

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.

Parish Events

Sunday 1 December, 7-8.15pm: Confirmation prep, second session.
Thursday 5 December, 7pm: meeting of the Care Group.
Sunday 8 December, 11am: Advent Table Top sale.
Saturday/Sunday 14/15 December: Missionary appeal.
Saturday/Sunday 14/15 December: Collection for Christmas flowers.
Sunday 22 December, 6pm: Carol Service.
Sunday 29 December: retiring collection at all Masses for the Saint Thomas Fund.
Monday January 6, 8pm: Baptism course.
Saturday/Sunday 22/23 February: Apostolate of Adoration visit.

Thursday mornings Scripture

Reflection: 10am all welcome.

UCM meeting Wednesday 4 December, 7.30pm in the hall, new members welcome, "Treasure or Trash Table".

Appeal for Greenery please from our wonderful florists, from the 10 December onwards. Please leave it in the outer sacristy.

Marriage Preparation Course

You will need to contact Esther Lyon 01273 698182.

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If you are going to hospital please remember that even if you are asked about your religious affiliation, the hospital will not pass this information on to the Catholic chaplain, thanks to data protection laws. If you wish to be visited by a priest and/or receive Holy Communion, you need to inform the chaplain. At our local hospital in Brighton, this is Fr Peter Fitch, who can be reached on 01273 087839. He visits the hospital regularly and would be delighted to hear from you. Those receiving care at the Martlets Hospice might like to know that the Catholic chaplain in Monsignor Canon John Hull, whose number is 01273 563017. While on this topic, housebound parishioners and those ill at home are urged to contact their parish priest, who is always willing to visit the sick, along with members of the care group.

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.

FHC classes on Saturday 7th December: The Gift of Baptism.

Day of Reflection & Music for Music

Ministers: Saturday 14th December, at St Dunstan's, Woking, GU22 7DT. 11 am to 4 pm. Booking essential on 01293 651164 or at ruth.gerun@abdiocese.org.uk

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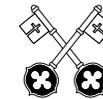
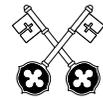
He would be delighted to help anyone with their Mortgage, Pension and Investment needs. You can contact him on 07500 660492 nicklee@pebble-financial.co.uk

Collection Sunday 24 November: £1,535, second collection for stained glass window £405.

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1 Dec 2019

First Sunday of Advent..

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Mass intentions this week:

Saturday 30 November 6pm GE Peter Morrison
Sunday 1 December 8.30am GE Ralph Morrison
Sunday 1 December 10am For all parishioners
Sunday 1 December 11.15am Margaret Byrne RIP (2nd anniv)
Monday 2 December 10am Maughan intention
Tuesday 3 December 10am GE Peter Morrison
Wednesday 4 December 10am Louis Maguire RIP
Thursday 5 December No Mass
Friday 6 December 10am GE Ralph Morrison
Saturday 7 December 10am DM Morrison and Kasamaki families
Saturday 7 December 6pm GE Thomas Kelly
Sunday 8 December 8.30am For all Parishioners
Sunday 8 December 10am Bill Fuller RIP
Sunday 8 December 11.15am Paul Cauchi RIP

This Sunday is the First Sunday of

Advent. So we begin a new liturgical year, with our preparation for the feast of Our Lord's Nativity, commonly called Christmas. This Sunday there is no sermon, but rather a Pastoral Letter from Bishop Richard. On this Sunday we have our second Confirmation preparation session in the Hall from 7-8.15pm. The session is going to be about the importance of sponsors, and Howard Bentley and Mary Whitehead are taking part.

The first reading this Sunday is from the prophet Isaiah, from whom we shall be hearing a great deal in this season of Advent. His vision describes the last times, when the whole of humanity will be united in worship of the one true God, and when all people will live in peace with each other. The prophecy invites us all to walk in the light of the Lord. In the Gospel we also hear Jesus telling us of the last days, and warning us that there will be no warning about the when this will happen. We must be constantly alert and watching, as a result. This is the whole point of Advent, a time of sharpened waiting for the Lord.

This Sunday, at all Masses, we are having our annual retiring collection for the Saint Thomas Fund. This time of the year can be very lonely for many people and this applies to most of the resident who benefit from the St Thomas Fund who have lost contact with their families as a result of their addictions. Your generosity and care makes the journey to recovery bearable. Thank you for your generosity.

Have you seen the Advent wreath? The four candles symbolise the four Sundays of Advent, and the white candle in the middle symbolises the feast of Christmas. Would you like to light the

candle at the beginning of Mass, at the opening prayer? In which case just ask in the sacristy beforehand. Small children may need to be accompanied by a parent; the candle can be lit by a person of any age.

We have got some Advent Day by Day books for all ages. Make sure you get one as you leave Mass today!

This Sunday the congregation at St George's in Hangleton will be celebrating Evening Prayer at 3pm, following the suggested format from "The God who Speaks" website for the launch of the initiative. All parishioners of Saint Peter's are warmly invited to attend. There will be refreshments to follow.

This Sunday at around 5.30pm, our Oriental Orthodox brethren will be celebrating their Divine Liturgy in our Church.

Next Sunday is the Second Sunday of Advent. On this Sunday we are holding our Advent table top sale. Someone is making an appearance under the guise of Saint Nicholas, the patron saint of children, at the sale, and give presents out to children! Mary Senior is going to be selling delicious foodstuffs (including deep fried Mars bars!) and Mary Junior is going to be selling children's toys. The UCM is running a 'Good as New' stall. Anne is selling lots of lovely things that are all being knocked down at bargain prices. Ruth is selling her delicious cakes. The sale begins at 11am, and continues until all the stalls have run out of goods. Please come along. It is all in aid of the stained glass. Contributions gladly received and can be dropped off in the Hall in good time.

Our stained glass debt currently stands at £16,444. At all Masses last weekend we had a retiring collection for the stained glass, which raised the sum of £405. Many thanks for your generous response!

Goat news: Our Junior Cafod Group report; "In total, from the cake sale and last Sunday morning we have raised £339.16, which is enough to buy 12 goats. We have also had a number of promises of goats, where people have taken the forms home with them." Watch this space.

Confessions are heard every Saturday morning, from 10.30 to 11.15am.

The next baptism class will be on Monday 6 January in the Hall. If you have a baby to be baptised, you need to see Fr Alexander first before being enrolled in the class. Please email him, and he will be round to see you at home.

Liturgical Notes:

Tuesday is the feast of Saint Francis Xavier.
Wednesday is the feast of Saint John Damascene.
Friday is the feast of Saint Nicholas, bishop, patron saint of children.
Saturday is the feast of Saint Ambrose.
The feast of Our Lady's Immaculate Conception, that falls this year on the Second Sunday of Advent, is transferred to Monday 9 December.

Advent has begun, and with it a new liturgical year, and with it our four Sundays of preparation for Christmas. The liturgical colour is purple, as Advent is a penitential season, like Lent, though not as severe. It is still a good thing to give things up for Advent, though, as a way of preparing for the Christmas

feasts. There are no flowers on the altar in Advent, given its penitential nature. The single most important thing to do in Advent is to deepen one's spiritual life by prayer, the sacramental confession of sins, and daily Mass (if possible).

Children! Things to do in Advent. First make your own Advent wreath at home. Two, start planning your own Crib. Three, keep an Advent calendar. Fourth, ask the grown ups about how you can help stuff the turkey, help stir the Christmas cake mixture, make mince pies, decorate the house, and many other things!

People of all ages! We have just acquired a Bambino, that is, a lifesize statue of Baby Jesus, that needs to be placed at the foot of the altar at the start of each Mass of Christmas. (Christmas Masses are at 6pm, Midnight, 8.30am, 10am and 11.15am.) Volunteers needed! Don't be shy in coming forward.

Our Social Club meets every Friday from 1.30pm to 3.30pm. All are welcome, and please bring along all your friends! This coming Friday, 6 December, we have a community Police Officer lined up to give us a few tips on crime prevention. On Friday 13 December it is bingo.

Our Care Group consists of Fr Alexander, Sue Hollow, Trish Longley, Claire Gwynn, Wendy Wallis and Josie Staunton. If there is anyone else who you think might like to be visited at home, for whatever reason, please mention it to a member of the group. We would particularly like to hear about those who are housebound. Currently there are about sixty people on our 'list'. If you are an Extraordinary Minister and wish to take Holy Communion to people

at home or in nursing homes, we would like to hear from you! The Care Group meets this Thursday, December 5.

Tours for Prospective Reception children - Cottesmore St Mary

Cottesmore St Mary, your local Catholic primary school, are holding tours for the parents of prospective Reception children, joining September 2020, on Tuesday 3 December at 9:15am 2019 Thursday January 9 at 9:15am 2020 Please contact the school office (01273 555811) to reserve a place.

Thank you for taking the time to visit so that you can find out more about us. We look forward to welcoming you to our school family.

From the Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church:

271. What is the Eucharist? The Eucharist is the very sacrifice of the Body and Blood of the Lord Jesus which He instituted to perpetuate the sacrifice of the cross throughout the ages until his return in glory. Thus he entrusted to His Church this memorial of His death and Resurrection. It is a sign of unity, a bond of charity, a paschal banquet, in which Christ is consumed, the mind is filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory is given to us. [Every week from now on we aim to have a quote from the Compendium, which is the shorter and more accessible version of the Catechism, to remind us all of the truths of faith.]

The Bible Society have sent us several copies of Saint Matthew's Gosepl in useful pocket size editions. They are on the magazine rack in the porch. Please help yourself (the same applies to everything on the rack.) This gift is part of the initiative 'The God who speaks', a year long campaign to get people to read the Bible more. It is being supported by the Catholic Church, other Christian groups and the Bible Society.

Churches' Nightshelter

Project 2019-20: Two Catholic Churches have been involved with the Nightshelter Project sharing responsibility by serving one half of the winter each since its start. This year sees a new format using the redundant St Patrick's Church as the permanent venue, but requiring 11 months of the year support from all denominations Brighton & Hove churches, on a shared basis of so many weeks on and so many off.

Both Catholic churches wish to continue, but many of our Nightshelter volunteers having served 7 years have decided to call it a day, shrinking the pool of volunteers. We are asking for your help in providing additional volunteers to maintain a Catholic foothold in the city-wide Churches Nightshelter Project (excluding August when we can all go on holiday...)

Between four Catholic church communities (St Peter's Hove, St Joseph's with St John the Baptist, Sacred Heart, St Mary Magdalene) we should be able to field sufficient volunteers to maintain our Tuesday Evening / Wednesday Morning slots as a Catholic Church, continuing in the Churches Nightshelter Project over 2019-20 and 2020-21. The evening slots are 7pm – 10:30pm, the mornings are 7am – 8:30pm, the choice of which to serve is yours. You can choose how many slots you want – from one month's to one year!

To participate please complete an application form which is where your normal church literature is kept, or email Patrick Wallace at nightsheltersh@gmail.com

Rite of Election 2020 – Advance Notice: Saturday 29th February, at 2.30 pm, with registration from 1 pm.

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jrw84@cam.ac.uk or: 07836 550210

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