

### 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

Friday 1 March: World Day of Prayer at 10.30am, Junior Choir Supper at 6.30pm.

Wednesday 6 March: Ash Wednesday. Lent begins.

Thursday 7 March, 8pm: Passion Narrative I.

Friday 8 March, 6pm First Reconciliations.

Friday 8 March, 7.30pm: Stations of the Cross.

Saturday 9 March, 11am First Reconciliations.

Monday 11 March, 7pm – 8.15pm: Confirmation Meeting 5.

Thursday 14 March, 8pm: Passion Narrative II.

Friday 15 March, 6pm: First Reconciliations. 7.30pm: Stations of the Cross.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### RCIA

Every year we have a group of people who come together to discuss aspects 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.

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

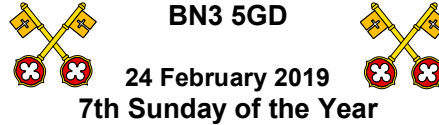
**Quiz Night:** St Mary's Primary Catholic School, Church Road, Portslade. Friday 1 March 7.30pm (Tickets £6.00)

**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 £1,594.57**

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



24 February 2019

7th Sunday of the Year

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### Mass intentions this week:

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

Monday 25 Feb 10am GE Anthony Stafford

Tuesday 26 Feb 10am GE Fr G. Hatton

Wednesday 27 Feb 10am Lisette Smith RIP 1st anniv

Thursday 28 Feb No Mass

Friday 1 March 10am GE Fr G. Hatton

Saturday 2 Mar 10am Tom Murray RIP

Saturday 2 Mar 6pm GE Fr G. Hatton

Sunday 3 Mar 8.30am Holy Souls

Sunday 3 Mar 10am Parishioners

Sunday 3 Mar 11.15am Rosemary Sheppard RIP

### This Sunday is the Seventh Sunday of the Year.

In the first reading today, taken from the first book of Samuel, we encounter what was once considered one of the most important verses of Scripture. David asks, when he has the

chance to kill King Saul, the man who has treated him so badly and tried to kill him: "Who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?" This used to be seen as underlining the sacrosanct and inviolable status of anointed kings; but nowadays we see it in a wider context, for we are all anointed at our baptism and confirmation and we all share in Christ's role as prophet, priest and king. As anointed people we are sacred, inviolable and sacrosanct, and this is the foundation of all Christian morality, and, in secular terms, all human rights. In the Gospel we are urged to love our neighbour and to be compassionate; the justification for this is found in our recognition of our fellow human beings as anointed people, or, in the case of non-Christians, people created, loved and called by God.

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.

### 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 Saint David, who is the patron saint of Wales.

**Confessions:** Saturday 10.30-11.00 am

Brace yourselves! Lent is coming. Ash Wednesday falls on 6 March. We have several 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. Before Stations at 7pm there will be Confessions.

2. 'Scripture Thursdays' in the Upper Room at 8pm, looking at the Passion Narrative of Saint Luke. Bring a Bible, all welcome.

3. Confessions with Adoration on Saturday 30 March from 10.30am to 5.30am, with lots of visiting priests, including Fr Edward Burton, back by popular demand.

Please note that on Ash Wednesday there is a service with Ashes in the school at 9.15am. Mass is at the usual time in Church but may start a few minutes late. There will be an evening Mass at 7pm at Sacred heart for workers, but there will be no evening Mass here.

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 07592 000061.

The **new stained-glass window** 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.

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.

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!

The Choir Supper was a great success. Many thanks to all who came, and all who sent presents for the singers, which were greatly appreciated. This Friday we have our Junior Choir Supper, in the Hall. It starts at 6pm and goes on to 7.30pm, if parents would like to note these times. You are free to drop off your children, as long as you leave contact details. Pizza will be served and there will be fun and games. This will be a good way, we hope, of thanking our younger singers for their singing. Once more, if you want to contribute in any way, please drop off contributions in the presbytery beforehand.

Thanks to all of you who contributed to the discussion of what to do with the former baptistery at the back of the

Church during the months when it does not hold the crib. We seem to be in favour of using it as an icon chapel. With this in mind, we are looking to get hold of a picture of Saint Charbel and one of Padre Pio, for starters. Others, large and small, can be added as time goes on. If you want to donate a picture/icon, please feel free. We shall also buy some new candle holders in due course. On the other matter of replacing the servers' cassocks, we shall be getting some new style ones from Hayes and Finch 'on approval' to see if they suit us.

**National Board of Catholic Women:** Day with Bishop Richard on Saturday 23 February, from 10am to 1pm, 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.

**Pentecost Family Day:** Advance notice of the annual day of fun and faith with Bishop Richard for families at St John's Seminary, Womersley. Sunday 9th June 2019, from 1pm. Please book at [katherine.bergin@dabnet.org](mailto:katherine.bergin@dabnet.org)

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**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)

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278 or 07740 175557 or email  
knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

**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  
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