

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.

Sunday 3 February: Blessing of throats after all Masses for the feast of St Blaise.

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

Saturday 9 February: 10am Welcomers' day.

Friday 15 February: Choir Supper.

Sunday 17 February: Marriage celebration.

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 meets on Wednesdays 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.

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.

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.

Follow us on Twitter @HoveSaint Join us on Facebook: search for 'Saint Peter's, Hove'.

Collection £1,760.14

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



20 January 2019
2nd Sunday of the Year

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Mass intentions this week:

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
Monday 21 Jan 10am Holy Souls
Tuesday 22 Jan 10am Holy Souls
Wednesday 23 Jan 10am Maria Smith RIP
Thursday 24 Jan Liturgy of the Word
Friday 25 Jan 10am Terry Hall RIP
Saturday 26 Jan 10am Ellen Fogarty RIP
Saturday 26 Jan 6pm Parishioners
Sunday 27 Jan 8.30am Holy Souls
Sunday 28 Jan 10am George Baskerville RIP
Sunday 29 Jan 11.15am Available

This Sunday is the Second Sunday in the Year. The Gospel is that of the wedding of Cana in Galilee. We should rejoice that Our Lord chose to sanctify the wedding of this unknown couple with his presence as well as the presence of His Blessed Mother and His disciples. Marriage is indeed a worthy estate, as the Church has always taught, a vocation given to many for the good of the couple themselves and the good of the community. The Gospel also describes Jesus' first miracle,

carried out, please note, at the behest of His Blessed Mother. The turning water into wine is a proclamation of the Kingdom of God, a sign that the coming of Jesus heralds a time of joy, renewal and transformation for the whole human family.

Liturgical notes:

January is the month dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus. We are currently in the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity. When there is no feast we shall celebrate the Mass for the Unity of Christians. Monday is the feast of Saint Agnes, virgin and martyr.

Tuesday is the feast of Saint Vincent. Friday is the feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul. This feast concludes the Octave of prayer for Christian Unity. Saturday is the feast of Saints Timothy and Titus.

Last week we discussed some of the topics raised by the Bishop's leaflet THE WORD WHO IS LIFE. This week I would like to consider what the Bishop has to say about finance, a subject on which I am not particularly adept, but here goes.

First of all, the Bishop thanks you for all your contributions to the parish community and the diocese. You may not be aware of it, but the parish pays a levy on its collection to the diocese, and from 2019 just over a third (35%) of the weekly collection will be set aside as the diocesan levy, and sent to the diocese to finance its central offices and other initiatives, including the expenses of clergy education, such as running Saint John's seminary in Womersley, and the care of retired clergy. While clergy retire at the comparatively late age of 75, and many stay on after that age, provision for retired clergy is a major expense, as you can all imagine. This is why the diocesan levy has been increased of late. The rest

of the collection, the remaining two thirds, is used for general parish expenses, such as wine, altar breads, candles, heating and lighting, general repairs and the payment of parish employees, all of which mounts up, again, as you can imagine. The Hall also has to be looked after, and does not make a profit, though we are lucky to own a property that does bring in a considerable rent. Thanks to careful management in the past by Fr Jerry, the parish has considerable reserves, and is in a healthy state financially.

Because the diocese needs to support the retired clergy, and the seminarians in formation, and the other programmes it runs for the benefit of us all, the Bishop is asking for a pound per family extra in the plate every Sunday. This amount, it seems to me, would mean that the parish could then pass on the extra levy to the diocese without any loss of parish income. So please consider what the Bishop says.

While on the topic of finances, Fr Jerry advised me that this parish has not had a major fundraising drive for years. However, no one likes asking for money, and perhaps we do not need one. But, we should continue collecting money for the stained glass window that we are installing, and for our charities.

Please cast your eye over the list of future events. 3 February is a Sunday and the feast of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr. On this day we can hold the traditional blessing of throats. 14 February is Valentine's day and the week surrounding the day is usually designated a time for celebrating marriage. Sunday 17 February would be the best day on which to do this. On this Sunday at all Masses we can have a special blessing of married couples. More details will

follow. 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, it would be a good idea to put on a feast of some sort on this day! Any ideas?

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 now the crib is dismantled.

Welcome to Thomas William James Mullans and Phoenix Alexander Adams who were recently baptised, may God bless them.

Hall news: Joanne Chamberlain is our Hall manager. To make a booking please contact her on 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.

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 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.

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.

Food for all occasions. Call 07826 526527 or 07930 378899 food@feastofhove.co.uk

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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.

Guitar Lessons- all styles.

Dr James Westbrook Dip. Mus., FLCM, PhD (Music, Cambridge). jrw84@cam.ac.uk or: 07836 550210

Host Families needed

All year round. Single/twin room accommodation required. Ring Maureen 01273 778918 or 07801827323 Studenthomes.me@hotmail.com

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

Thinking of Buying/Selling a car

contact is Phil Harris at Esplanade Motor Tel 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

Caroline's Kitchen – Tel 595922

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

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