

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, Veronica Green, Denis Tribe, Elizabeth Cullen, Anne Page, George Lamb, Kathleen Patricia Winter.

Parish Events

Sunday 16 December, 6pm Carol Service.

Wednesday 19 December, 11am: Funeral of Fr David Goddard, at Arundel.

Wednesday 19 December, 7pm: Ordination to priesthood of Rev Jack Lusted, at Arundel.

Thursday 20 December: Saint Luke's Gospel IV.

Monday 31 December, noon: Bereavement Mass.

Saturday 26 January, 8pm: Readers' day.

Monday 28 January, 8pm: Baptism class.

Tuesday 29 January, 7.30pm: Finance committee meets.

Friday 8th January, 6-8pm; Servers' practice fish and chips.

Saturday 9 February: Welcomers' day.

Friday 15 February: Choir Supper.

Friday 1 March: Junior Choir Supper.

First Holy Communion & Confirmation

Group: Thank you to all who participated in our Advent service last Friday, many thanks to our catechists for all their hard work.

St Thomas' Fund – We are collecting Christmas presents for the homeless again this year,

please leave gifts (wrapped) in the box in the porch. Gifts for ladies and gents please. All donations by 20 December please. Thank you for your continued support.

Note from Fr Jerry: As I move to pastures new to look after the sheep in Bridgetown Killaloe (not Barbados) I want to thank you again for the great support you gave me while I with you. I will be living at St Thomas, Bridgetown Killaloe, Co. Clare, Ireland. Tel 07792 331942. Email jerryobrienbn3@gmail.com

News from Cardinal Newman School: In Advent we are launching an artistic challenge in school under the theme #whatareyouwaitingfor? and we are looking to our students and wider community to submit poems, artwork, original photography, short stories/writing/articles (of no more than 500 words) on this theme. The theme of 'what are you waiting for?'; is as wide as it can be - it could be linked directly to Christmas and Advent or to our hopes and dreams about the world, life, family, the environment, the future, the universe and beyond...There is an email address to send all entries to is: whatareyouwaitingfor@cncs.co.uk . Artwork should be photographed and sent by e-mail and the original given in to Reception at Cardinal Newman. (All entries will be entered anonymously unless the name is on the piece.) Please email whatareyouwaitingfor@cncs.co.uk if you would like further information or have any questions regarding this.

Advent Carol Service: Tickets to our evening Carol Service on Dec 18th are now available from Reception at the school, event is entry by (free) ticket only. Starts 7pm, Carols, readings & reflections, a glass of wine & mince pie - a really lovely way to finish the term off!

Rotas are ready for collection in porch & available on website!

Our Carol Service: will be held on Sunday 16 December at 6pm in the Church.

Lift to mass required (over Christmas period) for a lady who lives in Benfield Court. Please ask Aisling, our parish secretary, for further details, if you can help.

Collection £1,784.93

St. Peter's Catholic Church Portland Road Hove

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16 December 2018



Third Sunday of Advent (C)

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Mass times & Intentions:

Sat 15 Dec 6pm Parishioners

Sun 16 Dec 8.30am Freda and John McAtamney

Sun 16 Dec 10am Fr Bruno's speedy recovery

Sun 16 Dec 11.15am Elsie Manuk and Helen Bainbridge RIP

Mon 17 Dec 10am For benefactors

Tues 18 Dec 10am Elizabeth Crosby RIP (1st anniversary)

Wed 19 Dec No Mass (Liturgy of the Word)

Thurs 20 Dec 10am A private intention

Fri 21 Dec 10am Barthelemy Oudiane RIP

Sat 22 Dec 10am Sue Stringer RIP

Sat 22 Dec 6pm GE Dick D'Souza and family

Sun 23 Dec 8.30am GE Betty Pierce

Sun 23 Dec 10am Parishioners

Sun 23 Dec 11.15am Maureen Hardiman

Please pray for the soul of Elizabeth

Cullen, known as Lily, who has died at the age of 94 in the Bon Accord nursing home, having received the sacrament of the sick and the Apostolic Pardon. Her funeral service will take place on Thursday 20 December at 11am, followed by burial at Hove cemetery. All are most welcome to

attend. Meanwhile, let us pray for the repose of Lily's soul and the comfort of her family.

This Sunday is the Third Sunday of Advent. This Sunday is known as Gaudete Sunday, after the first word in the liturgy, the Entrance Antiphon "Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, rejoice!" The first reading comes from the prophet Zephaniah, and tells of the great joy that the Messiah will bring to the Chosen People. The prophet promises that the Lord God will be in their midst. In the Gospel we hear more about John the Baptist, who tells the people to repent from their sins, and which sins in particular. Moreover, he warns the people about the consequences of failing to repent, referring to the wheat and the chaff being separated, a reference in coded language to the Last Judgement.

This Sunday there is a retiring collection for the St Thomas Fund. St Peter's has for many years generously supported the work of the St Thomas Fund for the Homeless which would not exist without such kindness so, with this in mind, please be generous! Also, continued thanks for the beautifully wrapped Christmas gifts.

The pink candle on the Advent Wreath represents Gaudete ('Rejoice') Sunday, as today the vestments the priest wears are rose in colour rather than purple, which represents a slight softening of our penances, as we are half way through Advent. (Think of this Sunday is as a sort of staging post or half-term.) If you want to light the Advent wreath at Mass – this Sunday there are three candles to be lit – please see the Mass organisers, who are looking for volunteers.

Today, at 4pm we will have Evening Prayer followed by the Rosary. This will be the Evening Prayer of the third Sunday of Advent, a wonderful and liturgical way to prepare for Christmas. We will be singing the Advent hymn 'O come, o come, Emmanuel.'

Today at 6pm we have our Carol Service. We will gather in the Hall after the Carols. Please bring some mince pies if you can!

On Wednesday 19 there will be no morning Mass in the parish, but there will be Mass on Thursday 20 instead. On Wednesday Fr Alexander will be at Arundel all day, at the funeral of Fr Goddard in the morning and at the ordination of Rev Andrew Lusted in the evening.

Note on Mass intentions: every effort is made to celebrate the intention on the preferred day, but this is not always possible. In the case of anniversaries and other special days, you are advised to book well in advance. In case where a preferred day is not available, the Mass intention will be celebrated on the nearest free day. When a funeral takes place the mass intention for that day will be rescheduled to the next available day. The intention 'for benefactors' means that this Mass is being celebrated for the intentions of those who have given Fr Alexander various things, as a way of saying thank you.

Liturgical Notes:

From the 17 December onwards, the Church enters into the more intense period of Advent, as we prepare ourselves for Christmas, with nine days of prayer to go. Remember that Advent checklist: □ How is your crib? Make sure you have a look at the one in the Church!

- Have you been or are you planning to go to confession?
- Are you praying more?
- Are you studying the Scriptures?
- Are you doing something to build up your family life?
- Have you made contact with people you have been out of touch with for some time, or are you planning to?
- Have you chosen which Mass you are going to Mass on Christmas Day or Eve and started looking forward to it?

You may feel doing all of the above may be a bit much for you; some of the targets are easier than others; doing all of them would be wonderful – but doing just some of them would also be good!

Don't forget our other Advent initiative, namely the four sessions on St Luke's Infancy Narrative (Saint Luke, chapters one and two) on Thursdays. The final one is this week. All are invited. Please bring a Bible with you.

Server news. The servers' medals from the Guild of Saint Stephen are on order (they take some time to arrive.) We will begin to enrol our servers in the Guild in the new year, as and when suitable occasions arise. The next servers' practice and training, followed by fish and chips, is on Friday 8 February, from 6pm to 8pm. Our Paschal candlestick, which is a very fine piece, and our brass processional cross, will soon be going to Hayes and Finch for professional restoration. This is expensive, but necessary, as neither are fit for use at present and both form part of the patrimony of our Church. The repair of three chalices which are currently not fit to be used is prohibitively expensive, and as these chalices are of not great aesthetic value, they will be reverently disposed of, and we shall try to find some new ones, of the type suitable for Masses with large congregations.

We need more readers! It is desirable to have two readers at every Sunday Mass, one to do the first reading and psalm and the other to do the second reading and bidding prayers. If you think you could read, please speak to our Mass Organisers. They are Josie Staunton and Barbara Skinner at 6pm Mass, to Paul Allen at 8.30am, to Debbie Fosdyke, Brian Fosdyke and Linda Mabbott at 10am; and for Howard Bentley at 11.15am.

The next Baptism Class will be on Monday, January 28th in the Hall. If you have a child for baptism, please get in contact with Fr Alexander before the date in question, so that a home visit can be fixed up in good time.

Christmas falls on a Tuesday this year. Holy Mass will take place at the following times:

Monday 24 December, 6pm: Vigil Mass of Christmas.

Monday 24 December, 11.30pm: Carols followed by Midnight Mass.

Tuesday 25 December, 8.30am: Dawn Mass.

Tuesday 25 December, 10am: Dawn Mass.

Tuesday 25 December, 11.15am: Day Mass.

Please pass these dates on to interested parties. In order to make life easier for flower arrangers and others, there will be no Mass on the morning of 24 December. Mass on the feast of Saint Stephen, Boxing Day, 26 December, will be at noon. Mass on New Year's Eve – the Bereavement Mass – will be at noon, as will Mass on New Year's Day. We need readers, servers and extraordinary ministers for all the Christmas Masses. There is a sign-up sheet in the sacristy & let us know if you are able to help.

Good news! We have a manager for our Hall.

She is Joanne Chamberlain, who lives locally and who many of you know. She will begin her new role after Christmas. In the New year we are introducing another change; instead of a flat fee of £40 for a party in the Hall, we are going to charge £20 an hour, which is in line with what other halls are charging locally.

There is a list of our favourite hymns

in the sacristy, if anyone want to consult it. John Williamson, our organist at 6pm, advises that there are the following hymns that are often sung at that Mass, to wit: This is my body; Immortal, invisible; My God loves me; Christ be beside me; Abide with me; Holy Virgin by God's Decree and As I kneel before you. These will be added to the list as an appendix. If there are any other popular hymns that you love signing and want to sing often, please just say so!

Thanks to all who helped make the Day of Recollection for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist a success. As you will note from the calendar of events elsewhere on this newsletter, we shall have two more such events, though they are not full days. The structure of each will be: Mass at 10am, coffee/tea with cake; Spiritual reflection; practical reflection; departure, by 1pm. The first day will be about the ministry of reading, and the second about the ministry of welcome. The first, on Saturday 26 January, will look at the theology of proclamation of the Word, and how this impacts on our practices, and why we do what we do; the second on Saturday 9 February, the theology of welcome, and how we can make our church a place where people feel welcomed. Given that these two aspects of the life of the parish should be of interest to all, these sessions are open to all. Please come along, especially if you would like to become a reader, or a welcomer, or just if you want our church to be a more welcoming place and a pace where the Word is more clearly proclaimed. Please note the dates.

Visitors to the Church have commented on the high standard of our music. This is very gratifying. In order to thank our choirs, when the hullabaloo of Christmas is over, we intend to hold a **Choir Supper**, indeed two Choir Suppers, one for adults, and one for the junior choir. The Choir Supper for adults will be on Friday 15th February and the one for the Junior Choir will be on Friday 1st March.

New Name for DABCEC: The Diocese of Arundel & Brighton Christian Education Centre, 4 Southgate Drive, Crawley, RH10 6RP, is now known as the St Philip Howard Centre for Education, Formation & Mission. Diocesan Pastoral Service for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing: Signed Mass on the first Saturday of each month at 1 pm, at St John the Evangelist, Springfield Road, Horsham, followed by tea. Check the A&B News to confirm dates.
Bishop's Newsletter: Please pick up a copy of the Bishop's Refugee Newsletter in the porch.

National Board of Catholic Women:

Day with Bishop Richard on Saturday 23rd February. From 10am to 1 pm, at the St Philip Howard Centre (formerly DABCEC). Explore ways to engage with 'The Word who is Life'. Book at nbcw@rcdab.onmicrosoft.com

Retreat for Doctors: At Worth Abbey

from Friday 1st March to Sunday 3rd March. The Spiritual Director is Fr Stephen Ortiger. Theme "Love Thy Neighbour as Yourself". £150 full board. For details and bookings please email the organiser, Dr Joe O'Dwyer, (adding Doctors' Retreat in subject) jodwyer@doctors.org.uk

Follow us on Twitter @HoveSaint Join us on Facebook: search for 'Saint Peter's, Hove'.

St Anthony's Pre-School Nativity

on Tuesday 18 December at 11.00 in the church. All are welcome.

RCIA

Every year we have a group of people who come together to discuss aspect of our Catholic Faith. If you are not a Catholic, or not baptised or belong to another church and would like to know more about our Faith you, would be very welcome. Contact Priest's House for more information.

Junior Choir

We practice in the Hall on Wednesday evenings at 6pm

Union of Catholic Mothers

They meet every Wednesday evening in the Hall at 7.30pm. At a time when many organisations are struggling membership of the UCM is growing. They give a great service and witness in our Parish.

Childrens' Liturgy

We have a need for more adults to help with running our classes. Please contact the office if you'd like to volunteer.

St. Vincent's Tower House

Every Tuesday from 10am to 12.30 St. Vincent's Tower House in London Road Preston Park offer a warm and welcoming place for those who may need lunch and company for a few hours. Transport available. To find out more about Tower House older persons centre, telephone 020 7703 3030 or email KateN@svp.org.uk.

HCPT Group Lourdes Pilgrimage

We are looking for a few more helpers (aged 18+ - no upper age limit!) to travel to Lourdes at Easter 2019, as part of a group taking 5 disabled/disadvantaged young people from Sussex on a pilgrimage holiday - providing companionship and ensuring they have a fun week away. This is a great way to experience Lourdes as part of a small group of all ages - accompanied by qualified nurses. Please contact group210@hcpt.org.uk or Matt Conneely on 07971 538015 for more info.

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.

Qualified Driver

My name is Ruth Meaden, I'm an unqualified driver looking to take my test in December, (fully taxed & insured). I'm seeking a fully qualified driver to oversee my driving as I drive

around Sussex, while I gain experience, a chance to enjoy the Sussex countryside free of charge. Please contact me at. 07588630309 or contact the Parish office.

Parent Toddler Group

They meet in the Hall from 1.30-2.45 on Friday afternoons. For further details, please contact Claire 07931 877795.

Caroline's Kitchen – Tel 595922

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

Food for all occasions.

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

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

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Thinking of Buying/Selling a car

contact is Phil Harris at Esplanade Motor Tel 07711 688147.

Marriage Preparation Course

You will need to contact Esther Lyon 01273 698182.
www.stpetersbrighton.org

Host Families needed

All year round. Single/twin room accommodation required. Ring Maureen 01273 778918 or

07801827323
Studenthomes.me@hotmail.com

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>

Seagull Delivery - they deliver newspapers all over Brighton and Hove. If you want your paper delivered contact raj@seagulldelivery.co.uk

Church Flowers

We have some wonderful, loyal women who arrange our flowers every week. They could really do with some help. If you can spare some hours during the week, please contact the office.

Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine

Fully escorted St Patrick's Weekend Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 16th March 2019. £599.00 per person sharing. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

Gift Aid statements are being posted out, if you urgently need yours please contact the office.

Homework Help for Students

in Secondary School: stress-free homework, study and revision with support from qualified teachers. For more information visit <https://studysessionshove.wordpress.com> & contact Claire 07989 973890.

GCSE Science tuition,

individual (£30p/h) or small group. Please contact Mary Reeve 07852 977359

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

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