

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, Dennis Tribe, Rosemary Kilcourse, Adrian Van Twest.

Parish Events

Sunday 8 December, 11am: Advent Table Top sale.
Thursday 12 December, 7.30 pm: Advent Penance service, St George's, Hangleton.
Saturday/Sunday 14/15 December: Missionary appeal.
Saturday/Sunday 14/15 December: Collection for Christmas flowers.
Saturday/Sunday 21/22 December: Visit of the Bethlehem Nativity Group.
Sunday 22 December, 6pm: Carol Service.
Sunday 5 January, 7pm: Confirmation, session III.
Monday January 6, 8pm: Baptism course.
Saturday/Sunday 22/23 February: Apostolate of Adoration visit.

The Care Group met on 5 December. We need some volunteers to drive people to Mass from the Portslade area. This would be a great act of charity. In one case it might be the daily Mass as opposed to Sunday. If you are able to help, please get in touch. In addition, we need people to visit others at home with Holy Communion. Fr Alexander and members of the group will be looking for volunteers.

UCM meeting Wednesday 11 December, 7.30pm in the hall, new members welcome, "Christmas Party Night".

From the Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church: 272. When did Jesus Christ institute the Eucharist? Jesus instituted the Eucharist on Holy Thursday "the night on which he was betrayed" (1 Corinthians 11:23), as he celebrated the Last Supper with his apostles. 273. How did he institute the Eucharist? After he had gathered with his apostles in the Cenacle, Jesus took bread in his hands. He broke it and gave it to them saying, "Take this and eat it, all of you; this is my Body which will be given up for you". Then, he took the cup of wine in his hands and said, "Take this and drink of this, all of you. This is the cup of my Blood, the Blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me".

Tours for Prospective Reception children - Cottesmore St Mary, your local Catholic primary school, are holding tours for the parents of prospective Reception children, joining September 2020, on Thursday January 9 at 9:15am 2020. Please contact the school office (01273 555811) to reserve a place. Thank you for taking the time to visit so that you can find out more about us. We look forward to welcoming you to our school family.

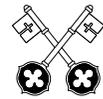
St Mary Magdalen's Catholic Primary School has dates available for parents of prospective pupils to view the school during one to one tours with the Headteacher. Please contact the school secretary on 01273 327533 if you would like to view our vibrant school.

Collection Sunday 1 December, £1, 468, second collection for St Thomas Fund £449.

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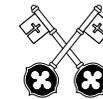
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8 Dec 2019

Second Sunday of Advent..



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Mass intentions this week:

Saturday 7 December 6pm GE Thomas Kelly
Sunday 8 December 8.30am For all Parishioners
Sunday 8 December 10am Bill Fuller RIP
Sunday 8 December 11.15am Paul Cauchi RIP
Monday 9 December 10am GE Breda Kelly
Tuesday 10 December No Mass
Wednesday 11 December 10am Christina Bruce RIP
Thursday 12 December No Mass
Friday 13 December 10am Mayance van Twest (5th anniv)
Saturday 14 December 10am Thanksgiving (C. Lloyd)
Saturday 14 December 6pm Maura D'Arcy RIP
Sunday 15 December 8.30am Freda and John McAtamney RIP
Sunday 15 December 10am For all parishioners
Sunday 15 December 11.15am Jean and Larry Donnelly RIP

This Sunday is the Second Sunday of Advent. Today we are holding our Advent table top sale. Someone is making an appearance under the guise of Saint Nicholas, the patron saint of children, at the sale, and give presents out to children! Mary Senior is going to be selling delicious foodstuffs (including deep fried Mars bars!) and Mary Junior is going to be selling children's toys. The UCM is running a 'Good as New' stall. Anne is selling lots of lovely things that are all being knocked down at bargain prices. Ruth is selling her delicious cakes. The sale begins at 11am, and continues until all the stalls have run out of goods. Please come along. It is all in aid of the stained glass. Contributions gladly received and can be dropped off in the Hall in good time.

The first reading this Sunday is from the prophet Isaiah, as was last Sunday's. The vision of the Messianic Age which it describes gives us the list of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, which are often listed as wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. The Gospel gives us Saint Matthew's account of the ministry of Saint John the Baptist, who comes to prepare the way of the Lord by calling the people of Israel to repentance. This reminds us that we too need to clear a path so the Lord may enter our hearts and fill them. The list of the gifts of the Holy Spirit reminds us of our confirmation, and of the way we need these gifts to grow in holiness.

Have you seen the Advent wreath? It is the creation of Bernie and Mireille, our wonderful flower arrangers. The four candles symbolise the four Sundays of Advent, and the white candle in the middle symbolises the feast of Christmas. Would you like to light the second purple candle at the beginning of

Mass, at the opening prayer? In which case just ask in the sacristy beforehand. Small children may need to be accompanied by a parent; the candle can be lit by a person of any age. Please note the wreath is very delicate; people are asked to refrain from moving it.

Next Sunday is the Third Sunday of Advent. On this Sunday Mass will be celebrated by Father Gerry Hastie of the Mill Hill Missionaries, who is not going to ask for money, but it rather going to raise awareness of the Red Boxes. We haven't had an appeal on behalf of the Association for the Propagation of the Faith for some time. Last year our parish raised £997.01 via the Red Boxes which people have in their houses collecting loose change for such an excellent cause. Father Alexander is very grateful to Father Gerry for his visit, as it means he is able to be absent. In fact, he will be at the parish of the Assumption, Port of Spain, Trinidad, officiating at the wedding of his niece. On this Sunday, please note, there will be a retiring collection for Christmas flowers.

Our stained glass debt currently stands at £ 15, 362. Many thanks for the generous cheque for £100.

Confessions are heard every Saturday morning, from 10.30 to 11.15am. Last Saturday, feast of Saint Andrew, 30 November, we had Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Exposed from 10.30am to 4pm, when we had Benediction (with a break for a baptism at 1pm that had been scheduled beforehand.) Many people came to pray and many came to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, which was very heartening to see. We aim to do this every Saturday from the first Saturday of Lent onwards. In the meantime, let us reflect on the importance of reverence for

the Blessed Sacrament, and the importance of the presence of the Sacramental Lord in our midst! Moreover, let us sanctify our Church with the prayers of those inside it, which means us!

On Monday our confirmation candidates are going shopping with money they have raised (almost £400 at the most recent count) plus money from the parish, which is matching their donations pound for pound. They aim to buy goods to be packed into Christmas hampers for the Food Bank, which will then be distributed over the Christmas season. The next Confirmation session is on Sunday 5 January, from 7-8.15pm.

There will be an Advent penance service on Thursday 12 December, at 7.30 pm at St George's in Hangleton. This will include a chance for individual confessions. All are invited.

The next baptism class will be on Monday 6 January in the Hall. If you have a baby to be baptised, you need to see Fr Alexander first before being enrolled in the class. Please email him, and he will be round to see you at home.

Liturgical Notes:

Monday is the feast of Our Lady's Immaculate Conception, transferred from the previous day.

Wednesday is the feast of Saint Damasus, pope.

Thursday is the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Saturday is the feast of Saint John of the Cross.

On Tuesday there is no Mass as all the clergy will be in Rottingdean at the deanery meeting. On Wednesday and Saturday mornings, Mass will be celebrated by Canon Heaney. On

Friday it will be celebrated by Canon Foley. Fr Alexander is very grateful to the two Canons for stepping in while he is away.

People of all ages! We have just acquired a Bambino, that is, a lifesize statue of Baby Jesus, that needs to be placed at the foot of the altar at the start of each Mass of Christmas. (Christmas Masses are at 6pm, Midnight, 8.30am, 10am and 11.15am.) Volunteers needed! Don't be shy in coming forward.

Our Social Club meets every Friday from 1.30pm to 3.30pm. All are welcome, and please bring along all your friends! This coming Friday, 13 December, it is bingo. On the 20 December, we are having a Christmas party, to which everyone is welcome. We shall then take a break for the festive season and reconvene in the new Year on Friday 10 January.

Don't forget our Carol Service, which is on Sunday 22 December at 6pm. Please come along and please invite all your friends to come along too! Afterwards there will be tea and coffee and wine in the Hall along with mince pies. You are warmly invited to bring mince pies with you. We are creating some flyers to advertise the Carols, so please do take one and display it where people can see it.

The General Election: In making judgments about how to vote, the Bishops ask that the following are carefully considered and, indeed candidates can be asked how they will uphold:

- The innate dignity of every human being; defending both the child in the womb, the good of the mother and an understanding of the

immeasurable good of a child not yet born?

- The dignified care for those who are terminally ill and dying while resisting the false compassion of assisted suicide or euthanasia?

- The needs of those who are frequently neglected or discarded by society such as people with disabilities, Travellers, older people, those who are homeless, those in prison and those trapped in modern slavery?

- The process of integration of migrants and refugees who have made their homes here, challenging the global rise of xenophobia and racism that is so radically incompatible with our faith?

- The rights of those in our own communities and overseas who "can see no end to the tunnel of extreme poverty," providing them with assistance and confronting the structural injustices that compound their suffering?

- Care for our common home and tackle the climate emergency which threatens the future of our entire human family and is already having a profound impact upon the world's poorest people?

- Freedom of religion and belief, ensuring that everyone has the right to exercise their conscience and practise their creed freely without fear?

- The cherishing of marriage, recognising the essential place of the family in the service of life and of society?

- The right of parents to educate their children in accordance with their faith and support the work of Catholic schools in their contribution to society and their promotion of the common good?

Churches' Nightshelter

Project 2019-20: Two Catholic Churches have been involved with the Nightshelter Project sharing responsibility by serving one half of the winter each since its start. This year sees a new format using the redundant St Patrick's Church as the permanent venue, but requiring 11 months of the year support from all denominations Brighton & Hove churches, on a shared basis of so many weeks on and so many off.

Both Catholic churches wish to continue, but many of our Nightshelter volunteers having served 7 years have decided to call it a day, shrinking the pool of volunteers. We are asking for your help in providing additional volunteers to maintain a Catholic foothold in the city-wide Churches Nightshelter Project (excluding August when we can all go on holiday...)

Between four Catholic church communities (St Peter's Hove, St Joseph's with St John the Baptist, Sacred Heart, St Mary Magdalene) we should be able to field sufficient volunteers to maintain our Tuesday Evening / Wednesday Morning slots as a Catholic Church, continuing in the Churches Nightshelter Project over 2019-20 and 2020-21. The evening slots are 7pm – 10:30pm, the mornings are 7am – 8:30pm, the choice of which to serve is yours. You can choose how many slots you want – from one month's to one year!
To participate please complete an application form which is where your normal church literature is kept, or email Patrick Wallace at nightsheltersh@gmail.com

Thursday mornings Scripture

Reflection: 10am all welcome.

Curious about Catholics? To learn more and talk in an unpressured and confidential environment, please contact Sue Hollow on 0755 730 1796 or Fr Alexander.

Marriage Preparation Course

You will need to contact Esther Lyon 01273 698182. www.stpetersbrighton.org
From the Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church:272. When did Jesus Christ institute the Eucharist?

The Bible Society have sent us several copies of Saint Matthew's Gospels in useful pocket size editions. They are on the magazine rack in the porch. Please help yourself (the same applies to everything on the rack.) This gift is part of the initiative 'The God who speaks', a year long campaign to get people to read the Bible more. It is being supported by the Catholic Church, other Christian groups and the Bible Society.

Day of Reflection & Music for Music Ministers:

Saturday 14th December, at St Dunstan's, Woking, GU22 7DT. 11 am to 4 pm. Booking essential on 01293 651164 or at ruth.gerun@abdiocese.org.uk

Rite of Election 2020 – Advance

Notice: Saturday 29th February, at 2.30 pm, with registration from 1 pm.

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