested in learning to play the piano? Then contact John Byrne on 07989 413459. Theory, GCSE, etc.

### Catering Services

Please contact Victoria for your catering needs. She will be happy to talk and guide you through her menus which she tailors to each individual's needs.

Victoria Myall, [Victoriamyall@hotmail.com](mailto:Victoriamyall@hotmail.com)  
or Tel 07788673097

**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](mailto:raj@seagulldelivery.co.uk)

**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](http://www.sussexnightstop.org.uk) Information about these charities is available at the back of the church.

How it works? Sign up for £52 per year for a chance to win a bi-monthly draw payable annually, half yearly or quarterly. 1<sup>st</sup> prize is £200, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**Children's Liturgy takes place at the** 10am Mass. It is for children from Reception 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.** Thank you to the liturgy team who keep this running for the parish.



## List of Events at St Peter's Hall

Day
Mon 9.15 - 10.15
Mon 10.15 - 11.30
Mon 16.40 - 17.00
Mon 19.00 - 20.00
Tue 13.30
Tue 17.00-19.00
Tue 19.15 – 21.00
Wed 9.15–12.15
Wed 14.15-19.15
Wed 19.00-21.00
Thu 09.30 - 12.00
Thu 16.45 -18.00
Thu 18.00 – 19.45
Thu 20.00 – 22.00
Fri 9.30- 10.30
Fri 10.30.13.30
Fri 13.30- 15.30

Event
Yoga
Tai Chi
Alta Dancing
Paul Jukes Fitness
UCM Winter meetings. October - March
Brownies
Guides
Baby Ballet
Alta Academy of Dance
UCM Summer meetings. April - September
Music with Mike
Rainbows
Brownies
Social Dancing
Pilates
ESOL (English language lessons)
Apostles Lunch Club

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