

### 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.

### House Blessings

If you would like your house blessed please, email me or ring Priest's House.

**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.

### 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

### Open Church

We have been very blessed and able to keep the Church open for prayer all the time and many of you drop in and light candles. I have closed it a little early recently but I hope we can continue to keep it open most evenings until 7pm.

### Rotas 6/7 January

#### Readers

**Sat 6.00pm** D Harvey, L Powell  
**Sun 8.30am** S Coldicott, M Wilkinson  
**Sun 10.00am** T Bonner  
**Sun 11.15am** R D'Onofrio, M Green

#### Special Ministers

**Sat 6.00pm** A Phelan, L Hancock, S Drury  
**Sun 8.00pm** P Randall, V Wells, M Drias  
**Sun 10.00am** C Vinall, S Finley, M Pierce, N McCarthy  
**Sunday 11.15am** N & S Chapman, K Braswell-Ralston

#### Servers

**Sat 6.00pm** E Crisostomo, J Sagna, A & D Brown  
**Sun 8.30am** C Mulgrue, C & E Bamin, P Salter  
**Sunday 10.00am** C Andrews, K Westbrook, L O'Mahony, A Heathfield  
**Sunday 11.15am** J Ward, E Thackeray

#### Children's Liturgy

**Pre-School** Genevieve  
**Reception/Year 1** Ana  
**Year 2/3** Bernie

#### Coffee

**Sun 10.00pm** Rogers Family & D Mistry-Gabriel  
**Sun 11.15am** Essam, Sally & Elham

#### Mass Co-ordinators

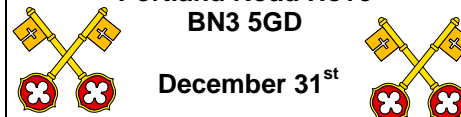
**Sat 6.00pm** A Brombley  
**Sun 8.30am** B Palmer  
**Sun 10.00am** L Tucker, S Clayton  
**Sun 11.15am** S Garner

**Collection £1873.00**

**I WISH YOU ALL  
A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR**

*May God bless  
you all.  
Fr. Jerry*

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



**December 31<sup>st</sup>**

**Feast of the Holy Family**

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#### Mass times

**Sat Dec 30** 6pm John Tanzer  
**Sun Dec 31** 8.30am Maura Moher  
**Sun Dec 31** 10.00am Parishioners  
**Sun Dec 31** 11.15am Private Int.

**Mon Jan 1<sup>st</sup>** 11am Private Int.  
**Tue Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>** 10am John Wright  
**Wed Jan 3<sup>rd</sup>** 11.30am Timothy Wadey  
**Wed 3pm** Funeral Service for John Murphy at the Downs  
**Thur Jan 4<sup>th</sup>** 10am Greg Hodgkinson  
**Fri Jan 5<sup>th</sup>** 10am Frances Raimondo  
**Fri Jan 5<sup>th</sup>** 11.30am Funeral Service for William Fuller

**Sat Jan 6<sup>th</sup>** 10am Maurice Shand  
**Sat Jan 6<sup>th</sup>** 6pm Dorothy Kelleher  
**Sun Jan 7<sup>th</sup>** 8.30 Maura Moher  
**Sun Jan 7<sup>th</sup>** 10am Parishioners  
**Sun Jan 7<sup>th</sup>** 11.15am Bill and Eileen Agate

#### Please note

**Mass on Monday** New Year's Day is at 11am.

**Mass on Wednesday** is at 11.30am a Requiem Mass for **Timothy Wadey**.

### Feast of the Epiphany 6<sup>th</sup> Jan

The final day of the Christmas season falls on Saturday but we will keep the feast on Sunday. 7<sup>th</sup>

### New Year's Day

I would like to encourage you to join with me for Mass this Monday New Year's Day at 11am. We have much to be grateful for but we must also ask God to bless all we are involved in in this New Year. After Mass you are all invited to the Hall for drinks.

### First Communion Preparation

We are back to School this week 3<sup>rd</sup> January.

A reminder then to all parents that the next session for the children preparing for First Holy Communion is next Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> January.

**1<sup>st</sup> Session** 9am to 10.30

**2<sup>nd</sup> Session** 11am to 12.30pm

### Requiem Mass

for the repose of the soul of **Tim Wadey** on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January at 11.30am. May he rest in peace

### Funeral Service

For the repose of the soul of **John Murphy** at the Downs Crematorium on **Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> January at 3pm**. May he rest in peace.

### Funeral Service

for the repose of the soul of **William Fuller** here on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January** at 11.30am. May he rest in peace.

### Requiem Mass

for the repose of the soul of **Elizabeth Crosbie**. On Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January at 10am. May she rest in peace.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday at 10.30am.

## Sincere Thanks

My sincere thanks to all of you for celebrating Christmas with us at St., Peters. A special word of thanks to those who are heavily involved and give much of their time to make sure our Parish is alive and active. All our musicians and Choirs give a great service to the parish not just at Christmas but throughout the year. Our thanks to **Andrew** and his Choir supported by members from Folk Group who were excellent at Midnight and 11.15 on Christmas day. Our thanks to **Clive, Adrian, Linda and Helen** for leading the music in a very packed Church at the early Vigil Mass. To **Jane, Rob, Adrian** and members of the Folk Group for the excellent music they produced for our 10am Mass and the joyful singing of our Junior Choir. To **Kate and Clive** who were singing at midnight but were back to play and lead the singing at 8.30. Grateful thanks too to **Miran and Regina** for preparing the flowers and decorating the Church for Christmas. To **David** for welcoming people at all our Christmas masses. I would also like at this time to thank our **Catechists** for First Holy Communion and Confirmation, RCIA, and to all those who help with Children's Liturgy on Sundays. Thanks also to all our Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Servers, Coffee Makers, and Church cleaners, Sacristans, Flower arrangers, to **Jacqui** for keeping the Chancellor on his toes and reminding him to pay up on time, to our money counters and bankers and **Vincent** for his accurate book keeping. (every penny accounted for). Finally thanks to our **Parish Team** for keeping me on the straight and narrow.

**Diocesan** Directory for sale at the back of the Church. Put **£5** in paper box.

## Christmas Offerings

Sincere thanks for your very generous Christmas Offerings and the many presents and cards I received from you.

### Dates for your Diary

**6<sup>th</sup> Jan** First Communion Prep  
**11<sup>th</sup> Jan** Parish Team Meeting  
**20<sup>th</sup> Jan** Confirmation event  
**28<sup>th</sup> Jan** Mission Appeal  
**31<sup>st</sup> Jan** Bishop Richard Meeting  
**9<sup>th</sup> June** First Communion  
**10<sup>th</sup> June** First Communion  
**16<sup>th</sup> June** First Communion  
**30<sup>th</sup> June** Confirmation  
**6<sup>th</sup> July** International Dinner  
**8<sup>th</sup> July** Parish Day

## Charities

We support two main Charities as well as St. Thomas Fund for the Homeless, CAFOD, the Martlets etc. We will make a presentation of **£3000 to Reaching the Unreached** helping disadvantaged children in India and **Sussex Night Stop** helping young people in Brighton on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January. The money was mainly raised by those who are members of our 200 Club. Thank you for your generosity.

## Gift Giving

We got a variety of lovely gifts from the children at our Christmas Masses and most of them will be brought to a couple of Nursing/Rest homes this week. If you are visiting someone please take a gift.

**School Forms, Please note;** 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.

## Parish Team Meeting

will be held **on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm.** We hope to spend some time reflecting on "*planning for the future*"

**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.

## Golden Jubilee

I was ordained a priest 50 years ago June 1968. We will mark the occasion when we gather as a Parish to celebrate our Parish Day in the grounds of Cardinal Newman School on the 8<sup>th</sup> July. We have booked the grounds at Cardinal Newman School for a marquee on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup>** for an International dinner and **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>** for our Parish day. It will be similar to what we have had for the past 17 years celebrating the life of our Parish.

## Anointing of the sick

Those who are my age will remember when this Sacrament was known as the "**last Rites**". People wouldn't let the priest know that the person was seriously ill until they were unconscious. In the letter of St. James we hear the words "*if there is anyone sick among you they should send for the priests of the Church and they should pray over the sick person. The prayer of faith will give strength and peace to that sick person and if they have failed in any way they will be forgiven*" It is a beautiful sacrament giving hope not just to the sick person but to family members too.

## 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.

## Schools open

It will be a bit of a shock for parents and children as the schools open, some on Tuesday/Wednesday. It will be difficult to get them back to an ordered way of life just after New Year's Day. That long holiday in October has been quickly forgotten.

## Seeing your life through the lens of the Gospel

1. What started out as an ordinary day for Joseph and Mary turned out to be a day with an encounter they would remember for a long time.
2. Simeon gave thanks because his eyes saw the salvation God had prepared. In what ways have you experienced God's salvation in your life: an experience of being loved, or discovering a sense of purpose in life, or being touched by the wonders of creation? Give thanks for those memories.
3. Simeon also acknowledged that not all would accept the light that would shine through Jesus, and this rejection would be a cause of pain to Mary. It can be a source of pain to parents, teachers, church ministers, and all who work for others when some reject values, projects, advice which would be for their good. Perhaps a sword has sometimes pierced your soul as well.
4. The final sentence speaks of Jesus as one who grew and became strong and was filled with wisdom. What has helped you to grow in wisdom? Have you seen others grow in wisdom through the experience of life?

### 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](mailto:st.peters.parish.ad@gmail.com)

### 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](mailto:food@feastofhove.co.uk)

### Caroline's Kitchen – Tel 595922

Caterers for Baptisms, etc. Tel 595922 or [carolineriley@carolines-kitchen.co.uk](mailto:carolineriley@carolines-kitchen.co.uk)

### World Meeting of Families - Will be held in Dublin from 21<sup>st</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>

**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 26<sup>th</sup> will be celebrated by Pope Francis.

### 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](mailto: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](http://www.stepupforlearning.com)

### French GCSE Tutoring

Contact Daisy Messant a current A Level French student on 07736597621

[daisyraemessant@gmail.com](mailto:daisyraemessant@gmail.com)

### Host Families needed

All year round. Single/twin room accommodation required. Ring Maureen 01273 778918 or 07801827323  
[Studenthomes.me@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:nicklee@pebble-financial.co.uk)

### Computer problems

Call Peter Fishenden on 386593

Computer lessons £15 an hour  
[p.fishend@ntlworld.com](mailto: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 16<sup>th</sup> in the Sacred Heart Parish Room. Further information can be found at [facebook.com/HolyLand2017](https://facebook.com/HolyLand2017) or email [YPPHL2017@gmail.com](mailto:YPPHL2017@gmail.com)

### Guitar Lesson

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**07855169344**

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