

Sick Parishioners

Please pray for; Jim McFarlane, Caroline Audy, Paul Smith, Margaret Chapman, Maria Reynauld, Benedict Reynauld, Christopher Reynauld, Vincent O' Rourke, Susan Luckhurst, Jim and Valerie Lee, Eileen Banks, Matthew Garcia, Beverley Coughlan, Marita Aramy, Bernie Harvey, Sunita Hand, Sonia Wall, John London, John Reeve, Jimmy O' Meara, Margaret Waters. Catherine Mooney. Pat Musio. Veronica Green.

Parent Toddler Group

Our Parent/Toddler group meet in the Hall from 1- 3pm on Friday afternoons. If you have a toddler or a baby you would be very welcome. For further details, please contact Claire 07931 877795.

Planning for the future

Representatives from all Brighton and Hove Parishes had another meeting on Wed and our Parish Team who will be meeting on the **11th January** will consider some of the issues raised at that meeting. We will probably have an open Parish Meeting later in January before we report back to Bishop Richard on 31st Jan.

House Blessings

If you would like your house blessed please, email me or ring Priest's House.

St. Anthony's Nursery

have their Nativity in our Church on Thursday 14th at 11am.

Flowers for Christmas

We will take a retiring collection next weekend to buy flowers for Christmas.

Rotas 16/17 December

Readers

Sat 6.00pm J Smith, A Graham
Sun 8.30am I O'Mahony, S Wylie
Sun 10.00am H Tate
Sun 11.15am B Morgan, J Rich

Special Ministers

Sat 6.00pm M McCullagh, K Manouan, J Johnson
Sun 8.00pm P Randall, V Wells, M Drias
Sun 10.00am T Bolton, G Silverstone, S Burke, R King
Sunday 11.15am P Savage, F Wharam, C Bromfield

Servers

Sat 6.00pm Bittar, Freddie, Raffi
Sun 8.30am C Mulgrue, C&E Bamin, P Salter
Sunday 10.00am F Nash, J Harper, A Constable, L Walke
Sunday 11.15am J O'Hare, O Hibbert, E Jordan

Children's Liturgy

Pre-School Genevieve
Reception/Year 1 Ana
Year 2/3 Natalie Natalie McCarthy

Coffee

Sun 10.00pm A Curran, K McGuire, L Tucker
Sun 11.15am C Milligan, E Kubiak

Mass Co-ordinators

Sat 6.00pm M Brown, M Grimes
Sun 8.30am Mustow Family
Sun 10.00am C Romano
Sun 11.15am M & R Green

Collection £2012.00

*May God bless
you all.
Fr. Jerry*

St. Peter's Catholic Church Portland Road Hove BN3 5GD



December 10th

2nd Sunday of Advent

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Mass times and Intentions

Sat 9 Dec 6pm Victor Phelps
Sun 10 Dec 8.30am Kevin Driscoll
Sun 10 Dec 10.00am Parishioners
Sun 10 Dec 11.15am Michael Joseph Tarrant
Mon 11 Dec 10.00am Anthony Reynauld
Tue 12 Dec 10.00am Mayance Van Twest
Wed 13 Dec 10am Tracy & Cronin O'Toole
Thur 14 Dec 10am Margo Healy
Fri 15 Dec 10am Beverley Coughlan
Sat 16 Dec 10.00am Eddie McMahon
Sat 16 Dec 6pm Freda & John McAtamney
Sun 17 Dec 8.30am Parishioners
Sun 17 Dec 10.00am Marcia
Sun 17 Dec 11.15am Micahel Tarrant Family

Confessions Saturday at 10.30am

Requiem Mass

for the repose of the soul of **Margaret Byrne** here at St. Peter's on Monday **18th December** at 11am. May she rest in peace.

Penitential Service

for the cluster Parishes of Sacred Heart, St. Peters, St. Theresa's, St. George will be at the Sacred Heart Hove on Friday 15th Dec at 7pm



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

CHRISTMAS EVE

6.00pm Vigil Mass with Carols

11.30pm Sung Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY

8.30am Dawn Mass with Carols

10.00am Folk Mass with carols

11.15am Sung Mass with carols

Carol Service Dec 17th 6pm

We always have an excellent Carol Service with all our musicians and singers involved. Hope you will be able to join us next Sunday evening 17th Dec at 6pm. Afterwards you are very welcome to join us in the Hall for drinks and mince pies. Can you please supply us with mince pies. Homemade if possible.

St. Thomas Fund for the homeless

We have supported this charity for many years and will take up a collection after all Masses this weekend..

Gift Giving

Every Christmas we encourage the children to bring a small gift when they come to Mass on Christmas morning. The children bring the gifts during the offertory procession. We are not looking for expensive gifts. A bar of chocolate or small box of sweets would be fine. The gifts are mainly given to people in Rest/Nursing Homes after Christmas. The main reason for gift giving is to help children realise how well off they are and how their gift can brighten up the life of an elderly person in a home.

Christmas Masses.

A few reminders

We want to make sure you are all welcome and safe at our Christmas Masses when the Church is very crowded. Remember the early Vigil Mass at 6pm on Christmas eve is generally very full and we cannot provide a seat for everyone. The seating capacity of the Church with extra chairs is just over 400 and in the past we have tried to accommodate over 600. I don't like to see children standing out on the pavement at the Vigil Mass when they would be better off relaxing at home and get up bright and early for the dawn Mass or Folk Mass. Those who are fit should consider the midnight Mass starting at 11.30pm. Christmas day is still a long day and you should be able to get a comfortable seat at 8.30 dawn Mass, the 10am Folk family Mass, and the later Mass at 11.15am.

Help; We intend to use the Choir loft but we cannot use it unless we have a volunteer to supervise. Also one or two more to help people in the body of the Church at the Vigil Mass to find a seat etc. would be helpful.

Parking for most of the Churches in Brighton and Hove is a big problem. Firstly for those who are able to park around the Church, please be careful as pedestrians have priority. The roads south of Portland road going towards Portslade are free for parking except between 10 and 11am and 7 and 8pm. As you know very few machines take coins making life more difficult.

Bridie Rodgers will be teaching disadvantaged children in Milawi next Summer after her GCSE exams. It is a great opportunity for her and she will be baking and selling cakes this Sunday 10th Dec after 11.15am Mass.

Christmas hamper

I have been given a Christmas hamper and you will be able to get tickets for it in the Hall after the 10am and 11.15am Masses this weekend. Proceeds to our Parish Charities.

Dates for your Diary

17th Dec Carol Service 6pm

15th Dec Penitential Service

9th June First Communion

10th June First Communion

16th June First Communion

30th June Confirmation

6th July International Dinner?

8th July Parish Day ?

Stained Glass Window

We had a very informative presentation by Debbie on Monday evening when she presented four drawings for consultation. Those who were unable to come to the meeting will be able to see the drawings now displayed in the Church porch.

Adult formation Group - Next meeting 11th December in Priests House at 8pm. "Grace and Sacraments"

Hall Bookings

Hall hire £40 for child's party. Please book in time if you want our Hall for a child's party. Ring or email Priest's House.

Prayers If you are having Mass offered for a special intention (sick or deceased person) please write a prayer and leave on lectern. There is no point in sending in a prayer a week or two in advance.

St. Thomas Fund Christmas gifts

If you can give a Christmas gift for the residents of St. Thomas homes it would be a great help. Gifts of toiletries, socks, etc would be welcome. A box will be at the back of the Church this weekend.

School Forms

If you are known to me and attend St. Peter's and wish to send your child to our Schools, please complete the form and post in Priest's House with Baptismal cert. I will bring the completed form to the school.

St. Peter's website

Thanks for the photographs you have sent in for our website. Please keep sending them and some of them will find their way on the website. Please note our new email address st.peters.parish.ad@gmail.com

4th Sunday of Advent

It is falling on Christmas eve. We will have a Vigil Mass on Sat 23rd at 6pm and one low Mass (no music) on Sunday morning at 10am. .

Greenery.....Holly, Ivy

If you have good holly, Ivy to decorate out Church at Christmas please contact Priest's House. We don't need it until Monday 18th.

200 Club

At the end of January we will be able to present cheques of £3000 each to two of our charities on Sunday 21st Jan **Reaching the Unreached and Sussex Night Stop**. If you wish to join and support the charities you will find forms at the back of the Church. It cost £1 a week or £52 a year.

Mary's Meals

A small group of children from our Parish who attend Cardinal Newman School had a cake sale last Sunday and raised over £100.

Seeing your life through the lens of the Gospel

1. John the Baptist is presented as a messenger to prepare the way for Jesus. We are all asked to be messengers of Good News to one another
2. John calls the people to repentance, a change of heart, a new way of life.
3. John baptised people with water as a gesture to mark their change of heart. Sometimes we perform actions to symbolise our change of heart. We might write a letter or throw away our last cigarettes, etc.

Gift Aid Statements are now available for collection, please contact us if you require them.

Thinking of Buying/Selling a car

contact is Phil Harris at Esplanade Motor Tel 07711 688147.

Food for all occasions.

Call 07826 526527 or 07930 378899 food@feastofhove.co.uk

Caroline's Kitchen – Tel 595922

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

World Meeting of Families - Will be held in Dublin from **21st to 26th August**. Bishop Richard will be leading a Pilgrimage of 100 people from our Diocese. If you are interested please contact me at Priest's House. Cost of flight and accommodation around £700. Wonderful international speakers will lead session for adults and there are age appropriate activities for children and young people. The final Mass on the Sunday 26th will be celebrated by Pope Francis.

St. Mary's Portslade

Open Mornings Wednesdays 9.15am from the 13th Sep to 10th Jan.

St. Mary Magdalen's Primary School

Reception admissions 2018: If you would like to visit please contact the School office 327533 to arrange a tour with the head teacher. Some places are available across the school.

Maths Tutoring

If you are looking for some help with maths contact Waseem Wihba 07466 097463

Small Group maths tuition for children 7 to 11. Experienced primary school teacher. Call Katie Jackson 07776 098522

www.stepupforlearning.com

French GCSE Tutoring

Contact Daisy Messant a current A Level French student on 07736597621 daisyraemessant@gmail.com

Development worker SVP.

St. Vincent de Paul Society is an international Christian charity providing practical help to those in need. They want to employ a

development worker for the Brighton region 20k. For application pack email thomasg@svp.org.uk

Host Families needed

All year round. Single/twin room accommodation required. Ring Maureen 01273 778918 or 07801827323 Studenthomes.me@hotmail.com

Gift Aid

Thanks to those who signed a form last week. You have received a form from us and we would be grateful if it was returned as soon as possible. It is a painless way of supporting the mission of the Church and keeping our buildings in good order. If you have still to join the Gift Aid scheme please do so today. Just fill it in and return it to Priest's House and we will send you a "**Gift Aid Declaration form**". For every £1 you give to the Church we as a charity can claim back another 25p. So if you even give just the price of a cup of coffee every week we get back another £25 a year.

Marriage Preparation 2017

Contact Marriage Care on 0800 389 3801. They will give you all the information you need. Courses take place at the Cassidy Centre St. Marys Church Preston Park. appointments@marriagecare.org.uk

Foodbank; at St. Georges Church Court Farm road is open on Wednesdays from 12.30 to 2.30pm. They aim to provide food for people and families who find themselves in difficult situations. You can place gifts of sugar, long life juice, tinned fruits, tinned tomato's in the box at the back of our Church.

Street Pastors needed

The Church in action on the streets. Volunteers from the Churches in Brighton and Hove are needed to ensure the streets are safe for clubbers and others on a night out. After receiving training, volunteers do a once a month patrol usually between 10.30pm to 3am Friday or Saturday. If you can help please contact Alister Crow on 07817 604232 brighton@streetpastors.org.uk

Counselling Service

Contact Lara who is experienced with counselling people with substance abuse, sexual abuse, bereavement, couple counselling
Tel 07787 555168
<http://www.larasmith.co.uk>

Domestic Housekeeping Service

Part-time, fully employed, housekeeping roles available now. Fair rates of pay and weekly hours within school day. Contact Velda at Bright and Beautiful 07498758582 velda@brightandbeautifulhome.com

Financial Adviser

Nick Lee a Parishioner has set up as an **Independent Financial Adviser**. 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

Computer problems

Call Peter Fishenden on 386593
Computer lessons £15 an hour
p.fishend@ntlworld.com

Holy Land Pilgrimage

Aimed at those aged 18-35, the Sacred Heart pilgrimage taking in all the sites in October half term. There will be an Information Evening at 8pm

on Thursday 16th in the Sacred Heart Parish Room. Further information can be found at facebook.com/HolyLand2017 or email YPPHL2017@gmail.com

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