

Forthcoming Events

Sunday 8 th October: Mass Count IV.
Monday 9 th October, 11am: Funeral Mass of Michael Mulpeter RIP.
Monday 9 th October, 8pm: Baptism course.
Tuesday 10 th October, 3.45-5.15pm: First Holy Communion.
Thursday 12 th October: feast of Blessed Carlo Acutis. Mass at 7pm with Bishop Richard, followed by a reception in the Hall.
Friday 6 th October, 1.30pm: Social Club
Saturday 14 th October, 9.15-10.45am: First Holy Communion.
Sunday 15 th October: Table Top Sale in the Hall, all morning. Prisons Sunday.
Tuesday 17 th October, no FHC meeting

It has been said that in our time the best, indeed the only effective argument, for the truth of the Gospel is the witness of heroic lives. It is in this light that we should see the brief but significant life of the Blessed Carlo Acutis, who we celebrate this week. Blessed Carlo is important as a witness to the gospel, in particular as one who reminds us of the following.

The importance of Eucharistic devotion. Holy Communion is not some sort of routine action but rather the most important aspect of the Christian life. It is not to be approached lightly but with utmost seriousness after careful preparation.

Regular and frequent Confession is a great gift to us all in preparing to receive the Eucharist, and in helping to overcome our faults and grow in the spiritual life.

The Blessed Virgin Mary is the great exemplar of the Christian life, the one who we turn to in all our struggles and our joys. The Rosary is our great spiritual weapon.

As rich people, as those with more than enough, we need to help those who have not got enough. We need to embrace the Franciscan spirit and not be enslaved to worldly goods. Charity is all things is our rule of life.

God has a plan for our lives, we need to find out what that plan is and live according to it.

The Blessed Carlo, in short, recalls us to the basics of the Christian faith. His last resting place is in Assisi, in the shrine of the Spoliation, where Saint Francis first embraced poverty as a sign of his dedication to the Lord. Carlo's tomb is a short walk on one hand from that of Francis and on the other side, that of Claire. These three are a trio of holy ones from whom we can learn much!

The Table Top Sale is on Sunday 15th October, all morning. As before, small tables are £5, big ones are £7; please book by putting the correct sum in an envelope through the Presbytery letter box, with your name, marked 'Table Top Sale', and your contact details if you want an acknowledgement. The table money will be donated, we have now decided, to the appeal for the Libyan flood victims. Mary and Monica are running a stall especially for this. Any other takers?

Offertory collection Offertory collection Sun 1 Oct 2023 Baskets £627.73 + Dona £83.00 + S/Orders £631.55 = £1,342.

St Peter's Catholic Church Diocesan Shrine of the Blessed Carlo Acutis.



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Fri 9-1pm.

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 in bite size chunks. We are currently starting the prophet Daniel. Please visit our website which is constantly being updated.

This Sunday is the Twenty-Seventh

Sunday in Ordinary Time. The prayers and readings are to be found in the yellow books on page 137. The first reading is from the prophecy of Isaiah, and is the Song of the Vineyard in which God upbraids the people of Israel for not bearing the fruit He expects of them, having been given such gifts. In which the Lord asserts His justice, punishing sinners and forgiving the repentant. In the Gospel, from Saint Matthew, Jesus recounts the parable of the wicked tenants, which is a reworking of the Song of the Vineyard. He spells out for us what the parable means, namely that 'It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone.

This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see?' and 'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

This Sunday, there is Children's Liturgy at the 10am Mass.

Mass intentions

Saturday 7 October, 6pm: JJ Gill RIP (1 anniv)
Sunday 8 October, 8.30am: Thanksgiving (M. Lock)
Sunday 8 October, 10am: For all parishioners
Sunday 8 October, 11.30am: Maria Ritson RIP
Monday 9 October, 11am: Funeral of Michael Mulpeter RIP
Tuesday 10 October, 10am: Knaphill intention
Wednesday 11 October, 10am: Thanksgiving (CL)
Thursday 12 October, 7pm: For Vocations
Friday 13 October, 10am: GE Maureen Monaghan
Saturday 14 October, 6pm: GE Michael Conway
Sunday 15 October, 8.30am: For all parishioners
Sunday 15 October, 10am: Knaphill intention
Sunday 15 October, 11.30am: Jadwiga Szczerbiak RIP (anniv)

This Sunday, the fourth and final out of four Sundays, the congregation will be counted at all Masses. Please allow the 'clicker' to count you, and exit via the one door. Last Sunday, the figures were as follows, with the previous two Sundays in brackets:

- 6pm: 57 (55, 59)
- 8.30am: 60 (73, 76)
- 10am: 143 (143, 179)
- 11.30am: 123 (119, 98)
- Total attendance: 383 (390, 412)

Liturgical notes

The month of October is dedicated to the Rosary and to prayer for the Missions. Do take one of the leaflets on How to say the Rosary, if you are unfamiliar with it, or if you wish to pass it on to someone else. In October we will try to say the Rosary after every weekday Mass which is not a funeral. On days on which there is no feast we shall celebrate one of the Masses for the spread of the Gospel.

Confessions are heard after Mass on Friday morning, at 10.30am.

On Saturday Confessions are heard before the evening Mass, at 5.15pm until 5.45pm.

- Monday is the feast of Blessed John Henry Newman. Mass is at 11am, being the Requiem of Michael Mulpeter RIP.
- Tuesday is the feast of Saint Paulinus of York.
- Wednesday is the feast of Saint John XXIII, pope.
- Thursday is the feast of the Blessed Carlo Acutis. Mass will be at 7pm and the celebrant and preacher will be

Bishop Richard. Afterwards there will be a chance to venerate the relic of the Blessed. There will be drinks in the Hall to follow. We are hoping to have many visitors from neighbouring parishes.

- Friday is the feast of Saint Edward the Confessor, king.

Many thanks to all those who came and heard the Martlets Choir and donated to this excellent charity. We hope to have them round again next year.

We have so many books in the Hall from previous Book Exchanges that we are inaugurating a permanent Book Exchange, which you will find by the windows of the Hall above the cupboard to one side of the main entrance. Please help yourself to all the books you like the look of, as they all need good and appreciative homes. If you have any books you would like to leave, feel free. But do just take a book if you like!

Many thanks to the kind and energetic parishioner who tidied up the driveway and the area behind the garage and between the sacristy and the Hall. Thanks for volunteering.

Meanwhile the work on the roof, by the time you read this, is complete. It was very expensive, but it had to be done. Thank goodness we now have a sound roof. The next things that need to be done are the Church lighting, and then repainting the interior of the Church, both massive jobs which will be done not in the months ahead, but in the years ahead.

Confirmation starts in January and this year we are joining up with Sacred Heart. If you are interested in joining the programme and are in Year 10 or above, please go to their website and download the form and hand it in to the Sacred Heart parish office by Tuesday 12th December. Please note the deadline. Tell all your friends.

Social Dancing takes place in the Hall at 8pm this Thursday. All are welcome.

The Social Club meets this Friday, in the Hall at 1.30pm. All are welcome.

Talking with those who are preparing for Baptism, we discussed good Catholic films, aka Catholic propaganda from Hollywood. The third recommendation in the series is 'Witness' (1985) which stars Harrison Ford and Kelly McGillis, and is the story of a hardboiled cop who has to go and live undercover among the Amish of Lancaster County in Pennsylvania, to protect a small boy who has witnessed a crime. It is a wonderful and uplifting movie, and tells us quite a bit about the Amish community. There are no Catholics in the movie, but there are two things that are very Catholic, namely the importance of a close-knit religious community, and the importance of how things look; the beauty of the Amish life is a powerful advertisement for the Gospel. These themes come together in the extraordinary scene in which the Amish gather to build a barn for a newly married couple.



St Peter's Parish Hall Cleaner required - is seeking to employ a cleaner for the church hall. The hours will be 4 hours per week split over Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings 1hr 20mins per sessions to be completed by 9.00am Wages to be discussed depending on age and experience. Please email the hall manager at stpetershallbn3@gmail.com to arrange an interview.

Catering Services

Please contact Victoria for your catering needs, she will be happy to talk and guide you through her menus which she tailors to each individual's needs. Please contact me Victoria Myall, Victoriamyall@hotmail.com or Tel 07788673097

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

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.

Music Tuition

Are you interested in learning to play the piano? Then contact John Byrne on 07989 413459. Theory, GCSE, etc.



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



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List of Hall Clubs at St Peter's

Day	Event	Contact
Monday 9.15 - 10.15	Yoga	lee.spearpoint@googlemail.com
Monday 10.15 - 11.30	Tai Chi	stpetershallbn3@gmail.com
Tuesday 17.00-19.00	Brownies	http://girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter
Tuesday 19.15 – 21.00	Guides	http://girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter
Tuesday 14.30	UCM	Winter meetings time January - 11 April
Wednesday 9.45–11.45	Baby Ballet	brightonwestandhove@babyballet.co.uk
Wednesday 14.15-19.00	Alta Academy of Dance	info@altadance.co.uk
Wednesday 19.00-21.00	Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM)	wendywallis@ntlworld.com
Wednesday 09.30-12.00	Music with Mike	mike@musicwithmike.co.uk
Thursday 15.30.-16.30	West Hove Dance Academy	Westhovedanceacademy@hotmail.com
Thursday 09.30 - 12.00	Music with Mike	mike@musicwithmike.co.uk
Thursday 15.30.-16.30	West Hove Dance Academy	Westhovedanceacademy@hotmail.com
Thursday 16.45 -18.00	Rainbows	http://girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter
Thursday 18.00 – 19.45	Brownies	http://girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter
Thursday 20.00 – 22.00	Social Dancing	stpetershallbn3@gmail.com
Friday 9.30- 10.30 P	Pilates	nicolajhowarth@gmail.com
Fridays 10.30.13.30	ESOL (English language lessons)	KWadham@wea.ac.uk
Friday 13.30- 15.30	Apostles Lunch Club	stpetershallbn3@gmail.com