

Forthcoming Events

Monday 7 March, 11am: Funeral Mass for Jeanie Ryan RIP.
Tuesday 8 March, 11am: Deanery Meeting.
Thursday 10 March, 10am: burial of ashes of Kevin O'Connor RIP (Mill Lane cemetery)
Thursday 10 March, 8pm: Social Dancing.
Friday 11 March, 1.30pm: Social Club
Friday 11 March, 7.30pm: Stations of the Cross.
Friday 11 March, 7.30pm: Fish and Chips for Altar servers.

Some Thoughts on Children's Liturgy [part two]

Top Tips for Parents – Helping Yourself

- Relax! Your child is welcome in church – this is their place. Making a noise and moving around is what little children sometimes need to do – don't worry about it. If you feel at home, your child will too.
- Embrace the change – you can't focus fully on the Mass when you have young children in tow. No problem. God won't mind. You're praying in a different way – offer up your work with your child as a prayer.
- Listen! If you can hear one word or phrase that strikes you during Mass – hold onto that. That might be all God needs you to hear today.
- Smile! Even when you feel fraught, take a moment to look around and connect with someone else in the community. It might be someone who needs your smile – a lonely older person or another parent who's finding it even harder than you are today. Next week, you might need their smile...

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Friday April 1st at 7.30pm: our annual Taize service will take place. This is a time of beautiful, meditative prayer and we will hopefully be joined by other local Christians. This year our prayers will focus on Ukraine. Refreshments will be available afterwards. Please join us.

The parish Synod submission has been sent to the Diocese and it can be seen on the parish website under Synod where you can also find all the notes from the meetings.

On Wednesday March 9th at 7pm Bishop Richard will present a summary of diocesan responses on zoom.

To book:

<https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/8yaw6po>

A further meeting is being planned with the Sacred Heart to discuss the findings and further action: details will be posted soon.

Are there any more young persons from Year 10 or above who wishes to be Confirmed? If so, please get in touch with Fr Alexander, by email. The bishop is provisionally scheduled to be coming here to confer the Sacrament on Saturday 28 May at 11.30am. We have fifteen candidates so far, and have room for more. Given the constraints of time, thanks to the aftermath of Covid, it is proposed to run a compressed five session course on Sunday evenings in Eastertide, that is to say, starting Sunday 24 April through to Sunday 22 May, every Sunday at 7pm. The deadline for registration is the evening of Palm Sunday, 10 April.

Offertory collection

Sunday 27 February 2022. = £1,342.15

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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 Psalms. Please visit our website which is constantly being updated. Do ask to join our WhatsApp group.

This Sunday is the First Sunday of Lent.

The readings and prayers for this day can be found in the purple books on page 153. The first reading comes from the Book of Deuteronomy. In it the Chosen people are instructed how to make the offering of the first fruits of the soil, and why they should do so: because God heard their cry in Egypt and liberated them from the house of bondage to bring them into a land of their own, flowing with milk and honey. This reminds us that we too, thanks to our baptism, our liberated people. God, through the sacrifice of Christ on the Cross, has set us free from sin, and

enabled us to live as His children in freedom. The Gospel passage, taken from Saint Luke, tells us of Jesus's forty days in the desert, where he prepares for His public ministry and is tempted by Satan. Today, instead of a sermon, we shall be hearing a Pastoral letter from Bishop Richard.

This Sunday, we are having a Table Top

sale all morning in the Hall. 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 do 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.

This Sunday evening our Choirs and musicians are having a gathering in the Hall at 6pm. Many thanks to all of them for their hard work throughout the year. This Friday we are having Fish and Chips in the Hall for all our Altar servers. Many thanks to them as well for all their dedication throughout the year.

There will be Confessions after each weekday Mass in Lent, as well as the usual confessions on Saturdays.

On Friday Stations of the Cross are at 7.30pm.

On Saturday the second group of children are making their First Confessions, from 11am to 12.30am. Fr Carl Davis will be in attendance to help. The daily Mass will be at

10am as normal. Eucharistic Adoration will start at 2pm, and continue until 4pm.

On Saturday at 4.45pm, Catechism classes continue for older children and last for one hour.

Mass intentions

Sat 5 March, 6pm: Bernie Harvey RIP (R Green)
Sun 6 March, 8.30am: For all parishioners
Sun 6 March, 10am: Holy Souls
Sun 6 March, 11.15am: For our benefactors
Mon 7 March, 11am: Funeral of Jeanie Ryan RIP
Tues 8 March, 10am: William Henham RIP
Wed 9 March, 10am: Neus Mackay RIP (C Lloyd)
Thur 10 March, no Mass.
Fri 11 March, 10am: Stephen Britt RIP
Sat 12 March, 10am: Stephanie Fromholc RIP
Sat 12 March, 6pm: private intention (ALS).
Sun 13 March, 8.30am: Elizabeth Murphy RIP
Sun 13 March, 10am: For all parishioners
Sun 13 March, 11.15am: GE Ruth Ming (birthday)

Liturgical Notes

Lent is forty days of preparation for the feast of Easter, recalling the forty years the Children of Israel spent in the desert, journeying towards to Promised Land, and the forty days Our Lord spent in the desert before His public ministry. Lent is a time of fasting, prayer and almsgiving. During Lent, the vestments are purple, which is the colour

of penance. There are no flowers in Church and the organ is only used to sustain the singing. The Gloria is omitted. In Lent let us try to dedicate ourselves to prayer, to practical works of charity and to fasting. Monday is the commemoration of Saints Perpetua and Felicity, martyrs. On this day we are celebrating the funeral Mass of Jeanie Ryan RIP at 11am, which replaces the 10am Mass on that day.

Tuesday is the commemoration of Saint John of God.

Wednesday is the commemoration of Saint Frances of Rome.

Let us pray for the repose of the soul of John O'Connor, whose ashes will be buried in Mill Lane Cemetery, Shoreham, on Thursday 10 March at 10am. Let us pray for his widow Aloma at this sad time.

Stephanie Fromholc RIP will be remembered at a Requiem Mass here on Saturday 12 March at 10am, at which we will commend her ashes for burial.

Our Paschal Candle has arrived. It is 18 inches high and it fits the candle holder perfectly. Is there some artist in the parish who would like to decorate it? It needs the year on it, and the Alpha and Omega and five small holes for the grains of incense. Then it will be ready for the Easter Vigil.

The priests of the Brighton and Hove deanery will be meeting in our Hall this Tuesday; these deanery meetings happen every month. This one will be special as it is the first in our refurbished hall and Mireille is going to cook the lunch!

Advance notice: Saint Patrick's feast (one of three allowed in Lent, the others being Saint Joseph and the Annunciation) falls on a Thursday this year. Therefore, we will have Mass on the Thursday, exceptionally, and not have Mass on Wednesday 16 March. After

the Mass on Saint Patrick's Day, those of us who want to can go for a Power Breakfast, as the feast day does not count as part of Lent.

CAFOD is raising much-needed funds for Ukraine and has joined an appeal launched by the UK Disasters Emergency Committee to help hundreds of thousands of people fleeing conflict in the country.

Life for the people of Ukraine has changed completely with homes, schools, and hospitals destroyed.

Ukraine is the second largest country in Europe. The United Nations estimate that more than a million people have fled their homes so far - leaving behind jobs, belongings and loved ones. They desperately need shelter, food, and water. **Donations to CAFOD** will help local experts in Ukraine to provide:

- food
- water
- healthcare
- shelter and clothing

You can donate to CAFOD's Ukraine

Humanitarian Appeal here:

https://cafod.org.uk/donations/picker?default_universalttype=single&_Appeal=123770
To find out more please visit CAFOD's [website](#).

The Church's teaching on War:

It is not correct to say that we are against war as such, for it is important to distinguish what we mean by war. The Church condemns all wars of aggression. An obvious example of this would be Hitler's unprovoked invasion of Poland in September 1939. The Church teaches that everyone, individuals, communities and states, has the right of self-defence using proportionate means. Hence it is completely right to defend your country when it is invaded by an unjust aggressor. Poland's resistance to the Nazis in 1939

would be a good example. It is also right to resist occupation, as various partisan groups did in Italy and France in the Second World War. This is part of the right of self-defence. In fighting it is never right, in any circumstances whatever, to target civilians directly or indirectly and non-combatants. This is what is called a war crime as well as being mortal sin. Prisoners taken in war have rights and are to be treated humanely. The use of weapons of mass destruction is only allowed where it is proportionate to the threat faced, but this situation is hard to envisage in practical terms. Certainly, the use of chemical weapons and nuclear weapons against conventionally armed troops is wrong.

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; may God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

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.

Don't forget Social Dancing at 8pm on Thursdays to which all are welcome. On Fridays the Social Club meets in the Hall at 1.30pm to which all are invited.

Donations for the Food Bank. please leave your donation in the tub inside the door of the Outer Sacristy. If locked, by the door.




Parish Notice Board


You are warmly invited to a Lenten Retreat Day led by the monks of Worth Abbey based in Brighton. Venue: St Martha's Convent, Rottingdean. Date: Saturday March 19. (Please note the change of date.) Time: 10am – 3pm. Bring your own lunch. Teas and Coffees provided. Donations on the day to St. Martha's. Please book your place(s) via brightonmonks@worth.org.uk

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.

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 or find out more

 towerhouse@svp.org.uk

 01273 549604

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. We have bought some new tubs and new boxes for donations.

Deep Waters Sunday lunches are back, organised by Wellspring Community, for students & young adults. It will be every 1st & 3rd Sunday of the mass after 11am mass (around 12pm) outside St Joseph's. We will gather after mass before going into the kitchen through the back gate to have lunch together. It is a great opportunity to meet & have fellowship with other like minded young adults & students. Starting February 20th.

Lenten Reflection for young adults (18-35) Saturday 12 March 10am – 4pm. To book contact lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.oeg.uk

Counselling Service

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

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.

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Nicola Austin on 07747798858 or nicola@lifeoflibra.com

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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

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