

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

Saturday 26 January, 10am: Readers' day.

Monday 28 January, 8pm: Baptism class.

Tuesday 29 January, 7.30pm: Finance committee meets.

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

Saturday 9 February: Welcomers' day.

Friday 15 February: Choir Supper.

Friday 22 February@ Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter.

Friday 1 March: Junior Choir Supper.

Wednesday 6 March: Ash Wednesday. Lent begins.

Saturday 30 March, 10.30am-5.30pm: Day of Adoration with Confessions.

Union of Catholic Mothers

UCM will meet next Wednesday 16 January at 2pm for further information phone 01273 327608.

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. 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.

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.

Marriage Preparation Course

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

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.

Caroline's Kitchen – Tel 595922

Caterers for Baptisms, etc. Tel 595922 or carolineriley@carolines-kitchen.co.uk

GCSE Maths small group revision classes. Contact Helen Tate (helentoole@hotmail.com) for more information.

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Collection £1,784.93

St. Peter's Catholic Church Portland Road Hove

BN3 5GD



13 January 2019



The Baptism of the Lord

Parish Priest:

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(In the office Wed 9-1, Thur 9-3, Fri 9-1pm.)

Website: www.stpeters-hove.org.uk

Mass intentions this week:

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Saturday 12 Jan 6pm Private Intention

Sunday 13 Jan 8.30am Monica and Frank Atherton RIP

Sunday 13 Jan 10am Parishioners

Sunday 13 Jan 11.15am Bill and Eileen Agate RIP

Monday 14 Jan No Mass

Tuesday 15 Jan 10am Holy Souls

Wednesday 16 Jan 10am Private Intention

Thursday 17 Jan Liturgy of the Word

Friday 18 Jan 10am Bridie Fitzgerald RIP

Saturday 19 Jan 10am Holy Souls

Saturday 19 Jan 6pm Lily Cullen RIP

Sunday 20 Jan 8.30am GE Stephanie

Sunday 20 Jan 10am Parishioners

Sunday 20 Jan 11.15am Maria Smith RIP

This Sunday is the Feast of the

Baptism of the Lord. The first reading tells us that Jesus bring true justice to the world; in the Gospel we have Saint Luke's account of His baptism in the River Jordan by John. Jesus's baptism announces the beginning of His public ministry, and the occasion on which God the Father declares that He is the

Beloved Son with whom He is well pleased. This feast marks the end of the Christmas season, and the start of ordinary Time and the Sundays of the Year. The vestments will be green next Sunday.

If you did not get one last week, please make sure you take a copy of the leaflet from the Bishop which is entitled THE WORD WHO IS LIFE and which concerns the Pastoral Plan for the future of the Diocese. Please read it very carefully and keep it for future reference. See elsewhere in this week's newsletter for some thoughts about how what we are being asked to do will impact on this parish in particular.

Note on Mass intentions: every effort is made to celebrate the intention on the preferred day, but this is not always possible. In the case of anniversaries and other special days, you are advised to book well in advance. In case where a preferred day is not available, the Mass intention will be celebrated on the nearest free day. When a funeral takes place the mass intention for that day will be rescheduled to the next available day. The intention 'Holy Souls' means that this Mass is being celebrated for the Holy Souls in Purgatory thanks to contributions made to the box in Church marked 'Holy Souls'.

Liturgical notes:

Fr Alexander is away until Friday this week and is very grateful to Canon Daithi Foley for celebrating the daily Masses, and to Canon Oliver Heaney for celebrating the Sunday Masses in his absence. I am sure you will give both Canons a warm welcome. Please note that there is no Mass on Monday, regrettably.

This Friday the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity begins, which runs until

the 25 January, the feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul. During the Octave, whenever there is no feast, we shall celebrate the Mass for the Unity of Christians.

January is the month dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus.

THE WORD WHO IS LIFE

Fr Alexander writes: I hope you have all had a chance to study the Bishop's leaflet about the future of the diocese as it faces a declining number of priests for the foreseeable future. Back in October the Bishop visited this deanery and explained that the Hove and Southwick parishes will at a future date be doing more things together. But he did not just talk of merging parishes, he also talked of the theme of developing lay people to become more involved in the mission of the Church. This is the main thrust of the leaflet that you have been given. The first key idea is Formation – that is, what is often termed continuing education or adult education. Our formation as Christians does not stop at Confirmation, but should be a continuous and lifelong process. In this parish, adult education happens through the weekly and daily sermons, and through this newsletter, which are both catechetical tools. It also happens via Bible study. In Advent we did four sessions on the first two chapters of St Luke, which tell of the birth of Christ. We will continue this theme, by looking at St Luke's Passion narrative during Lent. Everyone is welcome to come and these sessions are not hard or intimidating, but meant to be interesting and fun.

The Bishop also talks of a 'renewed spirit of welcome in parish and deanery'. We all believe that we should be a welcoming community, but how? We are going to explore what this means and how to do it

more effectively on Saturday 9 February, from 10.30am-1pm. Do come along if you would like to be a parish welcomer; and we are all called to welcome others, so all are invited; so do come even if you do not want to have a formal welcoming role. We also have a session for readers on Saturday 26 January 10.30am-1pm, which should be of interest to all readers and all who care about the proclamation of the Word. Finally, the Bishop mentions 'living your life centred on the Eucharist and prayer' – we certainly need to develop our appreciation of the Mass, our Eucharistic Adoration (we have a day chalked up for Lent, with confessions), and our ability to pray, and these will be topics for future development, perhaps after Easter. More on this topic next week.

Many thanks to all those who brought Christmas presents to the parish for distribution to the housebound. These are being taken to them and bringing much joy and happiness in the process, you will be glad to know.

People have commented favourably on the 'new' position of the statue of our patron saint, Saint Peter. For this reason the Saint can stay where he is when the crib is dismantled.

Hall news: Joanne Chamberlain is our Hall manager. To make a booking please contact her at tel 01273 204439 after 3.30pm or by email at stpetershallbn3@gmail.com For use of the Hall, we request a donation of £20 an hour.

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New Name for DABCEC: The Diocese of Arundel & Brighton Christian Education Centre, 4 Southgate Drive, Crawley, RH10 6RP, is now known as the St Philip Howard Centre for Education, Formation Mission.

Diocesan Pastoral Service for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing: Signed Mass on the first Saturday of each month at 1 pm, at St John the Evangelist, Springfield Road, Horsham, followed by tea. Check the A&B News to confirm dates

National Board of Catholic Women: Day with Bishop Richard on Saturday 23rd February. From 10am to 1 pm, at the St Philip Howard Centre (formerly DABCEC). Explore ways to engage with 'The Word who is Life'. Book at nbcw@rcdab.onmicrosoft.com

Retreat for Doctors: At Worth Abbey from Friday 1st March to Sunday 3rd March. The Spiritual Director is Fr Stephen Ortiger. Theme "Love Thy Neighbour as Yourself". £150 full board. For details and bookings please email the organiser, Dr Joe O'Dwyer, (adding Doctors' Retreat in subject) jodwyer@doctors.org.uk

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.

Junior Choir will meet again on Wednesday 16 January 2019 at 6pm.

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.

Congratulations to our 200 Club Winners!

November Draw:
£50 - Josie Allan
£90 - Linda Mabbott
£200 – Andrew Crichton.
December Draw:
£50 – Michael Dolan
£90 – Tony Merricks
£200 -Sarah Tyson.

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.

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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

Thinking of Buying/Selling a car contact is Phil Harris at Esplanade Motor Tel 07711 688147.

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

Counselling Service

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278 or 07740 175557 or email

knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

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Parent Toddler Group

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Friday afternoons.