

Those Covid Rules in full (updated):

- 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 sanitise your hands on entry and exit.
- Please observe the one way system: up the middle, down the sides, especially at Holy Communion.
- There are no hymn books or Mass books.
- If you take a newsletter, please take it home with you.
- You are free to bring your own Missal with you.
- There is no Holy Water in the stoups.
- There is no congregational singing.
- The Church doors are to remain open to ventilate the building.
- Mass is shorter than usual.
- There are no Bidding Prayers.
- There is no procession of the Gifts to the altar and no passing around of the collection baskets.
- There is no sign of peace.
- The collection will be taken as you leave the church.
- 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.

All Hall users please note the following:

- The Hall has to be well ventilated. The windows in the loos are to be kept open. When the Hall is in use the street door must be propped open. Windows to be closed when you leave.
- After you have used the chairs, place them stacked in place with a note on them saying when they were used. When you use chairs, pick the stack that has been used least recently. This is to ensure that the use of chairs is rotated.
- The capacity of the Hall is 30 people.
- Enter the Hall from the link; leave by the street doors; please respect this one way system.
- Do not form queues by the loos.
- Children must be accompanied when they use the loos.
- Please use the hand sanitiser provided.
- Please wash your hands after using the loos.
- Please respect social distancing.
- At Hall events, the organisers need to note who is attending, for any track and trace measures. These names and contact details must be kept for three weeks.
- Every time the Hall is used, it has to be cleaned afterwards.

Times for Confessions.

Over the next few weeks, the First Holy Communion children are making their first confessions. The times are as follows for them, and everyone else who wishes to go to confession. One hopes at least one of these slots will be suitable for you! Remember, God is calling you to go to Confession, if you are reading this! (You are kindly asked to let the children go to the head of the queue, if there is one – one hopes there will be.) Please note this list is constantly being amended.

Sun 30 Aug 6-7pm
Mon 31 Aug 6-7pm
Tue 1 Sep 6-7pm
Fri 4 Sep 6-7pm
Sun 6 Sep 6-7pm

Offertory Sun 30 Aug: £ 1,391.81

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6 September 2020

Twenty-Third Sunday of the Year

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Mass Intentions for the weeks starting 6 September

Saturday 5 Sep 6pm Michael Green RIP

Sunday 6 Sep 8.30am GE Catherine

Reynaud

Sunday 6 Sep 10am For all parishioners

Sunday 6 Sep 11.15am GE Melling and

Sultana families

Monday 7 Sep 10am Eileen Davey RIP

Tuesday 8 Sep 10am GE Saliba family

Wednesday 9 Sep 10am GE Edith Ming

Thursday 10 Sep No Mass

Friday 11 Sep 11am Requiem for John

Connolly

Saturday 12 Sep 11am First Holy

Communion Mass

Saturday 12 Sep 1pm First Holy

Communion Mass

Saturday 12 Sep 6pm Catherine McMahon

RIP

Sunday 13 Sep 8.30am GE Simone Lloyd

Sunday 13 Sep 10am For all parishioners

Sunday 13 Sep 11.15am Reversion of

Christine

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Today is the Twenty-Third Sunday of the Year.

If you have a Missal the readings are from Year A. If you have a phone with internet connection, you can find the readings and all the prayers at universalis.com The first reading is from the prophet Ezekiel and recounts how God makes the prophet responsible for the moral guidance of the people of Israel, while at the same time emphasising that each person is responsible for his own actions. In the Gospel, we hear some of what is called the Sermon on the Church, that is, Jesus' words about how Christians are supposed to behave to each other, laying down the rules for fraternal correction and what we now call excommunication. We are also reminded that where two or three are assembled in His name, He is present. The Church acts with the authority of Christ in celebrating the sacraments, and we come to Church to enjoy the presence of God.

Next Sunday is the Twenty-Fourth Sunday of the Year,

and the diocese has asked us to take up the second collection for the Holy Places (that should have been taken on Good Friday) on this day. Just how this is to be done will be worked out nearer the time. The collection for the Holy Places, which is done in every Catholic Church in the world, goes to support the 'Custody of the Holy Land', which is charged with the administration of the various shrines in the Holy Land, such as the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem, and many others.

Our parish office is now open after the summer holidays.

Many thanks to the anonymous donor who has given the parish the sum of £400, in an envelope though the presbytery door. This has been added to the count of the weekly collection. Also on the financial front, you will notice that the sum owing on the stained glass window now stands at £1,425.56, thanks to a recent generous donation.

Our next baptism Course will be on Monday 5 October, 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, and arrange for you to be enrolled on the course.

Liturgical Notes:

September is month dedicated to the Seven Sorrows of Our Lady. On days when there is no feast, we shall celebrate a Votive Mass of the Blessed Virgin.

Tuesday is the feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Wednesday is the feast of Saint Peter Claver.

Saturday is the feast of the Most Holy Name of Mary.

The Seven Sorrows of Our Lady, all of which are mentioned in the Bible or implied in the Biblical account, are as follows:

- 1) The Prophecy of Simeon
- 2) The Flight Into Egypt
- 3) The Loss of the Child Jesus in the Temple
- 4) Mary Meets Jesus on the Way to Calvary
- 5) Jesus Dies on the Cross
- 6) Mary Receives Jesus as He is taken down from the Cross
- 7) Jesus is Placed in the Tomb

The Seven Sorrows are favourite subjects for meditation as they enable us to appreciate the sufferings of Jesus though the eyes of Mary His mother, and thus, through coming closer to Mary, to come close to Jesus.

Music is an important part of the Mass, and we are pleased that from this Saturday onwards, John is back playing at the organ at the 6pm Vigil Mass, though there will be no singing as yet; in addition, after his summer break, Andrew will be playing on Sundays at 11.15am. The current regulations still ban congregational singing, but choirs, according to newspaper reports, are allowed, we are looking into this.

We have heard the sad news that Adrian van Twest died on Wednesday 2 September in hospital. He had received the sacrament of the sick and the Apostolic Pardon. Let us pray for his eternal rest and for his grieving family. Adrian served on the altar here for 32 years. Funeral arrangements will be announced when known.

Let us pray for John Connolly, who died at home in Neville Avenue on Monday 31 August. He had received the Sacrament of the Sick and the Apostolic Pardon. Let us pray for the repose of his soul and the comfort of his family. Requiem mass here on Friday 11 September at 11am, followed by burial at Woodingdean.

First Autumn meeting of the UCM will be held in the Church Hall, 2.30pm, Wednesday 16 September, an informal gathering for a catchup chat. PLEASE NOTE - Hall doors need to be kept open for ventilation so wear warm clothes. Keep Social Distancing of chairs. Bring your own drink/refreshments or buy from a coffee shop as the hall kitchen is closed and not to be used.

Please pray for all our First Holy Communicants and their families that this sacrament will be a joyous milestone for them. Our First Holy Communion celebrations conclude this Saturday. Please

note that there is no 10am Mass and no Confessions that day. Many thanks to all the catechists, musicians, stewards, cleaners, parents and children who made these celebrations possible.

The Care Group met last Tuesday. We discussed the well-being of our parishioners who are confined to their homes, and noted with pleasure that many of the nursing homes, though not all, are now allowing visitors, under specially controlled conditions. Let us keep on praying for those who have been so isolated during lockdown, and let us all remember how important it is to minister to the sick and the housebound. In addition, we discussed the plight of various families in the community who are suffering thanks to the economic downturn and other difficulties. As part of this the Food bank was mentioned. Has anyone got any information about the Food Bank? We want to start collections up again as soon as possible. Finally, if you know of anyone who need to be visited at home, or if you would like to visit someone, please do mention it. The next meeting of the Care Group will be in December.

Our Parish Social Club meets on Friday at 1.30pm in the Hall. All are invited to the Hall, for tea, cake, chat and other activities, though, thanks to the Covid rules, you must bring your own refreshments. This Friday 11 September there will be a hopefully fun and light-hearted session led by Fr Alexander on the question of what poetry we learned at school, given that poetry is now being dropped from the syllabus. On Friday 18 September we shall be having bingo, and on Friday 25 September we shall be having the film 'Seven Years in Tibet', starring Brad Pitt, which has stunning scenery and an amazing soundtrack, being the story of the young Dalai Lama and his German tutor.

The rules about Covid are on the back page of this newsletter and still in force. One relies on each person to observe the rules, especially the rule about keeping one's social distance. A gentle reminder not to block 'choke points' (that is, door and corridors) so that people do not have to squeeze past you! We should all be keeping one metre apart at the very least, but preferably two metres apart. We have no indication when these rules will be relaxed.

Sick Parishioners.

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

Forthcoming events:

Friday 11 September, 1.30pm: Social Club meets: Learning poetry at school.

Saturday 12 September, 11am: First Holy Communion Mass.

Saturday 12 September, 1pm: First Holy Communion Mass.

Friday 18 September, 1,30pm: Social Club: bingo.

Friday 25 September, 1.30pm: Social Club film: 'Seven Years in Tibet'.

Monday 5 October, 8pm: Baptism Course.

Tuesday 2 December, 7.30pm: Care Group meets.

Thank you from Sussex Nightstop: the charity has sent us a letter thanking us for our donation please see letter on noticeboard in the porch.

Parish Notice Board

Marriage Preparation Course

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

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