

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 Aramyo, Bernie Harvey, Sunita Hand, Sonia Wall, John London, John Reeve, 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

Our Parish Team who will be meeting on the **11th January** to consider some of the issues raised at that meeting raised at the recent Deanery 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.

Flowers for Christmas

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

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.

Rotas 23/24 December

Readers

Sat 6.00pm M McCullagh, S Hollow
Sun 8.30am B Palmer, R Martin
Sun 10.00am N Austin
Sun 11.15am H Bentley, A McDonald

Special Ministers

Sat 6.00pm L Tanzer, L Powell, M Casey
Sun 8.00pm R Mulgrue, R Martin, J Bex
Sun 10.00am R King, D Keys, K R-Jones, E McIntosh
Sunday 11.15am P Shelvin. M Allen, P Morrison

Servers

Sat 6.00pm A Tanzer, L Kilgallon
Sun 8.30am S Yates, T Tall-Stuart, Herbie
Sunday 10.00am C Johnson, K & M R-Jones, M Johnson
Sunday 11.15am V Flynn, I Drake-Rueda, M Boulos

Children's Liturgy No Childrens Liturgy

Coffee

Sun 10.00pm J McGuinness, M Koenig
Sun 11.15am S Simmonds, J Shelvin, K Humphries

Mass Co-ordinators

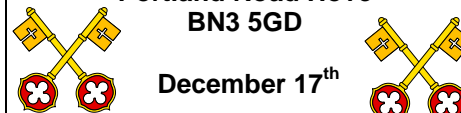
Sat 6.00pm A Wilson, C Spampinato
Sun 8.30am S Cashman
Sun 10.00am T Milligan
Sun 11.15am M Rainbow & C Milligan

Collection £1976.00

St Thomas Fund £910

*May God bless
you all.
Fr. Jerry*

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



December 17th

3rd Sunday of Advent

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Mass times and Intentions

Sat 16 Dec 6pm Freda & John McAtamney

Sun 17 Dec 8.30am Parishioners

Sun 17 Dec 10.00am Marcia

Sun 17 Dec 11.15am Michael Tarrant

Family

Mon 18 Dec 11.00am Margaret Byrne

Tue 19 Dec 10.30am Larry Donnelly

Wed 20 Dec 10am Anna Zambito & Ena

Dunn

Thur 21 Dec 10am Angela Menendez

Fri 22 Dec 10am Catherine Reynauld

Sat 23 Dec 10.00am Maureen Hardiman

Sat 23 Dec 6pm Brid Quinn

Sun 24 Dec 10.00am Parishioners

Please note

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.

Please note Mass on Tuesday is 10.30am as I am at Cottesmore for Christmas Nativity.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

CHRISTMAS EVE

6.00pm Vigil Mass with Carols
Parishioners

11.30pm Sung Midnight Mass
Private Intention

CHRISTMAS DAY

8.30am Dawn Mass with Carols
Maura Moher

10.00am Folk Mass with carols
Private Intention

11.15am Sung Mass with carols
Rosemary Sheppard

Christmas Offerings

By tradition you gift at the Christmas Masses is for the support of the priest. You can use your Gift Aid envelope or the envelope you will find in the benches.

Carol Service Dec 17th 6pm

We hope you will be able to join us this evening at 6pm for our Carol Service. 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.

Gift Giving

Every Christmas we encourage the children to bring a small gift when they come to Mass at Christmas. 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. I know it can be a bit of a struggle on Christmas morning. 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.

200 Club Draw

1st £200 Jimmy O'Meara

2nd £ 90 Patricia Colley

3rd £ 50 Theresa Hobden

Every month we have a draw for the 200 Club as we raise money for our Charities. If you wish to join you will find forms at the back of the Church. It costs £1 a week or £52 a year. Forms at the back of the Church.

Charities

We will make a presentation of **£3000** to each of our charities on Sunday 21st January. The money was mainly raised by those who are members of our 200 Club.

4th Sunday of Advent

As next Sunday is Christmas eve we will just have a Vigil Mass on Saturday at 6pm a low Mass (no music) on Sunday morning at 10am.

Parking 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.

Christmas hamper

I have been given a Christmas hamper and you will be able to get tickets after the Carol Service this evening.

Dates for your Diary

17th Dec Carol Service 6pm

9th June First Communion

10th June First Communion

16th June First Communion

30th June Confirmation

6th July International Dinner

8th July Parish Day

Advent Service

We had an excellent and very helpful service last Friday evening when the children preparing for Holy Communion and young people preparing for Confirmation helped us focus on this time of preparation. It was great to see our Young People reading so well and accepting their mission as Prayer Sponsors to the First Communion children. They also prepared the reception in the Hall afterwards. Thanks to our Folk Choir and all our Catechists.

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.

Greenery.....Holly, Ivy

If you have good Holly or Ivy to decorate our Church at Christmas please bring it to the Church by Monday.

St. Thomas Fund Christmas gifts

You have been very generous with gifts for the St. Thomas Fund residents and also gave over £900 in the collection last weekend. Many thanks.

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.

Thanks for supporting Bridie Rodgers

as she prepares to travel to Milawi to teach disadvantaged children. I hope you sampled some of her best baking.

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 to the website.

Please note our new email address **st.peters.parish.ad@gmail.com**

New Year's Day

It is a little strange this year falling on a Monday but we will still have Mass at 11am to celebrate the New year and pray for God's blessing on the work of spreading the Good News. All invited for drinks in Hall afterwards.

Crib Offerings

We are asked this year to give the Crib Offerings to our "**Diocesan Crisis Fund**" to provide one off grants to support children and their families.

Gift Aid Statements are now available for collection. Please contact by email if possible and we will send your statement to you. Our sincere thanks to all our Parishioners who Gift Aid their contributions and to **Jacqui Collins** for all her work with the Gift Aid scheme. We received over **£18000** from the Chancellor.

Seeing your life through the lens of the Gospel

1. 'There is one among you whom you do not know'. We can know about Jesus but do we *know* him? What helps you to know Jesus in a way that enables you to follow in his footsteps, trusting in him no matter what problems we face.
2. John the Baptist came to bear witness to Jesus. We who are baptised are called to witness to God's love and compassion.
3. John appears in the story as one who had the courage to be himself in the face of loud and aggressive people. He was also a person who knew his own value, did not make exaggerated claims and was content with his mission.
4. John was 'the voice of one crying out in the wilderness'- that they must not despair because God's grace may come to them at any moment. Sometimes we feel in the wilderness when our lives fall apart and we struggle to see the way forward.

Congratulations

to **Peter Fishenden** who received the gold medal last Sunday for serving Mass for 50 years.

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.

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

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

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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