

### 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 11 February, 7pm: Confirmation Meeting 4.
Thursday 14 February, 11am: Funeral of Margaret Forrest.
Friday 15 February, 1pm: Funeral of Tony Scannell.
Friday 15 February, Choir Supper. 7.30pm.
Sunday 17 February: Marriage celebration at all masses.
Friday 22 February, 7pm: Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter. Quiz Night.
Friday 1 March: Junior Choir Supper at 6.30pm.
Wednesday 6 March: Ash Wednesday. Lent begins.
Thursday 7 March, 8pm: Passion Narrative I.
Friday 8 March, 7.30pm: Stations of the Cross.
Thursday 14 March, 8pm: Passion Narrative II.

**UCM:** Meet 2pm on Wednesday talk on Discipleship by Kate Williamson. Please note there will be no meetings 20 & 27 February due to half term.

**Diaries 2019** – please note we have a number of Catholic purple pocket diaries in the porch, please help yourself to one.

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**First Holy Communion** parents meeting Monday 25th February at 8pm in the hall on the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The next class for children is Saturday 2 March.

**Junior Choir** meets every Wednesday term time only at 6pm in the hall.

**Parent Toddler Group** has been suspended until a new Group Leader has been found. If anyone is interested in the role, please contact Fr Alexander or the office.

**Raise Your Grade in Maths and Science - Year 11 GCSE 1/2 term booster course.** Mon 18th/Tues 19th Feb 10am-1pm. £35 per session, £65 full course. Qualified, experienced and DBS checked teachers Helen Tate and Mary Reeve. Places limited. To book or for more info email [helentool@hotmail.com](mailto:helentool@hotmail.com).

**Guitar Lessons-** all styles. Dr James Westbrook Dip. Mus., FLCM, PhD (Music, Cambridge). [jrw84@cam.ac.uk](mailto:jrw84@cam.ac.uk) or: 07836 550210

Our next **baptism class** is scheduled for Monday 8 April at 8pm in the Parish Hall. If you have a child to be baptised, then you need to speak to Father Alexander first and arrange a meeting with him before that date.

**Stained Glass Window update.** There will be a visual update of the progress to date with Debbie Burgess in the hall after each mass on this weekend of the 10/11 February.

**Marriage Preparation Course**  
You will need to contact Esther Lyon 01273 698182.  
[www.stpetersbrighton.org](http://www.stpetersbrighton.org)

**Fr Jerry's new email is**  
[jerryobrien432@gmail.com](mailto:jerryobrien432@gmail.com)

**Collection £1,687.11**  
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### St. Peter's Catholic Church Portland Road Hove BN3 5GD



10 February 2019  
5th Sunday of the Year

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(In the office Wed 9-1, Thur 9-3, Fri 9-1pm.)  
**Website:** [www.stpeters-hove.org.uk](http://www.stpeters-hove.org.uk)

**Mass intentions this week:**  
Saturday 9 Feb 6pm Parishioners  
Sunday 10 Feb 8.30am Nori & Egidio Zorgan RIP  
Sunday 11 Feb 10am John Reeve RIP  
Sunday 11 Feb 11.15am Rosemary Sheppard RIP  
Monday 11 Feb 10am GE John Lloyd  
Tuesday 12 Feb 10am Mrs Martin RIP  
Wednesday 13 Feb 10am Maria Smith RIP  
Thursday 14 Feb 11am Funeral of Margaret Forrest RIP  
Friday 15 Feb 10am Angela Fitzgerald RIP  
Saturday 16 Feb 10am Robin Andrew Jackson 6th Anniv. RIP  
Saturday 16 Feb 6pm Parishioners  
Sunday 17 Feb 8.30am Eileen Palmer RIP  
Sunday 17 Feb 10am Mary Peyton RIP  
Sunday 17 Feb 11.15am Basil Reynaud RIP

**This Sunday is the Fifth Sunday in the Year.** The first reading describes the vision of the prophet Isaiah, who sees the sanctuary of the Temple of the Lord filled with the Lord's glory, and the angels calling out 'Holy, holy, holy!'

words which we use as an acclamation before the most holy part of the Mass, the Eucharistic Prayer. Confronted with the goodness of God, His glory and power, Isaiah feels all his human weakness. The same is true for Saint Peter in the Gospel reading. Nevertheless, Jesus persists in calling Saint Peter, despite his weaknesses. The advice given to Saint Peter, which leads to the miraculous catch of fish, is 'Put out into deep water': as weak human beings we are called by God to put out into the deep, to go beyond our comfort zone, to use the modern phrase. With Saint Peter, the results are well known: from being a simple fisherman, he became a fisher of men, the first leader of the Church on earth.

The feast of Our Lady of Lourdes falls on Monday, so this Sunday we are having a retiring collection for the Lourdes Fund, which enables those who cannot afford it to join the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes. Please give generously. Last year the diocese was able to disburse £60,275 of financial support to those who otherwise might not have been able to go, thanks to the 70 parishes who collected for this purpose. Bishop Richard particularly commends this collection to us. (There are envelopes for your donations.)

A warm welcome to our Guides, Brownies and Rainbows who are at the 10am Mass this Sunday for their Church Parade. As you may know, they meet regularly in our Church Hall, where we have hosted them for some time, and look forward to doing so for many many years to come!

This Thursday is Valentine's day and this week is usually designated a time for celebrating marriage. Accordingly, next Sunday, this is exactly what we shall do.

Married couples are invited to come up at the end of Mass (accompanied by their children, if possible) to receive the Nuptial Blessing. This is the prayer that was said over you on your wedding day, though you may well have forgotten its exact contents by now, and it may be useful and pleasant to hear it again in less stressful circumstances. In addition, we have some special matrimonial candles to give away as souvenirs, and signs of your matrimonial commitment. So please note the day, speak to your spouse, and come to be blessed next week.

### Liturgical notes:

February is the month dedicated to the Holy Family. On days on which there is no feast we will celebrate either a votive Mass of Our Lady or a votive Mass of Saint Joseph.

Monday is the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Brace yourselves! Lent is coming. Easter is late this year, and Ash Wednesday falls on 6 th March. Not many people know this but..... The earliest date Ash Wednesday can occur is 4 February (which is only possible during a common year with Easter on 22 March), which happened in 1598, 1693, 1761 and 1818 and will next occur in 2285. The latest date Ash Wednesday can occur is 10 March (when Easter Day falls on 25 April) which occurred in 1666, 1734, 1886 and 1943 and will next occur in 2038. Ash Wednesday has never occurred on Leap Year Day (29 February), and it will not occur as such until 2096. The only other years of the third millennium that will have Ash Wednesday on 29 February are 2468, 2688, 2840 and 2992. (Ash Wednesday falls on 29 February only if Easter is on 15 April in a leap year starting on a Sunday.) [From Wikipedia]. Anyway,

even though we have some time to go, we need to start thinking about Lent before it catches up with us. We have two things planned so far:

1. On Friday evenings there will be Stations of the Cross at 7.30pm in Church. [This is the traditional time, but another time is possible. We can also have Stations at some point during daylight hours, if desired. Note: on Friday 5 April we have our Taizé service.]
2. In keeping with our Bishop's encouragement, and following on from what we did in Advent, we shall have 'Scripture Thursdays' in the Upper Room at 8pm. This will mean a consideration of the Passion Narrative of Saint Luke, as is fitting for the Year of Luke (year C) and for Lent.

Our confirmation candidates are meeting with their catechists in the Hall, this Monday at 7pm. Let us all pray for them, and do our best to encourage them in the journey they have undertaken. Confirmation Day is the 25 May!

Our parish has received another generous bequest from a deceased parishioner. Teresa Barker, whom many of you knew, has left us the sum of £2,000. This will be dedicated to the stained-glass window fund. Fr Alexander has written to Teresa's niece to thank her for sending the cheque and to assure her that we will pray for Teresa. Once more, it would be appropriate for us all to offer to Rosary for the repose of her soul.

The funeral Mass of Margaret Forrest, who died on Friday 25 January will take place here this Thursday, 14 February, at 11 am. All are invited to attend. After the funeral there will be coffee, tea and cake in the Upper Room. The prayer of

committal for cremation will be made at the Church door, which is perfectly proper. Let us continue to pray for Margaret's soul and for the comfort of her two sons, Nick and Mark, and their families.

The parish has received more sad news: Tony Scannell, of Ingram Crescent, died on Wednesday 6 February, in the Martletts Hospice. His funeral will take place here at 1pm on Friday 15th February, followed by burial at Hove Cemetery. Let us pray for his soul and the comfort of his family and friends.

This Friday, 15 February, we are holding our Choir Supper for adult singers in the Hall. The purpose of this event is to thank those who sing for their commitment to this important ministry. Many comment favourably on our music. If you would like to contribute to the Choir Supper as a way of showing your gratitude, please do leave non-perishable goods in the presbytery at any convenient time, and perishable goods on the day itself.

22 February, which is a Friday, is the feast of the Chair (or See) of Saint Peter. This year the feast does not fall within Lent, and given that we are under the patronage of Saint Peter, we are going to hold the parish quiz on that day in the Hall. This will start at 7.00pm. Tickets (£4/£1 u12) are on sale this weekend and next, or put your name down to reserve tickets if you haven't got the money this week? All proceeds are going to the Chestnut Tree Hospice, which is one of our parish charities.

Because we have moved the statue of Saint Peter from the alcove at the back of the Church, we now have an empty space there in the months when the crib

is not up. (This space was originally built as the baptistry.) What could we do with the 'new' space? One idea is to hang a picture of a saint in the alcove and make it a shrine. Are there any suggestions? One possibility is a picture of Our Lady (though we already have a statue); or perhaps a saint who is associated with one of the countries from which many of our parishioners hail. This could be Saint Charbel the Miracle-Worker, who is deeply revered in Syria, Lebanon and Mexico; or Saint Januarius, the patron of Naples; or even Saint Blaise, whose Blessing so many of us received last week; or Saint Patrick... the list is endless. Or perhaps Padre Pio? Getting a decent image of a Saint is not hard, we would just have to agree on the saint, which might be more difficult. Please give it some thought, and make your feelings known.

Fr Alexander writes: Last week the Bishop said the following to us in his pastoral letter: "As we look to the future, then, let us be confident. There will be difficulties along the way, for we are called to take up the Cross, but it is the Lord's work that we are doing and His strength will always be far greater than our fears, worries and concerns. Let us, as individuals and as a community of Faith, be people of action. May we all be open to the changes that will be necessary for the work that lies ahead." As we all know, the diocese is entering into a period of re-organisation, as laid out in the Pastoral Plan, which is all in the public domain. This means some places of worship will close, parishes will be amalgamated, and the Mass times in the Hove and Brighton area will be rearranged and rationalised. This will have an impact on us here at Saint Peter's, so let us take the Bishop's words to heart.

### **CCRS Course coming to the Diocese:**

In support of Bishop Richard's Pastoral Plan, the Diocese is planning the launch of a CCRS course, starting in September 2019. The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies has been established since 1991 and aims to provide an introduction to Catholic theology and give an understanding of the central truths of our Faith. It will be open to teachers working in Catholic schools, Catechists, people involved in pastoral and liturgical work and other interested adults. Full details can be found at <http://www.brs-ccrs.org.uk/index.php> For more information and to express an interest in attending the course, please contact Jon Harman, Adviser for Formation and Spirituality, at the St Philip Howard Centre: 01293 651157 or email [jon.harman@dabnet.org](mailto:jon.harman@dabnet.org)

### **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](mailto:KateN@svp.org.uk).

### **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 Maths** small group revision classes. Contact Helen Tate ([helentoole@hotmail.com](mailto:helentoole@hotmail.com)) for more information.

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### **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)

**Thinking of driving lessons?** Please contact Phil Harris (Bartholomews Driving School) on 07711 688147.

### **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>

### **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](mailto:nicklee@pebble-financial.co.uk)

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### **Caroline's Kitchen – Tel 595922**

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

### **Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine**

Fully escorted St Patrick's Weekend Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 16<sup>th</sup> March 2019. £599.00 per person sharing. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com).

### **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.

### **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.

### **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](mailto:group210@hcpt.org.uk) or Matt Conneely on 07971 538015 for more info.

**Foodbank;** at St. George's 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, tined tomato's in the box at the back of our Church.