

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

Monday 31 December, noon: Bereavement Mass.
Tuesday 1 January, noon: New Year's Day Mass
Thursday 3 January, 10am: Funeral of John Cook, RIP at Downs Crematorium
Saturday 26 January, 8pm: Readers' day.
Monday 28 January, 8pm: Baptism class.
Tuesday 29 January, 7.30pm: Finance committee meets.
Friday 8 th January, 6-8pm; Servers' practice fish and chips.
Saturday 9 February: Welcomers' day.
Friday 15 February: Choir Supper.
Friday 1 March: Junior Choir Supper.

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

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.

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

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

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.

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.

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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23 December 2018



Fourth Sunday of Advent (C)

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Mass intentions this week and next week:

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

Sunday 23 Dec 8.30am GE Betty Pierce

Sunday 23 Dec 10am Parishioners

Sunday 23 Dec 11.15am Maureen Hardiman

Monday 24 Dec 6pm For benefactors

Monday 24 Dec Midnight Parishioners

Tuesday 25 Dec 8.30am GE Patrick Higgins

Tuesday 25 Dec 10am Terry Hall RIP

Tuesday 25 Dec 11.15am Rosemary

Sheppard, and deceased members of the

Sheppard and Neal

families

Wednesday 26 Dec noon In thanksgiving to

the Good Lord and His Holy Mother

Thursday 27 Dec No Mass

Friday 28 Dec 10am Vittorio Bello RIP

Saturday 29 Dec 10am DM Burke, Hunt and Hall families.

Saturday 29 Dec 6pm Maria Smith RIP

Sunday 30 Dec 8.30am GE Betty Pierce.

Sunday 30 Dec 10am Parishioners

Sunday 30 Dec 11.15am Joan and Hugh

Clarke RIP

Monday 31 Dec Noon For the bereaved

Tuesday 1 Jan Noon For benefactors

Wednesday 2 Jan 10am Marcella Kavanagh

RIP

Thursday 3 Jan No Mass

Friday 4 Jan 10am Terry Hall RIP

Saturday 5 Jan 10am Frances Raimondo
RIP

This Sunday is the Fourth Sunday of Advent. Today we hear of how Mary, carrying the child Jesus in her womb, rushes to see her cousin Elizabeth, who is also going to have a child; and when Mary enters Elizabeth's house, that child John the Baptist leaps in her womb, and Elizabeth proclaims Mary blessed among women. This event is known as the Visitation, and is the second Joyful Mystery of the Rosary. It reminds us that the presence of Christ brings joy to all; it is the presence of Christ among us today that makes us the Church.

If you want to light the Advent wreath at Mass – this Sunday there are four 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 Fourth Sunday of Advent, a wonderful and liturgical way to prepare for Christmas. We will be singing the Advent hymn 'The Angel Gabriel.'

This is a double edition of our newsletter, covering the last Sunday of Advent, Christmas Day, and the Sunday after Christmas, the Feast of the Holy Family. The next newsletter will appear on Sunday 6 January 20129, which is the Feast of the Epiphany. If you need updates about what is happening in your parish in the meantime, please consult our Twitter feed (you do not have to be on Twitter yourself to do this – just google it) or our Facebook page (ditto). In addition, please keep this newsletter for reference.

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:

24 December is Christmas Eve. There is no morning Mass this day, as the Church is being prepared for Christmas.

24/25 December is the Solemnity of the Nativity, commonly known as Christmas. There are five Masses celebrated, each with different readings. These are the Vigil Mass (at 6pm on Christmas Eve) at which children are particularly welcome; Midnight Mass which starts at midnight but which is preceded by carols at 11.30pm; the Dawn Mass at 8.30am; and the Day Mass which will be celebrated at 10am and 11.15am. At about 1pm our Syrian Orthodox brethren will be celebrating their Divine Liturgy.

26 December, commonly known as Boxing Day, is the feast of Saint Stephen, the first martyr. Mass will be at noon. Carols will be sung. This is a special day for altar servers, as Saint Stephen is their patron, and deacons, of whom Saint Stephen was one of the first. **27 December** is the feast of Saint John the Apostle, and will be a 'dies non'. There will be no public liturgical functions on this day, and the church will be shut.

28 December is the feast of the Holy Innocents, the children killed by King Herod, who died in the place of Baby Jesus. Mass will be at 10am, and we will sing carols, especially the carols that call this event to mind.

29 December is the feast of Saint Thomas Becket, martyr, who is the patron of the English pastoral clergy, and thus all parish priests in this country. Carols will be sung.

30 December is the Sunday in the Octave of Christmas, the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. All the Sunday Masses will be at the normal times.

31 December is the last day of the year, New Year's Eve, and the feast of Saint Sylvester, pope. Saint Sylvester was the first Pope to lead the Church after the persecutions had ceased, and he was the one who is reputed to have baptised the Emperor Constantine. As this is the last day of the year, we give thanks to God for all his blessings of the year of Our Lord 2018, by reciting the hymn of thanksgiving, the Te Deum at Mass, which will be held at noon. This Mass will be offered for all who have died this year and not only this year, and all those who have been bereaved recently and not so recently. There will be no music, and afterwards there will be refreshments in the Hall. Do please come, and bring a plate to share, as a sign of your support for the bereaved. Please provide names to be remembered to Fr Alexander before hand.

1 January 2018 is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, and New Year's Day. On this day we implore the help of the Holy Spirit for the coming year, and we will sing the Veni Creator, the hymn

to the Holy Spirit, so that he may inspire, strengthen and console us in the year to come. We shall also sing other suitable hymns and carols. Mass is at noon. Afterwards there will be drinks and something to eat in the hall, to which all are welcome.

Please pray for the soul of John Cook, who died recently at Glenworth House nursing home at the age of 99, just a few days short of his hundredth birthday. Annie Bergwerf used to take him Holy Communion and Fr Alexander had visited him recently. Let us pray for his eternal repose and the comfort of his family. His funeral will take place at the crematorium at 10am on Thursday 3 January.

Eric Cruttenden has died. He lived with his son Paul and family, and he will be buried in the parish of Potter's Bar, where he lived for many years, on January 9th 2018. Please pray for the repose of his soul and the comfort of his family.

As you may have observed, we have done quite a bit of work in the Presbytery, and the new, much larger and much more accessible office is now functioning. We also have a small reception room for visitors who come to discuss weddings, funerals and other matters on the left as you enter the house. In addition, we have reclaimed the Upper Room, which is available for parish use alone.

We need readers, servers and extraordinary ministers for all the Christmas Masses. There is a sign- up sheet in the sacristy for servers and readers! 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. Please let them know if you are able to help.

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.

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.

Our Carol Service last Sunday was a great success. Our choirs attracted lots of favourable comments. Many thanks to them for all their hard work, not just for the Carol Service but also for what they do every Sunday. Musicians! Don't forget our two Choir Suppers, one for adults, and one for the junior choir. The Choir Supper for adults will be on Friday 15 February and the one for the Junior Choir will be on Friday 1 March.

Our Day of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Confessions last Saturday was a great success. Many people commented on how nice it was to meet Fr Edward Burton, who is a retired priest of Westminster Archdiocese, and Canon Colin and Fr Ray. We shall invite them again, and we will have further days of Adoration like this one in Lent. The day proposed for this – please note it now – is the Saturday before the Fourth Sunday of Lent, which is 30 March.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

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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.

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.

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