

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, Adrian Van Twest, Liz Perkins, Richard Martin.

Parish Events

Sunday 8 March, after 10am/11.15am Mass: Cake Sale for stained glass appeal.
Monday 9 March, 8pm: Reading St Matthew's Passion.
Tuesday 10 March, 7.30pm: Praying Saint Matthew's Passion.
Friday 13 March, 6pm: First Reconciliations.
Friday 13 March, 7.30pm: Taizé Service.
Saturday 14 March, 11am: First Reconciliations.
Saturday 14 March, 10.30am-4pm: Adoration and Confessions.
Tuesday 17 March: feast of Saint Patrick
Tuesday 17 March, noon: Burial of the ashes of Michael Cook, RIP.
Tuesday 17 March, 2pm: Funeral of Donald Hancock, Woodvale Crematorium.
Thursday 19 March: feast of Saint Joseph.
Wednesday 25 March: feast of the Annunciation of the Lord.
Tuesday 21 April, 8pm: Baptism course, Upper Room.
Friday 24 April, 8pm: Quiz Night for stained glass appeal.
Sunday 10 May, after 10am/11.15am Mass: Bring and Buy for stained glass appeal.

Thursday mornings Scripture

Reflection: 10am all welcome.

Social Dancing in the hall this Thursday.
All are welcome!

Collection Sunday 1 March, £1, 617.

Our Social Club meets in the Hall this Friday at 1.30pm. Fr Alexander will be talking about his time in Africa, and how different the Church and society is in the African continent. The talk will be accompanied by pictures of Kenya that he took when he was there. All are invited. On Friday 20 March we shall have the film War Horse, which is highly recommended. On March 27 we shall have bingo, and on Friday 3 April we shall have tea, coffee, cake, games and chat. The next Friday will be Good Friday, so we shall not meet, but reconvene after Easter.

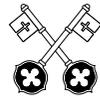
Have you seen the plans for the refurbishment of the Hall? The main points are a new kitchen, new loos (accessible from the corridor), the removal of the gallery, new windows, new lights, and some fixed seating with storage along one wall, work to cure the damp, plus painting and decorating and floor polishing. We also need to choose whether we want to have a partition that can divide the Hall into two separate rooms, so two functions can happen at the same time. The room divider is expensive, costing perhaps £20,000, and may be unsightly. Do please consider this and make your feelings known. You can do this verbally, of course, but if you have suggestions and/or reservations, it is a good idea to put them in writing. We hope to make a recommendation to the architect to go ahead soon, so that work can start in the summer.

Safeguarding Awareness Refresher Training at St Thomas More, Patcham, BN1 8HG - Wed 22 April, 2020 from 7 to 8.45 p.m. Please contact the office to sign up. This is aimed at all of our Catechists.

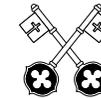
We have some copies of the Simple Prayer Book. This excellent resource contains all the prayers a Catholic should know. Everyone should have a copy, and they make excellent presents for the young. If you want a copy please ask in the Sacristy. They cost the parish £3.50 each. If you want to donate, just put what you can afford as an 'extra' donation into the Sunday collection, rather than leaving sums of money in the sacristy.

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8 March 2020



Second Sunday of Lent.

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Mass intentions this week:

Saturday 7 March 6pm DM Hunt family

Sunday 8 March 8.30am Holy Souls

Sunday 8 March 10am For all
parishioners

Sunday 8 March 11.15am Rosemary
Sheppard RIP

Monday 9 March 10am DM Hall family

Tuesday 10 March 10am Holy Souls

Wednesday 11 March 10am Canon
Heaney's intention

Thursday 12 March No Mass

Friday 13 March 10am Holy Souls

Saturday 14 March 10am Holy Souls

Saturday 14 March 6pm Holy Souls

Sunday 15 March 8.30am For all
parishioners

Sunday 15 March 10am GE Archbishop
Peter Smith

Sunday 1 March 11.15am Holy Souls

Today is the Second Sunday of Lent.

Today we are having another appeal, this time from the youth of the parish, who will talk about the CAFOD family fast day. Please use the envelopes in

your pews; just put the money you save by not eating inside and bring it back next Sunday and place it in the collection. This covers fasting and almsgiving in one, along with an important awareness-raising of those for whom involuntary hunger is a daily challenge. It will also be good to see our young people getting involved with this important issue.

Also today, we are holding a cake sale after the 10am and 11.15am Masses. Make sure you come through to the Hall and see what is on offer. The stained glass debt stands at £12, 937, after a very generous gift of £100 last week from one of our parishioners after Mass. The debt continues to fall and we hope today's sale will make it fall further!

In first reading God calls Abram to set out from his own land to a new land which God will show him. And so, Abram embarks on a great adventure of faith, which will lead him to becoming the father of a great nation, and a blessing to all peoples. In the gospel Jesus takes Peter, James and John up Mount Tabor where He is transfigured in glory. This reminds us that we too are called to glory. The ideas that should fill our minds this Sunday are vocation and transformation. We are called to be transformed through the grace of God.

Last week's special collection for Lepra, the charity that works for those suffering from leprosy, raised the sum of £558.00. Thank you all very much for your kindness and generosity.

It is the Year of the Bible, and it is Lent. On Monday, at 8pm in the Upper Room, we will continue our reading the Passion account of Saint Matthew, that is the chapters 26 onwards of Saint Matthew's Gospel. The format will be a simple Bible

study, led by Father Alexander – please bring the text with you - and there will be plenty of time for questions and discussion. If you missed the first session you can still join us. The session will end by 9.30pm, sharp. On Tuesday, at 7.30pm, Kate Williamson will be leading lectio divina, also based on the Saint Matthew passion account. All are welcome. This will take place in the Upper Room and will end by 8.15pm.

This Friday, instead of Stations of the Cross, we are holding our Taizé service. This is a beautiful service of music, prayer and reflection. There will be time for silence, scripture and the opportunity to listen or join in with the meditative chants from the Taizé monastic community. If you have never experienced this type of prayer before, please come along as you will be truly uplifted! All are welcome.

On Saturday we are continuing our weekly Adoration after Mass at 10.30am, which will last until 4pm when we close with Benediction. Please come for part of the day! Fr Alexander will be available for confessions at the usual times, and will be present at other times as well. Before returning to his Father, Jesus made us this promise: “Behold I am with you always, even to the end of the world.” That’s such a wonderfully comforting promise. And in the amazing gift of the Eucharist, in the Blessed Sacrament, we have that continuing Divine presence. The love and life-giving power of the risen Lord is still with us today!

Some practicalities about Adoration. Caroline Kelly, assisted by Anne Wells, is in charge of the rota. Please sign in – the sheets will be in the repository which will be open for the whole of Saturday. In the repository are book (the parish library) which you may find useful. In addition,

please feel free to use the yellow Parish Mass books, as they contain the Sunday readings as well as other prayers on the inside back and front covers.

This Friday at 6pm, and this Saturday at 11am, the First Holy Communion children are making their first confessions. On the Friday we shall be joined by Canon Colin Wolczak, and on Saturday by Monsignor Canon John Hull. We are very grateful to them for their collaboration.

Next Sunday is the Third Sunday of Lent. On this day Matthew Conneely will be speaking about HCPT, the Pilgrimage Trust that takes disabled children to Lourdes, and making an appeal, which will be another chance for Lenten almsgiving. Matthew writes: ‘Every Easter HCPT take 6 or more local disabled or disadvantaged young people on a children’s pilgrimage holiday to Lourdes, alongside thousands of other groups like ours from up and down the UK and beyond. They are cared for by volunteer helpers (who pay their own fare) and experience the spiritual side of Lourdes, a fun holiday (trips to the zoo, mountains, ice creams etc) and a caring environment. Each local group like ours is responsible for raising the fares for each child (£850) as well as the money to provide the fun activities in Lourdes - and fundraising is an ongoing activity! The experience is life-changing for these young people (and often the volunteer helpers - many of whom are young adults themselves) and often gives great respite to their families.

We have heard the concerning news that Archbishop Peter Smith, archbishop emeritus of Southwark, is very unwell at present. We have been

asked to pray for him, and to offer Mass for him. Archbishop Peter was in charge of this diocese during the interregnum before Bishop Richard’s appointment.

Message from Bishop Richard:

On Sunday 29th March, England will be re-dedicated as the Dowry of Mary. This is an important celebration for this land, dedicated to Our Blessed Lady by King Richard II in 1381 following an older tradition going back to the time of Edward the Confessor.

The re-dedication will take place in all our Cathedrals on the 29th and I would ask you to ensure that your parish community shares in this celebration through the praying of the Angelus and an Intercession for this country and the praying of the “Hail Mary” in the Prayers of the Faithful on that day.

A booklet has been produced to provide a novena leading up to the 29th and copies of these will be sent to parishes.

The Holy Father has blessed a painting of Our Lady of Walsingham which, following the 29th March, will travel around this country. Further information and a download of this new picture can be found by typing “Our Lady” into the search facility on the Bishops’ Conference website: www.cbcew.org.uk.

We have been able to hang the very nice copy of Bouguereau’s Madonna (drawn by her son Stewart) that belonged to Marie Hall in the Parish Office. Thanks to Dermot for putting it up! Do please check it out when you visit the parish office.

Canon Heaney will be saying Mass on Wednesday, as Fr Alexander is making a short trip to Newport, Wales, where he said his first Holy Mass back in 1996. This is his first return for at least a decade. Many

thanks to the Canon for coming to help out. His collaboration is greatly appreciated.

The next baptism course is going to be after Easter and will take place on Tuesday 21 April at 8pm in the Upper Room. (Note the change of venue.) Parents who have a child to baptise need to see Fr Alexander in advance, so he can come round and see you at home beforehand. Meanwhile, in other baptism news, we are having lots of requests for the baptism of children who are no longer infants. These children require instruction first, so it is proposed to hold a course for them after Easter, on Monday evenings after school. So if you are 7+ and wish to be instructed prior to baptism, please let us know.

Everyone should have heard about the Corona virus and the threat it presents to our health. The Bishops have published lengthy guidelines which can be accessed online. At present there is no need to withdraw the chalice or ban the kiss of peace, however, this may change, and the situation is under constant review. Please be aware that some people may not wish to shake hands at the kiss of peace, but may prefer another form of salutation. Do not be offended, this is perfectly OK. Again, if you choose not to receive from the chalice, this is perfectly acceptable, as you still receive the fullness of Holy Communion in the Sacred Body of Our Lord in the Host. Our ministers have been reminded about hygiene, something which we should bear in mind at all times.

Gift Aid Notices:

Could the owner of GA number 505 please contact the office.

All Envelope Donors please collect your boxes for the new tax year, from the porch.

Hall Events: below is a schedule of activities taking place in term time, if you are interested in finding out more or wish to hire the hall, please use the contact email below, Jo Chamberlain our Hall Manager will be happy to help you.

Hall Events for information email stpetershallbn3@gmail.com
Monday Cubs 18.00 – 19.30
Tuesday Brownies 17.30 – 19.00
Tuesday Guides 19.15 – 21.00
Wednesday Junior Choir 18.00 – 19.00
Wednesday Union of Catholic Mothers 19.30 – 21.00
Thursday Rainbows 16.45 -18.00
Thursday Brownies 18.00 – 19.30
Thursday Social Dancing 20.00 – 21.30
Friday Apostle Lunch Club 13.30 – 15.30

Marriage Preparation Course

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

Curious about Catholics? To learn more and talk in an unpressured and confidential environment, please contact Sue Hollow on 0755 730 1796 or Fr Alexander.

CAFOD is looking for volunteers who have a passion for, and experience of, working with young people. CAFOD will provide training and support, and expenses will be paid. For further information contact CAFOD on 01483 898866.

Mini Walking Pilgrimage 'The God Who Speaks' 7 to 10 May: Arundel, Duncton, Chiddingfold, Guildford. Walk over a long weekend. Costs £50 total. Details and booking forms at www.thepilgrims.org.uk

Annual Day for Those who Support the Bereaved in Parishes: This Year on Wednesday 20 May, at St Bernadette's, Crawley.

Diocesan Ecumenical Walking Pilgrimage:

The St Thomas Way Pilgrimage: 'Walking in a Spirit of Thankfulness'. 15– 30 August, from Swansea to Hereford, via Cardiff and Abergavenny. More information at www.thepilgrims.org.uk

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