

Forthcoming Events

Sunday 8 May: Table Top Sale.
Sunday 8 May, 7pm: Confirmation Course III.
Monday 9 May, 8pm: Parish Team meets
Thursday 12 May, 8pm: Social Dancing.
Friday 13 May, 1.30pm: Social Club-Mireille: How to make hummus.
Saturday 14 May, 9- 10.30am/11.00 - 12.30pm: FHC
Sunday 15 May, 10am: FHC Mass. Syrian Market after 11.15am Mass.
Sunday 15 May, 7pm: Confirmation Course IV.
Saturday 28 May, 11.30am: Confirmation.
Thursday 2 June, 4-5.30pm: Children's Jubilee Party
Friday 3 June, 2.30pm: Tea Dance with retro Music.
Saturday 4 June, 7pm: International dinner, 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 /12/ 19 June, 11.30am: First Holy Communions
Friday 24 June, 10am: Solemnity of the Sacred Heart, Mass, followed by breakfast.
Wednesday 27 July, 7pm: Feast of Saint Charbel celebration.

at 1.30pm to which all are invited. This Friday, Mireille is going to impart some of the secrets of the Lebanese kitchen, and explain how to make Hummus, among other things.

We had a very interesting talk the other day at the Social Club from Grant from the Martlets, who is in charge of the Hospice's public relations. It was good to be reminded that the hospice is rather different from a hospital, and that it concentrates on treating people as individuals with particular needs and building relationships with them and their families. In this the hospice is rather like a parish Church. Grant told us that in the past we have donated to the Martlets, and naturally, now the Hall and the stained glass are behind us, we will want to do this again. The Martlets Choir use our Hall, and the hospice itself has been invited to use it whenever possible, free of charge. The Martlets have thanked us for a donation of £61.86 from the Social Club.

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.

**Offertory: Offertory collection Sunday 1
May 2022. = £1,502.95
CAFOD (Ukraine) £25.00**

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

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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 Fourth Sunday of

Easter and known as Good Shepherd Sunday, after the Gospel that is read today. Because today is a traditional day of prayer for vocations, there is a retiring collection for the education of future priests. Would those who organise the collection please take this as their notification to activate the retiring collection. The first reading today is from

the Acts of the Apostles and explains what happened when Paul and Barnabas preached in Antioch in Pisidia; rejected by the Jews, to whom they went first, they turned to the Gentiles, which made the Gentiles very happy. And thus, through this incident, the Church grew exponentially from then on. In the Gospel, Jesus reminds us that we are His sheep and that we belong to Him and we should listen to His voice.

This Sunday, all morning, we are hosting a Table Top sale in the Hall. Do

please pop in and have a look and see what is on sale. Last time many were delighted to find the most superb woolly hats, among other things! This event is a 'Courtyard of the Gentiles' project, so please do support it. On Sunday 15 May after the 11.15am Mass we are holding a Syrian Market. At some future point we shall hold another exchange of children's toys and equipment.

This Sunday evening, at 7pm in the Hall, our confirmation course continues.

We have 20 candidates. Let us pray for them all and their families. The Bishop will be here to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday 28 May at 11.30am. Sunday 22 May 10am Mass will be the Confirmation Family mass where we hope to have all our candidates and their families joining us.

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.

Mass intentions

Saturday 7 May, 6pm: Holy Souls
Sunday 8 May, 8.30am: Maureen O'Neill RIP
Sunday 8 May, 10am: For all parishioners
Sunday 8 May, 11.15am: Eira & John Crichton RIP
Monday 9 May, 10am: GE Fr Teum Berhe
Tuesday 10 May, 10am: Giuliana Sussex RIP
Wednesday 11 May, 10am: Jim McFarlane RIP (1 anniv)
Thursday 12 May: No Mass
Friday 13 May, 10am: Amy Fitzgerald RIP
Saturday 14 May, 9am: Angela Dangerfield RIP
Saturday 14 May, 6pm: Margaret Callaghan RIP
Sunday 15 May, 8.30am: Giuliana Sussex RIP
Sunday 15 May, 10am: For all parishioners
Sunday 15 May, 11.15am: GE TFR Lucie-Smith

Liturgical notes

We are now in the season of Easter, the fifty days of rejoicing that follow the Sunday of the Resurrection
Tuesday is the feast of Saint John of Avila, priest and doctor of the Church.
Friday is the feast of Our Lady of Fatima.
Saturday is the feast of Saint Matthias, apostle.

The Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus is celebrated on Friday 24 June, and as this is an important feast, and meat is allowed, it seems a good idea to have a Power Breakfast at our favourite café that day. This was very much appreciated last

time we did it, so please note the date. All are invited.

Many thanks to all who played significant roles in our Easter

celebrations, to sacristans, to readers, servers, those organising the collection, welcomers, those who sang in our choirs, the Church cleaners, and our florist Mireille, and the maker of the paschal fire (Peter Fishenden), and to Sarah Hall, who decorated the Paschal Candle and who wants to remain anonymous. Many thanks too to all who were present for these celebrations of the most important week of the Christian year. It was very nice to see a good turn out at all Masses, with people standing at the back on Easter Sunday. Many thanks to those who sold cakes and made so much for the Ukraine emergency appeal, and many thanks for the Easter offering to your priest.

With Easter behind us, we look forward to the next big thing, the national celebrations around the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, the first in British history. We have lots planned. On Thursday 2 June, from 4-5.30pm, we have our Children's Jubilee Party. On Friday 3 June, at 2.30pm, we have our Tea Dance with retro Music. On Saturday 4 June, at 7pm, we have our international dinner, with livestreaming of the Jubilee Concert. On Sunday 5 June, the 11.15am Mass will be one of Thanksgiving with Te Deum. That evening there will be a concert in the Church, followed by refreshments in the Hall. Tickets will be printed for all of these events, so we can check numbers. More details will follow.

We have heard the sad the news of Padraig Grealish who died at Harmony House Nursing Home on 27 April 2022 aged 83 years. Funeral will take place here on Friday 20th May at St Peter's Church at 11.00am. Please remember his wife Agnes and his family in your prayers. This will replace the 10am mass on that day.

Please pray for John Conneely, father of Matt Conneely who died last December. His funeral Mass and Commendation of Ashes will take place here at St Peter's on Monday 16 May at 11.00am. This will replace the 10am mass on that day.

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We have advertised the post of a First Holy Communion Co-Ordinator and we have had no interest expressed by anyone. This must be taken as a sign of Divine Providence, to which we must give a thoughtful response. It is clear that children must be instructed for their first Holy Communion and that we must have a new way of doing this, as the former way is now no longer practical. Fr Alexander is more than willing to instruct children in small groups with the support of their parents, but this will necessarily mean several small groups throughout the year, and an end to a single large group making their First Holy Communion at a 'special'

Mass in the early summer. More on this will follow, and if you have any constructive comment to make, do please advance it. The following thoughts occur:

- Doing several shorter and more intense courses for smaller numbers may be more effective in building relations with children and families and between children and families.
- This may be a good opportunity to focus on what First Holy Communion is about, and what is not of core importance, things like clothes, flowers and parties. (This has long been a concern of the Irish bishops, one notes.)
- It is essential to have a catechesis based on what Holy Communion is, namely, the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus the Lord; and what the Mass is, namely, the sacrifice of Calvary offered by Jesus for all the living and the dead, for the redemption of souls. These profound truths can be communicated in a way that young children can understand.

Please note that Mass on Saturday 14 May will be at 9am not 10am to accommodate the First Holy Communion Group.

Wednesday 18 May is the 31 anniversary of the baptism of the Blessed Carlo Acutis. The 10am Mass on that day will be a Votive Mass of the Blessed Carlo, as we, being his diocesan shrine, are allowed to do. This will be a particular day to as graces and favours through his intercession. The relic can be venerated as well.



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Deep Waters Sunday lunches are back, organised by Wellspring Community, for students & young adults. Every 1st & 3rd Sunday of the mass after 11am mass (around 12pm) outside St Joseph's. It is a great opportunity to meet & have fellowship with other like minded young adults & students.

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