

Forthcoming Events

Sunday 7 May: Mass of Thanksgiving followed by Syrian lunch in the Hall.
Sunday 7 May, 7pm-8.30pm: No Confirmation, Bank Holiday weekend.
Monday 8 May, 4pm: Coronation Tea Dance.
Tuesday 9 May, 3.45pm to 5.15pm: First Holy Communion.
Tuesday 9 May, 7.30-8.30pm: Sacred Heart Parish Rooms, meeting of parish leadership teams.
Sunday 14 May, 7pm-8.30pm: Confirmation.
Tuesday 16 May, 3.45pm to 5.15pm: First Holy Communion.
Tuesday 16 May, 7pm: Meeting of the Finance Committee.
Thursday 18 May, 7pm: Ascension Thursday Mass.
Sunday 21 May, 7pm-8.30pm: No Confirmation, Duke of Edinburgh weekend.
Tuesday 23 May, 3.45pm to 5.15pm: First Holy Communion.
Sunday 28 May, 7pm-8.30pm: No Confirmation, half term.
Monday 29 May, 8pm: Baptism course.

The SVP shop more or less next door to our Church on Portland Road, is looking for volunteers. If you would like to help, do pop in and ask to speak to Rachel, the manager, or phone her on 01273 325397. The SVP as you all know is the charity inspired by Saint Vincent de Paul, which helps those in need.

200 Club March draw winners:

Congratulations to £200 – Christine Kilgallon, £90 – Agnes Grealish, £50 – J Johnson.

Gift Aid Envelopes. There are a number of uncollected Gift Aid envelope boxes at the back of the church, so if you haven't done so already please pick up your box as soon as possible.

If you wish to alter how you donate and no longer require the envelopes please contact the Parish office so we can cancel your order. A large number of boxes were not collected last year, and since each box costs the Parish £2.63 we are trying to avoid wastage.

When you Gift Aid your offertory donations we are able to claim another 25% of the amount you give from the tax man. If you are not already Gift Aiding your offertory donations and would like to do so now, please contact the Parish office. Besides using the one off white Gift Aid envelopes you can also Gift Aid your offertory donation via standing order, using the Dona machine or via the Parish website.

Some 2022 statistics for you:

- Offertory cash donations Gift Aided by numbered envelope = £12,565
- Offertory donations Gift Aided by standing order = £36,898
- Offertory cash donations **not** Gift Aided = £22,350

For information on anything Gift Aid related please contact the Parish office. We wish to make donating accessible to all and thank you for your continued support.

Offertory collection Sun 30 Apr 2023 = £3,207.30 **Second collection** for the Education of Future Priests £312.92

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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'. We are doing a virtual Walking Tour Through the Bible, starting with the Book of Genesis, in bite size chunks. We are now beginning the prophet Jeremiah. Please visit our website which is constantly being updated.

This Sunday is the Fifth Sunday of

Easter. The prayers and readings are to be found in the yellow books on page 265. The first reading, from the Acts of the Apostles, describes how the Apostles decided to institute the order of deacons. In the second reading, from the first letter of Saint Peter, we are reminded that we are living stones making a spiritual house, with Christ being our cornerstone. We are called to unity, and the principle of unity is the headship of Christ. In the Gospel, from Saint John, we are told that Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life. The

Church, of which we are members is built on Him.

This Sunday, Children's Liturgy

resumes at the 10am Mass.

This Sunday the National Anthem will

be sung at the end of each Mass, before the final hymn, if there is one. At all Masses there will be a prayer for the King and the Royal Family in the Bidding Prayers. Prayer cards to mark the Coronation are available.

Also this Sunday there will be a Coronation Lunch in the Hall to

celebrate. This is being catered by our Syrian friends. HM King is a longstanding friend and advocate of Christian communities in the Middle East.

On Monday there will be a Coronation

Tea Dance in the hall at 4pm. There are still some tickets available at the cost of £2 each.

Liturgical notes

It is the month of May, which is traditionally devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Because of this, we shall be singing the traditional Marian hymns at the end of Mass, and on days when there is no funeral, we shall have the Rosary after the weekday Mass.

- Wednesday is the feast of Saint John of Avila, priest and doctor of the Church.
- Friday is the feast of the Carthusian martyrs.

Mass intentions

Saturday 6 May, 6pm: Holy Souls
Sunday 7 May, 8.30am: GE Benny and Cora Smyth
Sunday 7 May, 10am: For Benefactors
Sunday 7 May, 11.30am: For all parishioners
Monday 8 May, 10am: WPLS intention
Tues 9 May, 10am: Giuliana Sussex RIP
Wednesday 10 May, 10am: Jim McFarlane RIP (2 anniv)
Friday 12 May, 10am: Ann Fitzgerald RIP
Saturday 13 May, 6pm: For all parishioners
Sunday 14 May, 8.30am: Tony and Hazel Hayler RIP
Sunday 14 May, 10am: Sheila Coldicott RIP
Sunday 14 May, 11.30am: Eira and John Crichton RIP

Advance notice: Ascension Thursday, the day forty days after Easter when Jesus ascended into Heaven, is on Thursday 18 May. There will be an 'extra' Mass for this important feast, a holy day of obligation, at 7pm in the evening.

Confessions are after Mass on Friday morning, at 10.30am. On Saturday Confessions are heard before the evening Mass, at 5.15pm until 5.45pm.

The next Baptism course is taking place on Monday 29 May in the Hall at 8pm. If you have a baby to baptise, you will need to contact Fr Alexander and he will come and see you at home first.

There is a dance in aid of the Martlets hospice on Friday 12 May from 8pm to

12am at Hove and Kingsway Bowling Club. Tickets are £5 each and are on sale after Masses on Sunday 7 May or contact Agnes Grealish on 01273 329218 to reserve one.

Social dancing happens at 8pm in the Hall on Thursday; all are welcome. On Friday the Social club meets at 1.30pm.

On Tuesday 9 May, from 7.30-8.30pm, members of the leadership teams and the clergy of the deanery parishes will be meeting in the Sacred Heart Parish Rooms in order to get to know one another and to explore the next steps in the joining together of the various parishes.

The meeting of the Finance Committee will take place on Tuesday 16 May. One thing we are hoping to do very soon is reintroduce counters and bankers, which means we would like those who did this in the past, if they are able to re-volunteer, and others to volunteer afresh. If you are approached, this means counting the collection (not every week, there would be a rota) and taking the collection to the bank. Until now Vincent has been doing this all on his own. Incidentally, the counting rota was abolished on the advice of the diocese given the mistaken idea that handling money could be a way of catching Covid. This is now known not to be the case.

On Thursday 1st June at 7pm, the Sacred Heart will host a Deanery Discipleship Mass. Following Bishop Richard's desire for collaboration between parishes, as part of his new pastoral plan, please join us for a short, uplifting celebration of the Eucharist, followed by

fellowship time. Ample parking in front of Hove Town Hall - members of all parishes across the city are welcome.

The Carthusian Martyrs were the monks of the London Charterhouse, the monastery of the Carthusian Order in the City of London, who were put to death from the 4 May 1535 until the 20 September 1537. The method of execution was hanging, disembowelling while still alive and then quartering. Others were imprisoned and left to starve to death. The group also includes two monks who were brought to that house from the Charterhouses of Beauvale and Axholme and similarly dealt with. The total was 18 men, all of whom have been formally recognized by the Catholic Church as martyrs.

At the outset of the "King's Great Matter," (the euphemism given to King Henry VIII's decision to divorce Catherine of Aragon, marry Anne Boleyn and break legal ties with the Pope) the government was anxious to secure the public acquiescence of the Carthusian monks, since they enjoyed great prestige for the austerity and sincerity of their way of life. Despite their strict enclosure, the monks of the London Charterhouse were held in high esteem and had considerable influence among the people, as many used to consult the Carthusians for spiritual advice.

On 4 May 1535 the authorities sent to their death at Tyburn, Middlesex three leading English Carthusians, Fathers John Houghton, prior of the London house, Robert Lawrence and Augustine Webster, respectively priors of Beauvale and Axholme, along with a Bridgettine

monk, Richard Reynolds of Syon Abbey and a secular priest John Haile. Tradition relates that when Houghton was about to be quartered, as the executioner tore open his chest to remove his heart, he prayed, "O Jesus, what wouldst thou do with my heart?"

Little more than a month later, it was the turn of three leading monks of the London house: Fathers Humphrey Middlemore, William Exmew and Sebastian Newdigate. They were bound upright in chains for 13 days before being taken to die at Tyburn, Middlesex on 19 June. Newdigate was a personal friend of Henry VIII, who twice visited him in the prison to persuade him to give in, in vain.

The next move was to seize four more monks of the community, two being taken to the Carthusian house at Beauvale in Nottinghamshire, while Father John Rochester and Father James Walworth were taken to the Charterhouse of St. Michael in Hull in Yorkshire. They were made an "example" of on 11 May 1537, when, condemned for refusing to sign the Act of Supremacy, they were hanged in chains from the York city battlements until dead.

On 18 May 1537 the 20 hermits and 18 lay brothers remaining in the London Charterhouse were required to take the Oath of Supremacy. Those refusing the oath were all sent on 29 May to Newgate Prison, and treated as had been their fellow Carthusians in June 1535. They were chained standing and with their hands tied behind them to posts in the prison. In this condition they all died, bar one, who was later executed at Tyburn.

Parish Notice Board

Children's Liturgy takes place at the 10am Mass. It is for children from year minus 1 to First Holy Communion age. Children and parents who wish to take part will be called up after the Gloria and Opening Prayer, and will then process into the Hall. They will return for the Offertory. Children's Liturgy is every Sunday, irrespective of school holidays, except in the months of April, August and December.

If you miss Mass on a Sunday morning, and this does sometimes happen, remember that there is Mass in Portuguese at 5pm on Sundays, and the Brazilian and Portuguese community is always happy to welcome visitors.

Please remember, if you have need of a baptism certificate, a confirmation certificate, or a marriage certificate, the email address you need to use is as follows: SaintPeterArchives@gmail.com

Social Dancing takes place on Thursdays in the Hall, starting at 8pm. Do come and join in the fun! Suitable for all ages, 19-99. The social Club meets in the Hall at 1.30pm on Fridays.

Deep Waters Sunday lunches, 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.

We are collecting donations for the Food Bank. Please leave your donation (in date items only please) in the tub

inside the door of the Outer Sacristy. If locked, by the door.

What is the 200 Club? This was set up initially twenty years ago to raise money for the parish Link construction between church and hall, and when that was paid off we kept the 200 Club going to support the charities which the parishioners voted for. It now supports two charities selected by our parishioners, namely **Reaching the Unreached** <https://www.rtu.org.uk/>, and **Sussex Nightstop** www.sussexnightstop.org.uk Information about these charities is available at the back of the church and on our notice boards in the Link.

How it works? Sign up for £52 per year for a chance to win a bi-monthly draw payable annually, half yearly or quarterly. 1st prize is £200, 2nd prize is £90 and third prize is £50, all the while your money is helping others. We are looking for new members, so please do get in touch with the Parish office if you wish to join.

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

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.

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 contact us on towerhouse@svp.org.uk or 01273 549604

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



Thank you for your offertory donations via the Dona device

If you are an existing Gift Aid donor, you still need to opt-in for Gift Aid on this system – it is not linked to the envelope or standing order system. You can also donate directly to St Peter's via the Dona donations webpage on our website at <http://www.stpeters-hove.org.uk/donations/> Or just click on the Donate button on the home page and follow the instructions.



List of Hall Clubs at St Peter's

Day
Monday 9.15 - 10.15
Monday 10.15 - 11.30
Tuesday 17.00-19.00
Tuesday 19.15 – 21.00
Tuesday 14.30
Wednesday 9.45–11.45
Wednesday 14.15-19.00
Wednesday 19.00-21.00
Wednesday 09.30-12.00
Thursday 15.30.-16.30
Thursday 09.30 - 12.00
Thursday 15.30.-16.30
Thursday 16.45 -18.00
Thursday 18.00 – 19.45
Thursday 20.00 – 22.00
Friday 9.30- 10.30 P
Fridays 10.30.13.30
Friday 13.30- 15.30

Event
Yoga
Tai Chi
Brownies
Guides
UCM
Baby Ballet
Alta Academy of Dance
Union of Catholic Mothers
Music with Mike
West Hove Dance Academy
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West Hove Dance Academy
Rainbows
Brownies
Social Dancing
Pilates
ESOL (English language lessons)
Apostles Lunch Club

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