

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 8 February, 6-8pm; Servers' practice fish and chips.
Saturday 9 February: 10am Welcomers' day.
Thursday 14 February, 11am: Funeral of Margaret Forrest.
Friday 15 February: Choir Supper. 7.30pm.
Sunday 17 February: Marriage celebration at all masses.
Friday 22 February: 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 II.

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 the weekend of the 10 February.

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 7.30pm. Tickets will soon be on sale, and all proceeds are going to the Chestnut Tree Hospice, which is one of our parish charities.

Brace yourselves! Lent is coming. Easter is late this year, and Ash Wednesday falls on 6th 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.

UCM: AGM this Wednesday 6 February. 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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3 February 2019
4th Sunday of the Year

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Mass intentions this week:

Saturday 2 Feb 6pm Private Intention (MC)
Sunday 3 Feb 8.30am Private Intention (MC)
Sunday 3 Feb 10am Holy Souls
Sunday 3 Feb 11.15am Parishioners
Monday 4 Feb 10am Annie Mullady RIP (Anniversary)
Tuesday 5 Feb 10am In Thanksgiving
Wednesday 6 Feb 10am Kitty Fitzgerald RIP
Thursday 7 Feb No Mass
Friday 8 Feb 10am
GE Mr & Mrs P. Whitt
Saturday 9 Feb 10am Eileen Fogarty RIP
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

This Sunday is the Fourth Sunday in the Year. The first reading describes the call of the prophet Jeremiah, who is

entrusted with the Word of God from the first moments of his existence, and exhorted to proclaim that Word to the people of Israel with courage and persistence. He will meet opposition, but God will always be with him to help him. In the Gospel, which continues the story from last week, Jesus, like Jeremiah before him, is contested by the people of Nazareth who even try to throw Him off a cliff. Both readings underline the fact that the Christian message is clearly counter-cultural. We are not here to tell the world that it is right about everything, but to proclaim a message that may be out of keeping with worldly wisdom. Meanwhile, in the second reading, Saint Paul expounds the nature of Christian love: all the qualities he mentions are ones we aspire to, but perhaps only meet from time to time. This list (patience, gentleness, and so on) is a good one for us to contemplate when we are preparing ourselves for confession.

This Sunday there is no sermon, but a pastoral letter from Bishop Richard.

This Sunday, 3 February, is Saint Blaise's Day. We are not celebrating the feast liturgically, but we will be holding the blessing of the throats after each Mass. In this traditional ceremony the priest holds two unlit candles against the throat of the person being blessed and says: "Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." Saint Blaise was the bishop of Sebaste in Armenia during the fourth century. Very little is known about his life. According to various accounts he was a doctor before becoming a bishop. Devotion to him spread throughout the entire Church in the Middle Ages because he was reputed to have

miraculously cured a little boy who nearly died because of a fishbone in his throat. From the eighth century he has been invoked on behalf of the sick, especially those afflicted with illnesses of the throat. At the end of each Mass this Sunday, you are invited to line up along the sanctuary steps to receive the blessing, should you wish to do so.

This Sunday, at 3pm, our brethren of the Syriac Orthodox Church are celebrating their Divine Liturgy at 3pm.

Next Sunday is the Sunday nearest to the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, and on that day 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. Mass organisers, please take this notice as your advice in this matter. 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. His Lordship the Bishop particularly commends this collection to us. (There are envelopes for your donations too; Mass organisers, please note.)

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.

Tuesday is the feast of Saint Agatha, virgin and martyr.

Wednesday is the feast of Saint Paul Miki and companions, martyrs of Japan.

Friday is the feast of Saint Josephine Bakhita.

Good news. Our Paschal candlestick has come back from repair, and is now

looking magnificent; and so has our processional Cross. The Paschal candlestick will make its appearance at Easter, all baptisms and all funerals. The processional cross will be used at all Sunday Masses. In addition, we have received delivery of four new chalices; these come from Italy (naturally) and cost 140 euro each, which, despite the exchange rate, is very competitive. (For purposes of comparison, to repair one of our old chalices and to make it fit for use would have cost £300.) These chalices and the renewed brasswork are in memory of Audrey Ockenden, who kindly left the church £15,000 in her will. None of the new or renewed items require polishing; they are to be cleaned with soapy water and dried with a soft cloth only. Sacristans and other interested parties, please take this notice as your advice on this matter.

Note (from last week, slightly modified): do please us the Sunday Mass Books provided for you, in which you can follow all the readings and the prayers of the Mass. The priest always announces what Sunday it is, so you can find it in the book; in addition, the Sunday of the year is mentioned in this newsletter. The text of the Creed is found on page 11, which is useful, and all the other prayers that are used every Sunday are there. These books are quite easy to use, and they must have cost a fortune when the parish bought them, so it would be nice to get some use out of them. They are designed to help us appreciate the readings the more; so too is the opening section of this newsletter, which always summarises the readings, because, as we all know, the human mind needs help in retaining information. On the same subject, the readings of the day are available online and via a series of

apps for your phone. You can also use the traditional method of having a Sunday and/or weekday Missal.

Please pray for the soul of Margaret Dingwall, who died on 11 January. Margaret lived in Brooker Street, and had been a member of the parish for the last twenty years or so. Margaret's Requiem Mass took place on Saturday 26 January at 10am, organised too late for inclusion in last week's newsletter. (The intention for Eileen Fogarty RIP for that day has been transferred to 9 February.) Margaret's sister and nieces live in America, and her executor lives in Hong Kong, and they have already returned to their respective homes. Margaret donated her body to science so her Requiem was not coram cadavere (that means there was no coffin present). However, all the funeral prayers and the Final Commendation took place as usual. It was nice to see so many parishioners present, and many of our visitors commented favourably on the funeral. Meanwhile, let us continue to pray for her soul and for the comfort of her family and friends.

It is with sadness that we have learned of the death of Margaret Forrest, who lived at Aspen House, on Wilbury Avenue, who died on Friday 25 January after a short illness. She had been a faithful parishioner here for many years, and a leading member of the Union of Catholic Mothers, and was regularly visited by Jean Murray, and had also been visited by Fr Alexander. Let us pray for the repose of her soul. The funeral will take place here on Thursday 14 February at 11am.

Sacristy prayers: We have now got copies of the Sacristy prayers composed by the late Monsignor Pat Ollivier for the parish in Guildford. Ten

minutes before Mass begins all minsters are requested to assemble in the sacristy for these prayers of preparation. This is a way of emphasising the importance of all service on the altar, and has the practical benefit of making sure everyone is present.

This Friday at 6pm we have our servers' practice and fish and chips. Parents are invited to drop children off at the Church at 6pm and pick them up at 8pm from the Hall. If you leave your children, please leave contact details. If you wish to stay with the children, you are most welcome; indeed, some adult supervision would be greatly appreciated. Last time we all had fun, and we hope to do so again!

This Saturday at 10am, Welcomers are invited to Mass, and to the Hall afterwards for some consideration of the ministry of welcoming. All churches like to think of themselves as welcoming communities, but just how we can be so, or be more so, needs thought. If you are interested in making our parish more welcoming to people, do come along; you do not have to commit to being on the 'front of house' on Sundays. As with the Readers' 'day' we shall have tea/coffee and cake, followed by a theory session or the theology of welcome, and then a practical session on what we need to do to implement the theory. This will end at 1pm. If you missed the Readers' day, do please ask around about what happened so perhaps what we learned then can be shared by a process of osmosis.

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.

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.

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.

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

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.

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.

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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 email 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 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.

Marriage Preparation Course

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