

Sick Parishioners.

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

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Gift Aid Envelopes are now available at the back of the church

200 Club Winners:

Congratulations to our March Draw winners:

£50 – Helen Tate

£90 – Sylvia Wood

£200 – Sarah Tyson

The 200 Club has been running now for 20 years and was initially set up to help fund the building of the 'Link' corridor into our church hall. Today it helps raise funds for two of our parish charities, Sussex Nightstop and Reaching the Unreached. We need more members in order to keep supporting these charities. Members pay £13 a quarter (£52 a year) for a chance to win prizes of £200, £90 and £50 every month. If you would like to join please contact the office or pick up a registration form from the back of the church.

We do not have any Bidding Prayers at Mass any more, but people have suggested we pray for certain intentions, among which are:

Political prisoners in Hong Kong, especially Jimmy Lai.

The people of India, facing a dire Covid crisis, and the various nations around the

world which do not have an adequate supply of vaccines.

The sick of the parish, and all those who are looking after them.

If you have any prayer intentions you would like to bring to the notice of the parish, please email them in, or submit them in writing.

Forthcoming events:

Sunday 9 May, 7pm-8.30pm: Second Session of Confirmation preparation.

Monday 10 May: Hall refurbishment starts.

Thursday 13 May, 10am: Ascension Thursday Mass.

Monday 17 May, 7.15-8.15pm: Subcommittee on spiritual life of the parish.

Sunday 23 May: Pentecost.

Sunday 13 June, 7pm-8.30pm: Third Session of Confirmation preparation.

Thursday 24 June, 7.15pm: Meeting of the Parish team.

Sunday 4 July, 7pm-8.30pm: Fourth Session of Confirmation preparation.

Sunday 18 July, 7pm-8.30pm: Fifth Session of Confirmation preparation.

Friday 6 August, 1.30pm: Social Club meets.

Saturday 7 August, 7pm: Grand Re-opening of the Hall.

Saturday 14 August, 7pm: International Dinner.

Saturday 21 August, 7pm: Film Night.

Sunday 5 September, 7pm-8.30pm: Sixth Session of Confirmation preparation.

Sunday 10 October, 7pm-8.30pm: Seventh Session of Confirmation preparation.

Sunday 14 November, 7pm, Confirmation rehearsal

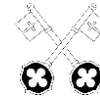
Saturday 20 November, 3pm Confirmation Mass

Offertory Collection 2 May: £1,343.50

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Find our YouTube channel: search for 'Alexander Lucie-Smith'. Please visit our website which is constantly being updated.

Do take a copy of this newsletter and give it to someone who is staying at home!

This Sunday is the Sixth Sunday of Easter. In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles we hear how Saint Peter baptises the first non-Jewish member of the Church, the centurion Cornelius, after Cornelius and his household have received the gift of the Holy Spirit. Usually the gifts of the Holy Spirit follow baptism, but here they precede it, as this shows it is God's will that pagans should be baptised, and that the Church is for all nations not just the Children of Israel. In the second reading, from the first letter of saint John, we are told that we should love one another; and in the Gospel, also

from Saint John, we hear Jesus' words about remaining in His love. We do this by keeping his commandments, something we undertook to do when we were baptised. The Commandments are summed up by the law of love.

This week we are having a post-Easter pause. Fr Alexander will be working remotely Monday 10 May to Wednesday 12 May inclusive, so on these days there will be no Mass, and the Church will be shut. This will greatly help the sacristans and the stewards as well. The Church will be open on Thursday for the Ascension, when Mass will be celebrated at 10am.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 8 May 6pm For all parishioners

Sunday 9 May 8.30am Rosalia Gizzarelli RIP

Sunday 9 May 10am Harry Ross RIP

Sunday 9 May 11.15am Fr Alexander's intention.

Monday 10 May No Mass

Tuesday 11 May No Mass

Wednesday 12 May No Mass

Thursday 13 May 10am GE Tom McCauley

Friday 14 May 10am Giuliana Sussex RIP

Saturday 15 May 10am In Thanksgiving (C Lloyd)

Saturday 15 May 6pm For all Parishioners

Sunday 16 May 8.30am Fr Alexander's intention

Sunday 16 May 10am William James McGoldrick RIP (6 anniv)

Sunday 16 May 11.15am For Benefactors

Liturgical notes

Thursday 13 May, forty days after Easter, is Ascension Thursday and this is a Holy Day to be treated as a Sunday. Mass at 10am on this day. Sunday 23 May, fifty days after Easter, is Pentecost, which closes the Easter season. The period in between the two feasts is the original nine days of prayer ('novena') of the Church imploring the gifts of the Holy Spirit. During this time we shall be imploring the coming of the Holy Spirit by daily recitation at Mass of the Veni Creator. If you cannot come to Mass, do recite this at home. The text is as follows:

*Come, Holy Ghost, Creator, come
from thy bright heav'nly throne;
come, take possession of our souls,
and make them all thine own.*

*Thou who art called the Paraclete,
best gift of God above,
the living spring, the living fire,
sweet unction and true love.*

*Thou who art sevenfold in thy grace,
finger of God's right hand;
his promise, teaching little ones
to speak and understand.*

*O guide our minds with thy blest light,
with love our hearts inflame;
and with thy strength, which ne'er
decays,
confirm our mortal frame.*

*Far from us drive our deadly foe;
true peace unto us bring;
and through all perils lead us safe
beneath thy sacred wing.*

*Through thee may we the Father know,
through thee th'eternal Son,
and thee the Spirit of them both,*

thrice-blessed three in One.

*All glory to the Father be,
with his coequal Son;
the same to thee, great Paraclete,
while endless ages run.*

Friday is the feast of Saint Matthias, the apostle who was chosen to replace Judas.

The month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin. Usually this month we try to sing hymns to Our Lady, but with Covid restrictions still in place this will not be possible. The Pope has asked all Catholics to recite the Rosary for the intention of the end of the pandemic. We will do so after every weekday Mass on which there is no funeral. Those who do not like communal recitation of the Rosary are warmly invited to pray the Rosary at home.

The Quaregnon fruit bowl has raised the amazing sum of £65. Many thanks to all who 'bid' and congratulations to the winner, Saryna Bowen. **Our Fish and Chip fundraiser** has also been very successful. Many thanks to Mary and Mary of Hainault Fryers Fish and Chips of 6, Boundary Road Portslade for their wonderful offer. There are still tickets to be sold at £5 each (please apply in the sacristy), but we have made over £265 so far. **Therefore, of our target of £30,000 for the Hall restoration fund, we have raised £6,111.12 so far.** Many thanks to the team that helped clear the Hall out last Saturday, and for those who consulted with the architect about the layout of the kitchen. When the 'new' Hall is open we may well replace all the crockery that we have at present with something of better quality. (Anyone with

an interest in perfectly serviceable crockery, please say so, as we can give it away to you.) **From Monday morning the Hall will be closed** and refurbishment work will start, scheduled to last 12 weeks. Please do not go into the Hall during this time, and please advise young children of this, for health and safety reasons. In addition, please note that the Presbytery driveway will be occupied and not free for parking. With the Hall closed, the only loo available is on the ground floor of the presbytery approachable via the outer sacristy. You may like to ask the stewards about access if you do not know where this is.

Fundraiser Number Three: Are your feet killing you? Relief is at hand! Armanda Christides is offering a full podiatric treatment, usually worth £40, to all comers for a mere £25 donation to the Hall refurbishment fund. Please buy a ticket in the sacristy, and then make your appointment with Armanda our parish foot doctor/beauty therapist.

We are collecting donations for the Food Bank. Please leave your donation in the tub inside the door of the Outer Sacristy. If locked, by the door.

It was very nice to see so many people at our Holy Hour on May 3, Bank Holiday Monday. We shall do more of these on other special occasions. A Holy Hour is a particularly efficacious form of prayer. 'In 1673 Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque stated that she had a vision of Jesus in which she was instructed to spend an hour every Thursday night to meditate on the sufferings of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. The inspiration for the Holy

Hour is Matthew 26:40. In the Garden of Gethsemane the night before His crucifixion, Jesus spoke to his disciples, saying 'My soul is sorrowful even to death. Remain here and keep watch with me'; Returning to the disciples after prayer, he found them asleep and he asked Peter: 'So, could you men not keep watch with me for an hour?' The practice of a daily Holy Hour has been encouraged in the Catholic tradition, for instance Mother Teresa of Calcutta made a Holy Hour each day and all members of her Missionaries of Charity follow her example. The Holy Hour has been practiced by saints such as Gemma Galgani and Faustina Kowalska.' (from Wikipedia, adapted.) One might add that the Blessed Carlo Acutis also made a Holy Hour every day.

Stress in Your Marriage? – Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness. Others experience conflict in their relationship. Most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. This programme has helped 6,000 couples who were experiencing difficulties in their marriage in the past year. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the programme commencing with a 'Virtual weekend on ... 1 – 4 July 2021, call or text +44 788 7296983 or +44 797 3380443 - or Email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk



Parish Notice Board

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Gift Aid Envelopes are now available at the back of the church. Please remember to collect them. Your number may have changed as part of our recent audit, this will not affect your donations.

Yellow envelopes are available at the back of the church for anyone who wishes to donate regardless of being a member of our scheme. Thank you for your continued support.

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Counselling Service

Contact Lara who is experienced with counselling people with substance abuse, sexual abuse, bereavement, couple counselling.
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Caroline's Kitchen – Tel 595922

Caterers for Baptisms, etc. Tel 595922
or carolineriley@carolines-kitchen.co.uk

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We are getting lots of passport forms and other forms to sign. Aisling has kindly taken this on. Please note that forms should be dropped off in office hours only, and all the details need to be filled in before submission for signature or counter-signature and stamping. They will then be handed back to you also during office hours, within a reasonable time. It is not possible to offer a while you wait service. Neither is it possible to countersign identity papers for people who one does not know. With regard to baptism and confirmation certificates, requests are best submitted in writing, with a stamped addressed envelope. Please remember to include as much information as possible, as this makes tracking down the records easier. Dealing with forms does take time, and the parish does not charge for this service, but craves your patience.

Those Covid Rules:

- 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 spread out as widely as possible and do not bunch together.
- Please check in for track and trace purposes, either electronically or in writing.
- Please sanitise your hands on entry and exit.
- Please observe the one way system: up the middle, down the sides, especially at Holy Communion.
- If you take a newsletter, please take it home with you.
- There is STILL no congregational singing.

- The Church doors are to remain open to ventilate the building.
- Mass is shorter than usual.
- There is no procession of the Gifts to the altar and no passing around of the collection baskets. Your offering will be taken as you leave the Church.
- There is no sign of peace.
- 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) and gloves 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.