

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

Saturday/Sunday 14/15 December: Collection for Christmas flowers.

Saturday/Sunday 21/22 December: Visit of the Bethlehem Nativity Group.

Sunday 22 December, 6pm: Carol Service.

Sunday 5 January, 7pm: Confirmation, session III.

Monday January 6, 8pm: Baptism course.

Saturday/Sunday 22/23 February: Apostolate of Adoration visit.

Tours for Prospective Reception

children - Cottesmore St Mary, your local Catholic primary school, is holding tours for the parents of prospective Reception children, joining September 2020, on 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.

St Mary Magdalen's Catholic Primary School has dates available for parents of prospective pupils to view the school during one to one tours with the Headteacher. Please contact the school secretary on 01273 327533 if you would like to view our vibrant school.

Old Books wanted for Books Abroad:

Message from Bernie Harvey. Instead of putting your old educational textbooks in the recycling bin or into the landfill, can you please leave them at the back of the church? I will organise them to go to a reputable charity. I have discovered Books Abroad, which is a registered charity that supports education in developing countries worldwide by redistributing second hand books. From its base in Aberdeenshire, Books Abroad collects good quality second hand books donated by schools, colleges, universities and private individuals from across Scotland and some parts of England. It then redistributes them to educational establishments around the world in response to specific requests for support.

I was informed that I need at least 2,000 books for the organisation to collect them for free, so if you have any young people's books at home or any classic novels that you no longer need, please bring them in. The charity will accept damaged books but not if there are pages missing. They do not need any foreign language books. Thanks for your help, Bernie.

UCM are on their Christmas break and back Wednesday 15 January at 7.30pm in the hall.

Thursday mornings Scripture

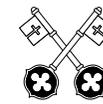
Reflection: 10am all welcome.

Collection Sunday 8 December, £1, 662.

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15 Dec 2019

Third Sunday of Advent.

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Mass intentions this week:

Saturday 14 December 6pm Maura D'Arcy RIP
Sunday 15 December 8.30am Freda and John McAtamney RIP
Sunday 15 December 10am For all parishioners
Sunday 15 December 11.15am Jean and Larry Donnelly RIP
Monday 16 December 10am Charles and Patricia Tinsley RIP
Tuesday 17 December 10am Philip and Sheila MacCabe RIP
Wednesday 18 December 10am Fr Ambrose Tinsley RIP
Thursday 19 December No Mass
Friday 20 December 10am Elizabeth Crosby RIP
Saturday 21 December 10am Racoczy Intention
Saturday 21 December 6pm Frank Atherton RIP
Sunday 22 December 8.30am Peggy Haslam RIP
Sunday 22 December 10am Catherine Barnes RIP
Sunday 22 December 11.15am For all Parishioners

This Sunday is the Third Sunday of Advent. This Sunday is traditionally known as Gaudete Sunday, from the opening words of the Mass, namely: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Let your forbearance be known to all, for the Lord is near at hand." On Gaudete Sunday we rejoice because the Lord is near; on this day Churches that have them use rose vestments, which is a gentler shade of purple, to symbolise the closeness of Christmas and a relaxation in the penances of Advent. Gaudete Sunday is marked also with the pink candle on the Advent wreath.

This Sunday, all Masses will be celebrated by Father Gerry Hastie of the Mill Hill Missionaries, who is not going to ask for money, but is rather going to raise awareness of the Red Boxes. We haven't had an appeal on behalf of the Association for the Propagation of the Faith for some time. Last year our parish raised £997.01 via the Red Boxes which people have in their houses collecting loose change for such an excellent cause. Father Alexander is very grateful to Father Gerry for his visit, as it means he is able to be absent. In fact, he will be at the parish of the Assumption, Port of Spain, Trinidad, officiating at the wedding of his niece. Please make Father Gerry welcome.

This Sunday there will be a retiring collection for Christmas flowers.

The first reading this Sunday is once again from the prophet Isaiah: in it he urges the weary soul to have courage, because the Lord is on His way. We are assured that we will see the glory of the Lord and that we will rejoice when He comes. The Gospel gives us Saint Matthew's account of how Jesus

assures John the Baptist that He is indeed the Lord for which they have been waiting, as He is the one who restores sight to the blind, and works other similar miracles of restoration, giving back to God's people what they had once enjoyed before the reign of sin darkened human experience. We too must look upon the feast of Christmas as our chance of renewal.

Have you seen the Advent wreath? Would you like to light the third, pink, 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. Please note the wreath is very delicate; people are asked to refrain from moving it.

Next Sunday is the Fourth and final Sunday of Advent. On this Sunday we have our Carol Service at 6pm, to which everyone is invited. Please extend that invitation to all your family and friends. A lot of people who do not usually go to Church or who may not be Catholics, do nevertheless like going to Carol services and we aim to make them welcome. There is no sermon, and no collection! There will be lots of lovely music provided by our choirs and congregational singing, and there will be mince pies and wine, tea and coffee in the Hall afterwards. Parishioners are asked to bring along mince pies. Do take a poster from the back of the Church if you have a suitable place to display it.

Also next Sunday, the Bethlehem Nativity Group, a missionary grouping from Bethlehem, in the Holy Land, is visiting the parish, as part of a tour through the United Kingdom. They will give a brief talk about the Holy Land and sell

religious articles made out of olive wood (Musical Cribs, Crucifixes, Rosaries, Figurines, Wall Plaques, Christmas Gifts) from the Holy Land to help and support poor Christian families. The things they sell make excellent First Holy Communion and Confirmation presents.

Well done to the **Confirmation Group** who arranged for 26 Christmas Hampers to be delivered to our local food bank for families in need this Christmas. They hit the shops on Monday, returned here to assemble them and they were delivered to the Foodbank by our Catechists on Tuesday afternoon, a great effort by all. Photo of the hampers on the Confirmation noticeboard at the back of the church.

Our stained glass debt currently stands at £ 14, 646. We made an astonishing £371.40 thanks to our table top sale last Sunday. Many thanks to all who took part and who made it such a success. Thanks to the UCM for another donation of £306 towards the window. Congratulations to Jackie who won the Teddy Bear raffle!

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:

On Monday morning Mass will be celebrated by Canon Foley. On Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, Mass will be celebrated by Canon Heaney. Fr Alexander is very grateful to

the two Canons for stepping in while he is away.

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, 20 December, we are having a Christmas party, to which everyone is welcome. We shall then take a break for the festive season and reconvene in the new Year on Friday 10 January.

The Care Group met on 5 December. We need some volunteers to drive people to Mass from the Portslade area. This would be a great act of charity. In one case it might be the daily Mass as opposed to Sunday. If you are able to help, please get in touch. In addition, we need people to visit others at home with Holy Communion. Fr Alexander and members of the group will be looking for volunteers.

From the Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church:
272. When did Jesus Christ institute the Eucharist? Jesus instituted the Eucharist on Holy Thursday "the night on which he was betrayed" (1 Corinthians 11:23), as he celebrated the Last Supper with his apostles.
273. How did he institute the Eucharist? After he had gathered with his apostles in the Cenacle, Jesus took bread in his hands. He broke it and gave it to them saying, "Take this and eat it, all of you;

this is my Body which will be given up for you". Then, he took the cup of wine in his hands and said, "Take this and drink of this, all of you. This is the cup of my Blood, the Blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me".

The residents of **The St Thomas Fund** are always very grateful to open the beautifully wrapped Christmas gifts the Parishioners of St Peter's provide each year. Huge thanks to everyone and Theresa and Ken Hobden who are, once again, going to collect and deliver the presents. A box has been placed in the sacristy.

Appeal for Greenery please from our wonderful florists from you garden, we still need more. Please leave it in the outer sacristy.

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.

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...)

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

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.

Marriage Preparation Course

You will need to contact Esther Lyon 01273 698182. www.stpetersbrighton.org
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The Bible Society have sent us several copies of Saint Matthew's Gosple 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.

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

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

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