

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.

First Holy Communion: Advent service at 7pm. Don't forget to bring your prayer gift tags for the advent tree.

Confirmation Group: They've raised over a £1000 so far, for Off The Fence. You can find out more & please donate at their main fundraising page below:
<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-display/showROFundraiserPage?userUrl=stpetersconfirmation&pageUrl=2>
Well done to all involved!

Please remember the Advent Service 7 December candidates to arrive 6.30pm please.

Christmas Mass Times

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 do not keep these times to yourself, but pass them 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. Other Mass times in the Christmas period will be announced nearer the time.

Parish Events

Sunday 2 December, 7pm: Liturgy Group Meeting.

Thursday 6th December, 8pm: Saint Luke's Gospel II.

Friday 7th December, 7pm: Advent Service.

Saturday 8th December, 10am-4pm: Day of Recollection of Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist.

Monday 10th December, 8pm: Childrens' Liturgy Catechists' Meeting (Upper Room).

Thursday 13th December, 8pm: Saint Luke's Gospel III.

Saturday 15th December, 10.30am-6pm: day of Adoration and confessions.

Sunday 16th December, 6pm Carol Service.

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.

Saturday 9 February: Welcomers' day.

St Thomas' Fund – We are collecting Christmas presents for the homeless again this year, please leave gifts (wrapped) in the box in the porch. Suggested gifts socks, thermals toiletries, hats etc...for ladies and gents please. All donations by 20 December please. Thank you for your continued support.

Collection £1,784.66

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2 December 2018



First Sunday of Advent (C)

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Mass times & Intentions:

Sat 1 Dec 6pm Parishioners

Sun 2 Dec 8.30am Kathleen Cornell
RIP

Sun 2 Dec 10am GE Cathy Norris

Sun 2 Dec 11.15am Margaret Byrne RIP
(1st anniversary)

Mon 3 Dec 10am Anna Leventis RIP

Tue 4 Dec Gemma Naninck RIP

Wed 5 Dec 10am Anthony Reynaud RIP

Thur 6 Dec Liturgy of the Word

Fri 7 Dec 10am Basil Reynaud RIP

Sat 8 Dec 10am Bill Fuller RIP (1st Anniversary)

Sat 8 Dec 6pm Victor Phelps RIP

Sun 9 Dec 8.30am Parishioners

Sun 9 Dec 10am Father David Goddard RIP

Sun 9 Dec 11.15am Paul Cauchi RIP
anniversary)

This Sunday is the First Sunday of

Advent. It is the first Sunday of the liturgical year, and marks the beginning of our joyful season of waiting and anticipation as we prepare for the feast of Christmas. The first reading from the prophet Jeremiah tells of the coming of the Messiah, one who will bring honesty and integrity to the earth. Integrity is the opposite of hypocrisy: it means being completely coherent in both

words, intentions and actions, wanting to do good and actually doing good as well –'talking the talk and walking the walk' in the modern phrase. In the Gospel Jesus tells us to watch and to stay awake, that is to become more aware of the spiritual aspects of our lives. In particular we are warned not to let our hearts be coarsened with debauchery, drunkenness and the cares of life. In the midst of this life's journey, we need to keep our eyes and minds on our final destination, eternal life with God.

At all Masses this Sunday we will be renewing our baptismal promises instead of reciting the Creed in the usual way. You will be asked six questions, and the answer to each is 'I do'. This is part of the preparation for Four First Holy Communion candidates.

Have you seen our new Advent Wreath?

Each candle represents one of the Advent Sundays, and the wreath is a way of marking our progress towards Christmas, which is represented by the white candle in the centre. The pink candle represents Gaudete ('Rejoice') Sunday when the vestments are prose in colour rather than purple.

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

Liturgical Notes:

Monday is the feast of Saint Francis Xavier. Tuesday is the feast of Saint John of Damascus. Friday is the feast of Saint Ambrose Saturday is the feast of the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady.

Advent is here. Advent is the time of preparation for Christmas. It is a penitential season, and thus the vestments are purple, and there are no flowers on the sanctuary, and the organ is only used to support the singing. There is no Gloria in Advent. (The Gloria is the song of the angels at Christmas, so we are saving ourselves for that 'big' Gloria on Christmas night.)

There is quite a lot to do in Advent. Here is a checklist, with activities in no particular order, for all ages:

- Build a crib. The first crib was made by Saint Francis in the year 1224 in the town of Greccio. The idea was that it would enable people to contemplate Bethlehem and the manger without having to go to the Holy Land. St Francis's crib was life-sized, but yours does not have to be; all it needs to do is to bring Bethlehem into your home. When you have built your crib, please put a photo of it on the parish facebook page or the parish twitter stream.
- Make an Advent wreath for the home. There are numerous 'how to' guides on line. If you want to show off of your handiwork/provide encouragement for others, please show us a picture, as above for cribs.
- Get a tree. The tree is green and symbolises eternal life.
- Keep an advent calendar.
- Go to confession. (See elsewhere in this newsletter for times.)
- Pray more.
- Study the Scriptures. (Remember our Thursday evening on Saint Luke.)
- Think of the presents you are going to give people and the greetings you are soon going to send them. These presents do not need to be material.
- Make a good resolution before January which will help build up your family life.
- Above all, start looking forward to Christmas which will begin at Mass on Christmas Day or Eve. Choose now which Mass you will go to. (See elsewhere for times.)

Advent is a time when the faithful are urged to go to Confession. The sacrament of reconciliation is available at the usual times (Saturdays 10.30-11am) and in addition on Saturday 15th December, we shall have confessions all day with Adoration, from after the morning Mass until the evening Mass. Various visiting priests will be present to hear confessions: Fr Edward Burton (11am-noon); Father Ray Blake (noon-1pm) and Canon Colin Wolczak (2pm-3pm). At other times, Fr Alexander will be available. The Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will help us all to

focus our minds on the coming of the Lord. If you wish to sign up for an hour of watching in front of the Blessed Sacrament, there is a list in the Sacristy.

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. Don't worry if you missed the first one, you can still join. All are invited. Please bring a Bible with you.

Our diocese has a priestly ordination to look forward to. The Rev Jack Andrew Lusted is being ordained a priest through the imposition of hands of our Bishop on Wednesday 19th December at 7pm in Arundel Cathedral. Quite a few of us here have never been to an ordination, so it would be a good idea to pencil this one into our diaries now. In addition, even if we do not go, we should start to pray for Deacon Jack as he prepares to serve the people of God as a priest in this diocese. We should also be praying for vocations. Fr Alexander intends to go to the ordination. Do let him know if you would like to come too. There is an after party, and the organisers would like to have some idea of numbers.

In the meantime, our diocese has just lost a priest, Father David Goddard, who was the parish priest of West Grinstead and died on Friday 23rd November. He had been ill some time - indeed it was to his bedside that Bishop Richard was going after the induction Mass here. Fr Goddard was a former Anglican clergyman, and he leaves a wife and two children. His son is also a priest, Fr Matthew Goddard. Let us pray for them and for the repose of Fr David. The 10am Mass next Sunday will be for the repose of his soul, and his funeral arrangements will be announced in due course.

November is now behind us, and with it the month for the prayer for the dead. Let us remember, though, that we can and must pray for the Faithful Departed all through the year, and that each and every Mass is offered for the living and the dead, with a special remembrance of the departed in the Eucharistic prayer. Moreover, we need to keep in mind all those who are bereaved,

who may seem happy enough on the outside but who are carrying a burden of grief. Quite a lot of parishes have a bereavement group or offer bereavement counselling (we do not yet) but it is also important to remember that the whole parish is a bereavement group, in that we are all committed to supporting the bereaved. With this in mind, on 31st December, the last day of the year, the feast of Saint Silvester, we will celebrate Mass at noon for all those who have died in the year 2018, and all those who are in mourning for the dead. At this Mass we can include the names of the dead (recent and not so recent) at the remembrance of the dead in the Eucharistic prayer. Afterwards we can go into the Hall for refreshments. Please note the date now. Furthermore, the diocese runs a course in bereavement counselling once a year. If you are interested in going to the next one, please speak to Fr Alexander.

Fr Alexander is still looking for a **manager for the Hall**. The person appointed would manage the Hall bookings, take care of the keys, clean the Hall, and be the point of contact with all those who wish to book the Hall. Ideally, he or she would live close by. If interested, please speak to Fr Alexander, who will explain the remuneration.

Day of Recollection for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Saturday 8 December: please sign the list in the sacristy so we know the numbers for lunch, which is being provided for you.

A Note on Parking. People often appeal to me to adjudicate on matters to do with parking, which I am reluctant to do, as I have no expertise in this field and do not even own a car (though happy to be driven around in other people's.) It is important to remember that illegal parking is precisely that, illegal, and for a good reason. Traffic wardens are there to enforce the law. Our neighbours are particularly keen to point out that we should do everything to ensure that parking is legal and correct. We do not want them to blame the Church for encouraging illegal parking. Indeed, we strongly

discourage it. So, let us try to keep the neighbourhood happy! ALS

At the recent Parish Team meeting, we discussed ways of making the Liturgy more reverent and better organised. As part of this we are investigating the possibility of restoring our liturgical books (the Lectionaries and the Missals) which have sustained some wear and tear over the years, as well as restoration of the Paschal candlestick, some of the chalices and the processional cross. In addition, we decided that we would appoint Mass Organisers for each Mass. These organisers will have the role of keeping an eye out for all the things that need to be done before Mass and ensuring that everyone and everything is ready for the celebration of the Liturgy. It will take some time to roll out this new system, but we are grateful to Josie Staunton and Barbara Skinner for undertaking this role at 6.00pm Mass, and to Debbie Forsdyke, Brian Forsdyke and Linda Mabbott for undertaking the role at 10am. (Watch this space for the other Masses). There is a role description for the Mass Organisers which any member of the congregation can see, if they wish. Meanwhile, could we adopt the following: ten minutes before Mass begins, if you are a reader, a server or an Extraordinary minister of the eucharist, please report to the sacristy for prayers before Mass.

Fr Alexander is away from Monday 7 January to Friday 18 January inclusive and will not be available to sign school forms on these days.

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

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.

Coffee Makers; Can we ask those who help with coffee at the 10am Mass to set up the Hall and put on the Burka boiler before Mass? So that coffee is ready when people come into the Hall after Mass. It is a very important service and the best place to meet after Mass.
Can anyone with an email address on the Rota please contact the office? We seem to have a number of incorrect email addresses for people. We also have a sheet with some helpful notes pinned to the inside of the cupboard door above the sink.

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.

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.

Hall Hire

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

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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