

Those Covid Rules:

- The capacity of the church is 100 people: two people per bench, spaced at one metre apart, and one person per chair. (Families can sit together.)
- Please check in for track and trace purposes, either electronically or in writing.
- Please sanitise your hands on entry and exit.
- Please observe the one way system: up the middle, down the sides, especially at Holy Communion.
- If you take a newsletter, please take it home with you.
- There is STILL no congregational singing.
- The Church doors are to remain open to ventilate the building.
- Mass is shorter than usual.
- There is no procession of the Gifts to the altar and no passing around of the collection baskets. Your offering will be taken as you leave the Church.
- There is no sign of peace.
- Holy Communion will be received under one kind only.
- Communion must be given silently, avoiding any physical contact.
- Please remove your mask (if wearing one) to receive Holy Communion.
- As you leave do not to linger in doorways or other 'choke points'.
- Once Mass is over the Church will be closed and cleaned.
- People are urged not to come to the sacristy before and after Mass, unless they are servers or sacristans.
- Face coverings are mandatory for all who are not exempt.
- The Bishops also urge readers to wear disposable gloves.

Forthcoming events:
Sunday 6 December: registration for First Holy Communion and Confirmation closes.
Friday 11 December, 1.30pm:
Social Club: Fr A on visit to Italy and Assisi.
Monday 14 December: Baptism Course, 8pm.
Friday 18 December 1.30pm: Social Club meets.
Sunday 20 December: Afternoon of Carols, prayer, readings, and music. Christmas Time

Sick Parishioners.

Please pray for Jim McFarlane, Caroline Audy, Margaret Chapman, Vincent O' Rourke, Jim and Valerie Lee, Eileen Banks, Matthew Garcia, Sonia Wall, Dennis Tribe, Rosemary Kilcourse, Liz Perkins, Richard Martin, Sheila Coldicott, Charlotte Essex, Maria Knight.

Offertory : 29 November - £1,153.69

Marriage Preparation Course

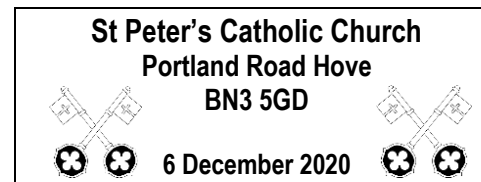
You will need to contact Esther Lyon 01273 698182. www.stpetersbrighton.org

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.

Counselling Service

Contact Lara who is experienced with counselling people with substance abuse, sexual abuse, bereavement, couple counselling.
Tel 07787 555168
<http://www.larasmith.co.uk>

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This Sunday is the Second Sunday of Advent. It has been designated Bible Sunday, a day on which all are encouraged to get to know the Holy Scriptures better. This Sunday is the 39th anniversary of the death of Father Edward Dilger, former parish priest of Angmering and Knaphill, among other places. Back in 1963 he baptised Fr Alexander. May he rest in peace. Let us pray for his soul and all the clergy who have served the diocese over the years.

Fr Alexander writes: Public worship resumed on Wednesday 2 December. Indications are that it will not be interrupted again. Let us all remember that there has been no evidence of anyone putting themselves at risk of infection by visiting a Church or taking part in Mass in this country. We continue to take stringent precautions to keep the risk of infection to a minimum. There is light at the end of the tunnel in that several vaccines seem 'ready to go'. Let us pray for the wellbeing of the entire community, the sick, the bereaved, those facing unemployment and financial difficulty, all those who are facing disrupted education and work, and all those who are

facing mental illness. This has been a very hard time for many people, socially and financially. It has also been hard for pubs, restaurants, small shops and churches. Just as you have been urged to eat out to help out, please support your local Church!

In the meantime, we are gearing up for Christmas. There will be difficulties along the way, but these can be coped with. Here are some points to note.

- The Church is freezing cold (well, it was never warm) thanks to the doors being open, even if the heating is on. This is because ventilation is thought to be an important factor in stopping the spread of Covid. Because of the cold, please dress accordingly. Because of the cold, woolly and other hats may be worn by men and boys, dispensing from the ancient law about men uncovering their heads in Church, while the doors remain open. (It would be fitting, however, to be bareheaded at funerals and going up to Holy Communion.)
- The Crib is going up soon! Many thanks to our crib builders and arrangers. The trees are organised.
- The Advent wreath is in position. As in the past, please do not attempt to move or even touch it, as it is delicate.
- On the last Sunday of Advent, we are having our 'Open Afternoon' of Music, Carols and Readings. The idea is that you drop in for a period of quiet listening, prayer, and a chance to see the crib, and the Baby Jesus which will be displayed on the altar. There is no formal beginning, middle or end (starts at 4pm and ends at 6pm), come and go as you please. Please invite all your friends. Next week we shall have posters available to take away.
- Christmas is a feast that lasts Twelve Days, starting on the 25 December, and ending with the Epiphany on the 6 January. Given this is the case, please think about 'spreading

yourself' during the 12 days in your Church attendance. See the next point.

- After considerable thought, having looked at what other parishes have done and are doing, we have decided not to have a booking system for any Mass, including those over the Christmas season. It is first come, first served, and the Church's capacity is 100 persons or 100 'bubbles', provided the latter allows for social distancing. When capacity is reached, the stewards on the door will turn people away or ask them to stand outside. Naturally, we count on your co-operation with the stewards in this matter. We have no way of knowing which Masses will be more in demand. Traditionally, the 6pm has been the most popular; if you are able to do so, you might like to consider 'rerouting' yourself to another Mass.

- For a complete schedule of Christmas time Masses, see elsewhere in this newsletter.

Mass Intentions from 6 November

Saturday 5 Dec 6pm For donors of the stained glass

Sunday 6 Dec 8.30am Piotr and Ludwika Osinski RIP

Sunday 6 Dec 10am All Parishioners

Sunday 6 Dec 11.15am DM Bowen family

Monday 7 Dec 10am DM Bowen family

Tuesday 8 Dec 10am GE Ralph Morrison

Wednesday 9 Dec 10am Peter and Mary Morrison RIP

Thursday 10 Dec No Mass

Friday 11 Dec 10am In thanks for return to health

Saturday 12 Dec 10am Jim Burke RIP

Saturday 12 Dec 6pm Ellen Geary RIP

Sunday 13 Dec 8.30am Gemma Nanninck RIP

Sunday 13 Dec 10am Eileen Lacono RIP

Sunday 13 Dec 11.15am For all parishioners

A note on Mass intentions: Bishop Richard has reminded the clergy that according to Canon Law, no priest can take more than one Mass stipend per day. This means on days when the priest normally says more than one Mass, if there is a second intention the stipend should be passed on to some worthy cause. Incidentally, in accord with Canon Law, we always have one Mass on Sunday (which carries no stipend) for the wellbeing of the parish. Currently our Mass intentions are more or less booked up for the rest of 2020 (though there are some spaces). We have a diary for 2021 already, and if you want to book Mass intentions for key dates, now is the time to do it, to avoid disappointment. Envelopes are as always at the back of the Church.

Liturgical Notes: We are in the season of Advent, a time of intense preparation for the coming of Our Lord at Christmas. This is a penitential season, so there are no flowers on the altar, and there is no Gloria on Sundays; the vestments are violet, the colour of penance. We celebrate several important feasts this week. Something about them can always be found on our website or on our Facebook page.

Monday is the feast of Saint Ambrose, bishop and doctor of the Church.

Tuesday is the feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Saturday is the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the Americas, and of indigenous peoples.

The Blessed Carlo Acutis said:
"By standing before the Eucharistic Christ, we become holy."

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

Our next Baptism Course will be on Monday 14 December at 8pm in the hall. If you want to come, and you have a baby to be baptised, do please contact Fr Alexander first (email is best) and he will arrange to meet up with you.

Let us pray for the repose of the soul of Madeleine Cockell who died on Tuesday 1 December at the Victoria Chatsworth Nursing Home in Dyke Road. She was 96 years old. Details of her funeral, which will take place at Saint Peter's, will be announced when known.

Thanks to Vincent's skill with a computer and a printer, we now have Holy Pictures of the Blessed Carlo Acutis. They are at the back of the Church. Do please take one, and use it! You might like to pass one on to a suitable recipient. Many are those who have prayed to the Blessed Carlo and received great blessings in so doing. His beatification represents a sign of hope for the Church, and so will his canonisation, when it comes. We have also printed out more Novenas. Prayer to Blessed Carlo at this point, between his beatification and Canonisation may well be particularly fruitful.

On Friday 11 December Fr Alexander will be talking about his recent trip to Assisi and Italy in general. All are invited.

We have just had the meeting of the Care Group. One thing that came up is the plight of the bereaved in our parish. We are going to have the last Mass of the year for them, as we did last year, on the feast of Saint Sylvester, 31 December. We have records, of course, of all the funerals that took place in the parish, but there are several parishioners who lost friends and family whose funerals took place elsewhere. We know some of you, but not all. If you can inform us of bereaved families who would

appreciate an invitation to the Mass for the bereaved, then please tell Fr Alexander or another member of the group (email, written message, text is best). The Mass will be at noon, and there will be no music, and, unfortunately, no gathering afterwards. Names for inclusion in the list of the departed in the Eucharistic Prayer can be submitted nearer the time.

Mass Schedule:
24 December: 6pm and Midnight. Christmas Eve.
25 December: 8.30am, 10am, 11.15am. Christmas Day.
26 December: 6pm Vigil of the feast of the Holy Family
27 December: 8.30am, 10am, 11.15am Feast of the Holy Family
28 December: noon Feast of the Holy Innocents.
29 December: 10am Feast of Saint Thomas Becket
30 December: 10am Sixth Day of Christmas.
31 December: noon. Feast of Saint Sylvester, 'Old Year's Day'. Te Deum of Thanksgiving, prayer for all those who have died and all those who have suffered bereavement in 2020
1 January: noon. New Year's Day. Feast of Our Lady, Mother of God. Invocation of the Holy Spirit for 2012, with the Veni, Creator.
2 January: 6pm. Vigil of Second Sunday after Christmas
3 January: 8.30am, 10am, 11.15am Second Sunday after Christmas.
4 January and 5 January: 10am Tenth and Eleventh Days of Christmas
6 January: 10am Twelfth Night. Feast of the Epiphany, 'feast of the Three Kings'. All Christmas decorations to be taken down the next day.

Parish Notice Board

Cottesmore Reception intake September 2021 Note from Headteacher.

Please visit our Admissions page, via the school website, in order to see what the children, staff, parents and I have to say. Our promotional video also offers a visual flavour of all that we have to offer. For quick access, you can click on the following link <https://player.vimeo.com/video/482774309>

Our Admissions page also has a range of other relevant and supportive information to help prospective parents through their decision-making process. For quick access, you can click on the following link <http://www.cottesmore.brighton-hove.sch.uk/page/admissions/>

For further information, or to arrange a Zoom / potential visit, please do get in touch.

Website - www.cottesmore.brighton-hove.sch.uk

Admissions Lead - ruthyahiatene@cottesmore.brighton-hove.sch.uk

Phone - [01273 555811](tel:01273555811)

We hope that you enjoy watching our video and look forward to hearing from you. We are here to do all that we can to support you and look forward to potentially welcoming you to becoming part of our school family.

Many thanks

Rachel Breen, Headteacher

We are getting lots of passport forms and other forms to sign. Aisling has kindly taken this on. Please note that forms should be dropped off in office hours only, and all the details need to be filled in before submission for signature or counter-signature and stamping. They will then be handed back to you also during office hours, within a reasonable time. It is not possible to offer a while you wait service. Neither is it possible to countersign identity papers for people who one does not know. With regard to baptism and confirmation certificates, requests are best submitted in writing, with a stamped addressed envelope. Please remember to include as much information as possible, as this makes tracking down the records easier. Dealing with forms does take time, and the parish does not charge for this service, but craves your patience.

Music Tuition

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

Free First Holy Communion Dresses:

Two lovely dresses aged 7 and 10 if any one would like them please contact Rita on 07823 886837.

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Caroline's Kitchen – Tel 595922

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

Thinking of driving lessons? Please contact Phil Harris (Bartholomews Driving School) on 07711 688147.

Small Group maths tuition for children 7 to 11. Experienced primary school teacher.

Call Katie Jackson 07776 098522

Host Families needed

All year round. Single/twin room accommodation required. Ring Maureen 01273 778918 or 07801827323
Studenthomes.me@hotmail.com

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