

### 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.

Fr Alexander writes (repeated from last week): 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.

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.

The altar servers all enjoyed their Fish and Chips. Many thanks to them and to the adults who also attended training and eating and games afterwards. The delicious fish and chips came from Hainault Fryers in Boundary Road which is run by Mary Yagoub and her daughter, also Mary, our parishioners. Many thanks to them! The next training evening will be after Easter, if you would like to note the date now – Friday 3 May, from 6pm to 8pm.

**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.

**Confirmation Group**:- had an interesting discussion this week on what it means to be Christian with our panel of local people. Thanks to all for your contributions.

**UCM**: No meetings 20 & 27 February due to half term.

**Quiz Night**: St Marys Primary Catholic School, Church Road, Portslade. Friday 1 March 7.30pm (Tickets £6.00)

**Hall users!** (And others, please spread the word.) I am getting complaints from the pre-School that the Hall heating is left on all night. Please, if you use the Hall, switch it off after use. Currently, the utility bill for the Hall is about £8,000 a year! We would like to bring this down a bit or at least not waste money in this matter.

**Collection £2,142.07**

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



17 February 2019

6th Sunday of the Year

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### Mass intentions this week:

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  
Monday 18 Feb 10am Samantha West  
Tuesday 19 Feb 10am GE Hugh Smith  
Wednesday 20 Feb 10am David Knights RIP  
Thursday 21 Feb No Mass  
Friday 22 Feb 10am GE Paddy Hughes  
Saturday 23 Feb 10am GE Marie de Lacey  
Saturday 23 Feb 6pm Holy Souls  
Sunday 24 Feb 8.30am Maria Smith RIP  
Sunday 24 Feb 10am Parishioners  
Sunday 24 Feb 11.15am Mayance van Twest RIP

Please remember that while every effort is made to assign a Mass intention to the day requested, this is not always possible. In addition, a Mass intention may be moved if a funeral Mass is booked on that day. The intention for the Holy Souls is funded from the donations made to the collection box at the back of the Church. RIP means 'rest in peace' and that the person has died. GE means 'good estate' and that we are praying for the well-being of a living person. In addition to the named intention, every Mass is offered for all the living and all the dead.

This Sunday is the Sixth Sunday in the Year. The first reading today, taken from the prophecy of Jeremiah, tells us what it means to have faith in the Lord, and how this trust in the Lord sustains a soul through good times and bad. The Gospel is the 'Sermon on the Plain' from Saint Luke (as opposed to the Sermon on the Mount, which is found in Saint Matthew) in which Jesus contrasts the happiness of those who have faith, with the unhappy lot of those who trust in themselves.

This Sunday has been designated Racial Justice Sunday, a day on which we are invited to think about matters to do with racial justice and to pray for an end to prejudice and injustice in these matters. The theme this year is "Dignity for all workers", recognising the problems faced by people due to racism and ethnic discrimination in the workplace. Our Bishops write: "In a world steeped in violence, conflict, and discrimination, the Gospel demands that we acknowledge the dignity of the human person, the necessity of building peace, prosperity, justice for all. In Octogesima Adveniens and Gaudium et Spes, St Paul VI teaches that "all people have a right to work ... to lead a worthy life on the material, social, cultural and spiritual level";. We are therefore called to ensure people are not exploited while they work, and to open our hearts to those who face this hatred."

This week is usually designated a time for celebrating marriage. Married couples are invited to come up at the end of Mass (accompanied by their children, if possible) to receive the Nuptial Blessing. Many congratulations to them all, especially those celebrating important anniversaries.

## 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.

Friday is the feast of the Chair (or See) of Saint Peter. This feast celebrates the relic that is enclosed in the reliquary designed by Bernini in the apse of Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome; inside the reliquary is an ancient chair said to have been the throne of Saint Peter himself, the first Pope. The Chair represents the authority of the Pope, and the mission of Saint Peter and his successors to preside over the universal Church, the whole assembly of charity. Because this Church is dedicated to Saint Peter, this feast is of special significance to us here.

Saturday is the feast of Saint Polycarp, bishop and martyr.

On Saturday 9 February we held our session on Welcoming, and how to be a more welcoming community. There was a session of Biblical reflection, and then there was a practical discussion. While every church aims to be welcoming, nevertheless, we need to make sure we are welcoming with more than words. So, we asked ourselves how we can create a warm and welcoming atmosphere at St Peter's. Here are some of the practical points we came up with.

1. We need to know each other's names. Name badges are a good idea on special occasions such as Parish Day. On other occasions we need to ask people their names, and of course, make a huge effort to remember them. One easy way to put names to faces is via the parish facebook page. Please do consider joining this, or joining fb just to join the group. (In a few decades there will be no parish newsletters, only electronic communication.)

2. We need to promote social events, such as coffee after Mass, film nights, the quiz, social dancing, and evening and day activities in the Hall. Not everyone wants to come to these, but when we go, let us make an effort to make friends with people who we do not know, rather than stick to those we have known for ages; let us remember we are not a warm group that is closed to strangers.

3. We need to give the right vibe in Church: smile, make eye contact, don't be anxious about meeting strangers, show a warm welcome to children in particular. If anyone looks uncomfortable, lost, or in difficulty, give them the reassurance they need and show that you are happy they are there, and ready to help if needed.

4. Welcomers perform an important 'front of house' role giving our newsletters and so on, but the whole community is there to welcome people, and everyone is involved in being welcoming.

5. A few practical points were raised. We need better coffee, including decaff, and we need better loos in the Hall. The Hall is going to be refurbished in the next few years, as will the loo opposite the Presbytery kitchen. But the important point remains: our facilities should reflect the care and attention we devote to making people welcome.

6. Inclusion is essential. No one should feel left out. The Mass organisers will ask members of the congregation to take up the gifts, for example. If you don't want to, that is fine, but if you can, that is great.

7. This is pretty obviously an international Church. We need to mark this in practical ways, such as the International dinner. We then talked about the pictures to hang in the space occupied by the crib at Christmas, which could reflect this.

8. If you have any questions about this, please do not hesitate to ask them. We will look to continue this conversation.

**Brace yourselves! Lent is coming.** Ash Wednesday falls on 6 March. We have two things planned so far: 1. On Friday evenings there will be Stations of the Cross at 7.30pm in Church. 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.

In addition, you might like to think now – before Lent overtakes us all – just what you personally are going to do for Lent. One usually gives something up, and takes something up: the giving up could be some luxury food, smoking, or alcohol; the taking up could be an act of charity, or more prayer. In addition, everyone should make a huge effort to go to Confession in Lent. We shall have a day of Confessions with Adoration on Saturday 30 March from 10.30am to 5.30am, with lots of visiting priests (we hope). We also have various First Reconciliation services for those preparing for First Holy Communion and their families. In addition, we shall have Confessions available every Friday evening from 7pm to 7.30pm before Stations of the Cross. In the meantime, please give this a bit of thought.

**Have you bought your ticket for our Quiz on 22 February**, this Friday, the feast of the Chair (or See) of Saint Peter? This will start at 7.30pm. All proceeds are going to the Chestnut Tree Hospice, which is one of our parish charities. All are welcome, please bring your all friends.

World Day of Prayer: WDP will be held in the Methodist Church, Portland Road on Friday 1 March at 10.30am. This year's service has been prepared by Christian women of Slovenia and the theme is 'Come, everything is ready'. Christians in over 170 Countries

will be celebrating the same service on the same day around the globe. A group of women from the various Churches in Hove will be presenting the service. There will be refreshments served afterwards so a chance to meet Christians from other denominations. We only have one representative from St Peter's so if anyone would like to help next year please contact Mary Morrison 07592000061.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Rosa Hensby, who died in the Adelaide Nursing Home on Saturday 9 February. She had received Holy Communion that Wednesday from Clare Gwynne, and the Sacrament of the Sick, Apostolic Pardon and Final Commendation from Father Alexander late on Thursday night. May she rest in peace!

Last week you all had a chance to see the work in progress on the stained glass. The finished work will be unveiled on Saturday 1 June at the 6pm Mass, at which we shall be joined by our specially invited guest, Fr Jerry! Please note the date now.

Fr Alexander is preaching the retreat for the Ordinariate and will be away from Monday to Wednesday inclusive. On these days our retired Canons, Fathers Foley and Heaney, will be stepping in to say Mass at 10am. You made them very welcome last time. Many thanks to them for coming. The retreat is going to be based on the Letter to the Hebrews, a subject we can tackle here in the future on a scripture Thursday.

Great news! Fr Alexander has mastered the projector in the Hall, and this means we can have film nights! The purpose of such film nights is to see films that we all ought to have seen but never quite got round to. The opening proposal is The Song of Bernadette, the famous retelling of the events at Lourdes which won numerous Oscars back in the day. The film will be accompanied by wine and pizza, and all are invited. It will take place after the 6pm Mass on Saturday 16 March. Please save the date!

**National Board of Catholic Women: Day** with Bishop Richard on Saturday 23rd February, from 10 am to 1 pm, at the St Philip Howard Centre (formerly DABCEC). Explore ways to engage with 'The Word who is Life', highlight what women are doing in this diocese, share what you can offer and discuss what you would like to achieve. Book at [nbcw@rcdab.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:nbcw@rcdab.onmicrosoft.com)

**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).

**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.

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

**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 [helentoole@hotmail.com](mailto:helentoole@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

### **Marriage Preparation Course**

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

### **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**

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**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, tinned tomato's in the box at the back of our Church.