

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

Wednesday 12 December, 7pm: KS2 Carols at Cottesmore.

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

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

Sunday 16 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.

Friday 8th January, 6-8pm; Servers' practice fish and chips.

Saturday 9 February: Welcomers' day.

First Holy Communion: As part of our Advent Service we blessed our Advent Giving Tree. Our First Holy Communion children have written some lovely prayers to go on the tree. We would like to invite our parishioners to do the same - please find a gift tag or make your own, to add your own prayer and intentions. We would also like to collect any

food/toiletries for the food bank which you can put in the box under the tree.

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

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.

Christmas Carols at Cottesmore: we are all invited to hear the Key Stage 2 pupils sing on Wednesday 12 December at 7pm. This takes place outside, so please wrap up well!

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.

Collection £1,784.66

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



9 December 2018



Second Sunday of Advent (C)

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Mass times & Intentions:

Sat 8 Dec 6pm Victor Phelps RIP

Sun 9 Dec 8.30am Parishioners

Sun 9 Dec 10am Father David Goddard RIP

Sunday 9 Dec 11.15am Paul Cauchi RIP (anniversary)

Mon 10 Dec 10am GE Barbara Antipas

Tues 11 Dec 10am Mayance van Twest RIP (4th anniversary)

Wed 12 Dec 10am Thomas James Ravenhill RIP

Thurs 13 Dec No Mass

Friday 14 Dec 10am Teresa Barker RIP

Sat 15 Dec 10am Tom J. Fitzgerald RIP

Sat 15 Dec 6pm Parishioners

Sun 16 Dec 8.30am Freda and John

McAtamney RIP

Sun 16 Dec 10am Fr Bruno's speedy recovery

Sun 16 Dec 11.15am Elsie Manuk and

Helen Bainbridge RIP

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St Anthony's Pre-School Nativity on

Tuesday 18 December at 11.00 in the church. All are welcome.

This Sunday is the Second Sunday of Advent.

The prophecy of Baruch, which is the first reading, tells us of the way God will bring the people of Israel back from exile, preparing a way for them, by levelling the hills and filling in the valleys. In the Gospel, we hear about the coming of John the Baptist, whose job it is to prepare a way for the Lord in the same manner. He proclaims a baptism of repentance, a symbolic washing that people undertake in order to show they are sorry for their sins and wish to change their lives. We, having received the sacramental baptism of Christ, in the name of the Trinity, have been washed clean of our sins, and our repentance should be for all the sins committed since baptism. Advent is a time of repentance, so let us make the most of this opportunity. If John the Baptist were here today, what would he say to us?

This Sunday there is a retiring collection for Christmas flowers. Also – can you bring in some greenery? Please consult the flower arrangers about this. Next Sunday there will be a retiring collection for the St Thomas Fund. St Peter's has for many years generously supported the work of the St Thomas Fund for the Homeless which would not exist without such kindness so, with this in mind, please be generous! Also, continued thanks for the beautifully wrapped Christmas gifts.

Have you seen our new Advent Wreath? Actually, it is not new at all. We were promised a new one by our Church suppliers at a very competitive price, and told it would be here by the Friday before Advent Sunday, but the delivery did not materialise. But we have made do with our old one, and it looks magnificent, thanks to Regina's efforts. 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 rose in colour rather than purple. If you want to light the Advent wreath at Mass – this Sunday there are two candles to be lit – please see the Mass organisers.

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

Liturgical Notes:

Tuesday is the feast of Saint Damasus I, pope.

Wednesday is the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Friday is the feast of Saint John of the Cross.

How are you getting on with your Advent checklist?

- Are you building a crib?
- Have you got an Advent wreath?
- Have you got an Advent calendar?
- Have you been or are you planning to go to confession?
- Are you praying more?
- Are you studying the Scriptures?
- Are you doing something to build up your family life?
- Have you made contact with people you have been out of touch with for some time, or are you planning to?

- Have you chosen which Mass you are going to Mass on Christmas Day or Eve and started looking forward to it?

You may feel doing all of the above may be a bit much for you; some of the targets are easier than others; doing all of them would be wonderful – but doing just some of them would also be good!

Signing of school forms:

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. However, he is happy to sign forms after every Mass (with the exception of the 10am Mass on Sunday) if parents are happy to wait around for a few moments. This week, he will also be available in the Presbytery to sign forms at the following times:

Monday 10th December: 7-8pm.

Tuesday 11th December: 5-6pm.

Friday 14th December: 6-7pm.

This Saturday, 15th December, the Church is open all day, as it usually is, but with a difference: the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for Adoration on the main altar from after the 10am Mass and until the 6pm Mass. During this period confessions will be available. 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. Please do your best to keep the priests busy! The Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will help us all to focus our minds on the coming of the Lord and to remind us that the Eucharist is at the centre of the life of the Church. Do please come to Church to pray that day. 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 two, you can still join. All are invited. Please bring a Bible with you.

At the recent Parish Team meeting, as you know, 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 6pm Mass, to Paul Allen for doing so at 8.30am, to Debbie Fosdyke, Brian Fosdyke and Linda Mabbott for undertaking the role at 10am; and for Howard Bentley at 11.15am. 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.

Our servers all had a great time at the servers' practice that we organised the week before last, which included learning the craft of serving, followed by pizza and drinks, and then playing games in the Hall. We will repeat the experience on Friday 8 February, from 6pm to 8pm, if you would like to note that date now, though on this occasion fish and chips is proposed. At some date in the not too distant future we will begin to enrol out servers in the Guild of Saint Stephen and present them with their medals.

The Rev Jack Andrew Lusted is being ordained a priest through the imposition of hands of our Bishop on Wednesday 19 December at 7pm in Arundel Cathedral. Please pray for Deacon Jack as he prepares to serve the people of God as a priest in this diocese. Please pray too 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. On the same day at 11am the funeral mass of Fr David Goddard takes place at Arundel. Fr Alexander will be attending. On Wednesday 19 there will be no morning Mass in the parish, but there will be Mass on Thursday 20 instead.

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.

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.

We need readers, servers and extraordinary ministers for all the Christmas Masses. There will be sign-up sheets in the sacristy! We also need readers for our Carol Service on the 16th December.

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.

We have just had a meeting of those who are charged with liturgical planning in our parish. Among other things, we looked at how we can sing more at both the 10am and 11.15am Masses, and indeed the daily Masses. Soon we will do our best to learn some new versions of the Gloria and also some simple chants for the Kyrie and the Agnus Dei. In addition, we drew up a list of hymns everyone likes singing which we will adopt as our 'common core', that is, to be sung across all Masses, on a regular basis, these being hymns that everyone should know. There are 17 in all: The Lord's My Shepherd (Crimmond and Townend versions); Be Thou my vision; Lord of all hopefulness; Amazing Grace; Soul of My Saviour; Guide me o Thou great redeemer; O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder; Here I am; Faith of Our Fathers; Dear Lord and Father of Mankind; Christ be our Light; Be still for the presence of the Lord; Breathe on me breath of God; All creatures of our God and King; Lourdes hymn; Praise my soul the King of Heaven. We will of course sing other hymns too, but this list, we hope, represents everyone's favourite hymns.

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

Rotas are ready for collection in porch!

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.

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

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Marriage Preparation Course

You will need to contact Esther Lyon 01273 698182.
www.stpetersbrighton.org

Host Families needed

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Studenthomes.me@hotmail.com

Counselling Service

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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 emailknockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

Gift Aid statements are being posted out, if you urgently need yours please contact the office.

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