

## Forthcoming Events

Monday 7 February, 7.45pm: Jubilee Action Committee.
Tuesday 8 February, 6pm: Care Group meets.
Tuesday 8 February, 7.30pm: Parish team meets.
Wednesday March 2: Lent begins.
Friday 4 March, 7.30pm: Stations of the Cross.
Saturday 5 March, 9-10.30am: Sacrament of Reconciliation Preparation and Service (9am Group)
Saturday 5 March, 4.45pm: Catechism for Older Children I
Sunday 6 March, 9.30-1pm: Table Top Sale in the Hall.
Saturday 12 March, 11- 12.30pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation Preparation and Service (11am Group)
Saturday 12 March, 4.45pm: Catechism for Older Children II
Saturday 19 March, 4.45pm: Catechism for Older Children III
Saturday 26 March, 4.45pm: Catechism for Older Children IV
Saturday 2 April, 9.00 - 10.30am/11 - 12.30pm: FHC
Saturday 2 April, 4.45pm: Catechism for Older Children V
Sunday 3 April, 10am: FHC Mass
Saturday 9 April, 4.45pm: Catechism for Older Children VI
Sunday 10 April: Palm Sunday
Sunday 17 April: Easter Sunday
Saturday 14 May, 9- 10.30am/11.00 - 12.30pm: FHC
Sunday 15 May, 10am: FHC Mass

Thursday 2 June: Livestreaming of Trooping of the Colour in the Hall. Decoration of the Hall, and making of souvenir gift bags.
Friday 3 June: Tea Dance with retro Music.
Saturday 4 June: Lecture in the afternoon; International dinner in the evening, with livestreaming of the Jubilee Concert.
Sunday 5 June 2022: Mass of Thanksgiving with Te Deum. Evening Concert in the Church, followed by refreshments in the Hall.
Saturday 11 June, 11.30am: First Holy Communion
Sunday 12 June, 11.30 am: First Holy Communion
Sunday 19 June, 11.30am: First Holy Communion

**We are 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.

**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.

**Caroline's Kitchen** – Caterers for Baptisms, etc. Tel 595922 or carolineriley@carolines-kitchen.co.uk

**Offertory Collections:**  
30 January 2022- £1,373.29.

## St Peter's Catholic Church

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6 February 2022

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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'. Right now we are doing a virtual Walking Tour Through the Bible, starting with the Book of Genesis, in bite size chunks. We are currently on the Book of Nehemiah. Please visit our website which is constantly being updated. Do ask to join our WhatsApp group.

**This Sunday is the Fifth Sunday of the Year.** The readings and prayers for today can be found in the purple books on page 136. The first reading comes from the prophecy of Isaiah, and describes the vision he has in the Temple, of the angels filling the sanctuary, saying 'Holy, holy, holy', words which we still use to this day at the start of the Eucharistic prayer, the most important part of the Mass. Isaiah then comes forward to accept the mission of being a prophet. The Gospel, from Saint Luke, tells us of Jesus' preaching by the shore of the sea of Galilee, and His calling of the first four apostles, who though unworthy of the Lord, are still called to

follow Him and be His disciples. What these two readings have in common is the idea of being sent by God with a purpose to their fellow men. 'Apostle' means one who is sent (from the Greek), whereas 'disciple' (from the Latin) means a pupil. Like the Twelve before us we are pupils of the Lord who are sent to others.

### Mass intentions

Saturday 5 February, 6pm For all parishioners
Sunday 6 February, 8.30am: Thanksgiving (Lock)
Sunday 6 February, 10am: Krystyna Szczerbiak RIP
Sunday 6 February, 11.15am: Kitty Fitzgerald RIP
Monday 7 February, 10am: GE Hopkins family
Tuesday 8 February, 10am: Barbara Day RIP
Wednesday 9 February, 10am: Private Intention
Thursday 10 February, no Mass.
Friday 11 February, 10am: Simon Dixon RIP
Saturday 12 February, 10am: Angela Fitzgerald RIP
Saturday 12 February, 6pm: For all parishioners
Sunday 13 February, 8.30am: For our benefactors
Sunday 13 February, 10am: Elizabeth Murphy RIP
Sunday 13 February, 11.15am: Jadwiga Mackowiak RIP

**By a decree of 25 January, received last week,** Bishop Richard has made our parish church the Diocesan Shrine of the Blessed Carlo Acutis. This means that we can now celebrate a Votive Mass of the Blessed Carlo on days when votive Masses are

allowed, and we are encouraged to do so on days of special significance in his life, such as, for example, the anniversary of his baptism, 18 May. We are also to keep his feast, which is on 14 October, as a local Solemnity, i.e. one particular to this Church. The Custodian of the Shrine (the parish priest) is to foster devotion to the Blessed Carlo by all means available. We have, of course, the picture, as a focus of our devotion, and we will now seek out a relic. We will also try to have a permanent explanatory exhibition about Blessed Carlo, a supply of leaflets and holy pictures.

### Liturgical Notes

**We are now in the Ordinary Time of the year**, which continues up until Lent, which this year begins on Wednesday 2 March. In Ordinary Time, the vestments are green, which represents growth. The month of February is dedicated to the Holy Family. On days when there is no feast we shall celebrate the Votive Mass of Saint Joseph or the Votive Mass of Our Lady. Tuesday is the feast of Saint Cuthman of Steyning. Friday is the feast of Our lady of Lourdes.

**The Jubilee Action Committee**, the Parish team and the Care Group are all meeting this week. Any items for the agenda need to be advanced now.

**Work in progress in the Church** and the Presbytery:

*First of all, the Presbytery boiler is receiving attention; the timer and the thermostat and the storage tank all need replacing. This has been continuing since before Christmas.*

*Secondly, we are aware of continuing problems with the sound system in the*

*Church. The speakers along the north side of the building have stopped working. We have called the engineer.*

*Thirdly, the electrician has attended on several occasions to look at the Church lighting and to replace the dimmer board. This too has been going on since before Christmas. He has also checked all the lighting and electrical works in the presbytery.*

*Fourthly, we are aware of the glass door that makes a noise when you push it and are waiting to hear from the person who can repair it. In the meantime, it may be best to pull it, not push it, on entering, and vice versa on leaving.*

*All these things seem to take a lot of time, so let us be patient! And if one thinks that everything has gone wrong at the same time, that is probably the case, as most of these things were put in at the same time and are now coming to an end of their life.*

**As part of our Platinum Jubilee celebrations**, we propose to display three banners on the Church wall on Portland Road. To this end all the children of our school are being invited to submit a design for one of the banners. Details have been sent to Cottesmore and Saint Mary's; naturally we do not want children at other schools to be left out, and if they would like to submit designs, please ask for details via email.

**You may have noticed that Children's liturgy** has not been happening. This is because we have not really had enough volunteers, but this may not necessarily be a bad thing. As several parents have expressed, it is good for children of all ages to participate in the whole Mass. At the 10am Mass we are endeavouring to have a child-friendly sermon, that even the

young can understand. (For those who come to the 10am, the adult version of the sermon is always published on our Facebook page.) At this point let us all agree that even when small children are boisterous in Mass, this is not a problem for anyone, and parents should not feel embarrassed or that people are staring at them. Children of all ages are welcome in Church, on their own terms. The same goes to parents of children. Please feel that the Church is your home.

**We are having a Table Top sale on the** morning of Sunday March 6. This was advertised in the local Facebook page and received an overwhelming response from people wanting to sell things. We will have twelve tables in all, so please note the date and go in and look and buy some stuff, most of which is handmade, locally crafted and so on. The sellers are paying £5 or £3 depending on the size of their table; but this is not a money-making exercise but rather a way of increasing footfall in our parish, and sharing our parish Hall with the local community. In theological terms it is a 'Courtyard of the Gentiles' initiative. The Temple of Jerusalem had a space open to all, and our Hall is the equivalent.

**Don't forget Social Dancing at 8pm on** Thursdays to which all are welcome. This Friday, 11 February, at 1.30pm, the Social Club will meet for bingo with Greta.

**Lent is still some way off**, but we need to think about it before it begins. The emphasis is as always on prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We have already proposed

- Eucharistic Adoration on Saturdays, from after Mass until 4pm (not the first two Saturdays, though, which are devoted to First Confessions).

- Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings at 7.30pm.
- Confessions after each weekday Mass, as well as the usual confessions on Saturdays.
- Fish and chips for the altar servers after the Stations of the Cross on Friday 4 March.
- Choir Supper on Sunday 6 March.

Any other suggestions to make Lent special are welcome.

**Is there any young person from Year 10 or above** who wishes to be Confirmed? If so, please get in touch with Fr Alexander, by email. Our course for Confirmation this Spring will be starting soon. The bishop is provisionally scheduled to be coming here to confer the Sacrament on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May at 11.30am.

**Our next Baptism Course will be on Monday 28 March** at 8pm in the Hall. If you have a baby to baptise, please get in touch with Fr Alexander who will come and see you at home before the course begins.

**If you are a reader, a Eucharistic minister, on duty at Mass**, please come into the sacristy for prayers before the Mass begins at about seven minutes prior to the start.

**Carer required for young lady with Downs Syndrome.** India is 24 years old currently living in a private house in Brighton with two other girls with DS. She attends a cafe training course 4 days a week called Team Domenica. India's mother is looking for a carer to live in with India 4 days a week to assist in the mornings, get India to her course, collect her in the afternoon and care for her until she goes to bed. The wages are approximately £800 per week. Please contact Caroline on 07773 280623.

## Parish Notice Board

### Professional Organiser & Photo

**Manager.** If you're looking for help decluttering and organising your home, business or photographs please contact Nicola Austin on 07747798858 or nicola@lifeoflibra.com

### 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

### Counselling Service

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

**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.

### Host Families needed

All year round. Single/twin room accommodation required. Ring Maureen 01273 778918 or 07801827323  
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- Total Donated £873
- This month £266,

- Average donation £9.09
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