

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 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. 7.30pm.
Sunday 17 February: Marriage celebration at all masses.
Friday 22 February: Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter.
Friday 1 March: Junior Choir Supper at 6.30pm.
Wednesday 6 March: Ash Wednesday. Lent begins.
Saturday 30 March, 10.30am-5.30pm: Day of Adoration with Confessions.

Confirmation Group will be participating this weekend at the 6pm mass with refreshments in the hall afterwards. We congratulate them on raising £1,499 excluding gift aid, for 'Off the Fence' their chosen charity. Most of this was raised by those participating in the sleepout. What a fantastic effort.

First Holy Communion will meet 2 February in the hall. The Gift of Friendship is the subject.

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.

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

Diaries 2019 – please note we have a number of Catholic purple pocket diaries in the porch, please help yourself to one.

Marriage Preparation Course

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

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Collection £1,724.50

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



27 January 2019

3rd Sunday of the Year

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Mass intentions this week:

Saturday 26 Jan 6pm Parishioners

Sunday 27 Jan 8.30am Holy Souls

Sunday 27 Jan 10am George Baskerville RIP

Sunday 27 Jan 11.15am Susan Kenny RIP

Monday 28 Jan 10am Patrick Higgins RIP

Tuesday 29 Jan 10am Terry Hall RIP

Wednesday 30 Jan 10am Mary Peyton RIP

Thursday 31 Jan Liturgy of the Word.

Friday 1 Feb 10am Margarita Kearns RIP

Saturday 2 Feb 10am GE Margot Brown

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

This Sunday is the Third Sunday in the Year.

The first reading tells us the story of how the priest Ezra reads the Book of the Law (we assume the Book of Deuteronomy) to the assembled people of Israel, out loud, translating as he goes along from Hebrew into Aramaic, a process that takes six hours. All the people listen attentively, standing up (including children) and at the end prostrate themselves as sign of their obedience to the word of the Lord. This story illustrates how the children of

Israel were (and still are) People of the Book. In the Gospel, which is the opening of Saint Luke (Year C is the year of Luke), the author explains why he is writing the gospel, essentially to teach people about the foundation of their faith in Christ. Then we have the story of Jesus entering the synagogue and reading from Isaiah, and telling people that the words they have just heard are fulfilled by his very presence. We too are people of the Book and we value the Bible because it brings us close to Jesus the Saviour. Like the Children of Israel, we need to reverence and love the word of God in the Bible, for it is essential to our salvation.

Note: do please use the Sunday Mass Books provided for you, in which you can follow all the readings and the prayers of the Mass. 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.

Next Sunday will be the Fourth Sunday of the Year. This Sunday will fall on the 3 February, which is Saint Blaise's Day. We will not celebrate 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.

On the weekend of 2/3 February, instead of a sermon, we shall be hearing a pastoral letter from Bishop Richard.

Audrey Ockenden, who was a faithful parishioner here for many years, has remembered the parish in her will, and given us a legacy of £15,000. This is very kind of her, and the money will be of great use. It seems appropriate that it be spent in ways that visibly benefit the entire parish. Our Paschal candlestick is being repaired and so is our processional cross, and Audrey's legacy can be used to pay for these two projects, in her memory as well as for the stained glass fund. Needless to say we should be grateful for this very kind gift. The best way for us to do this is to pray for her soul, and to pray for her surviving family. If everyone in the parish were to offer the Rosary for this intention, that would be excellent.

Liturgical notes:

January is the month dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus. February is the month dedicated to the Holy Family. Monday is the feast of Saint Thomas Aquinas, who is the patron saint of theologians.

Thursday is the feast of Saint John Bosco.

Friday 1 February is the First Friday of the month, on which day we will celebrate the Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart. According to the private revelations made to St Margaret Mary, the first Friday of every month is a special day on which we should make reparation for our sins and all the offences that the heart of Jesus has suffered thanks to indifference and neglect. In particular, the Saint was promised that if we attend Mass for nine first Fridays in a row, this will ensure us the grace of final repentance.

Saturday is the feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple, otherwise known as Candlemas. This feast celebrates the event that took place on the fortieth day after the Lord's birth, when Mary and Joseph took Jesus to be presented to the Lord in the Temple. In the Gospel, we hear Simeon describe Jesus as the light to enlighten all nations. On this day candles are blessed, and Mass starts with a procession.

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 ministers 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.

We have a new source of Altar Wine. It comes from the Church suppliers, Hayes and Finch. It is more expensive than our previous altar wine, but this seems to be a reasonable expenditure, given that it is far more palatable (or so

it is hoped) than the previous wine we were using. The law of the Church lays down that the wine used in Mass, which is consecrated and transformed in to the Precious Blood of Our Saviour, should be wine made from grapes and not adulterated.

Correction: Last week, in discussing the Bishop's leaflet it was erroneously said that the diocese is asking for a pound extra per family. Actually, this should have read 'a pound extra per family member' which is rather different.

14 February is Valentine's day and the week surrounding the day is usually designated a time for celebrating marriage. Accordingly, on Sunday 17 February, this is exactly what we shall do. Married couples are invited to come up at the end of Mass (accompanied by their children, if possible) to receive the Nuptial Blessing. This is the prayer that was said over you on your wedding day, though you may well have forgotten its exact contents by now, and it may be useful and pleasant to hear it again in less stressful circumstances. In addition, we have some special matrimonial candles to give away as souvenirs, and signs of your matrimonial commitment. So please note the day, speak to your spouse, and come to be blessed on that day.

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. Please note the date now and look out for further details.

The Parishioners of St Peter's have been extremely generous through the purchase of raffle tickets and the retiring

collection (£936.36) to aid The St Thomas Fund for the homeless. The Fund would like to sincerely thank the Parishioners for their unfailing kindness.

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.

Beginning Experience: A weekend away for a lifetime of change: For those who are struggling with being single again – whether separated, divorced or bereaved. This weekend programme helps you move from the darkness of your grief into the light of a new beginning. Please contact Freda 01322 838415 / Sandra 0293 783965 or email John at johnabrotherton@hotmail.co.uk

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

Justice & Peace Assembly:

Introductory Workshops for those New to Justice & Peace: Alongside the Arundel and Brighton Conference on modern slavery, the Ecological Conversion Group will be running introductory workshops on the theme of Justice & Peace and the links between environmental degradation and the rise of modern slavery, covering issues such as Climate Change, Refugees, Poverty and destruction of our natural world. The workshops will explore how small changes in your daily life can make a real difference globally. The workshops are perfect for people looking to put their faith into action but not exactly sure how. Plus opportunities for you to get involved in your local community through volunteering. Saturday 26th January, 10 – 3.30 pm (doors open 9.30 am). At the St Philip Howard Centre (DABCEC), 4 Southgate Drive, Crawley, RH10 6RP. All aged from 15 welcome! Please book at rosie.read@dabnet.org

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 1 pm. Please book at katherine.bergin@dabnet.org

Day of Reflection for Readers: Saturday 9th February at St Dunstan's Church, Shaftesbury Road, Woking GU22 7DT, 11.00am-4.00pm Led by Bishop Richard, with talks on the Scriptures, the Lectionary, the Liturgy of the Word, preparing to read, and practical aspects of the ministry. There will be a time of Lectio Divina, and the day will end with Mass. Registration from 10.30am. Refreshments provided. Please bring a packed lunch. Booking ESSENTIAL – please email ruth.gerun@dabnet.org or telephone (01293) 651164. Please note that priority will be given to people who have not previously attended a readers' day with Bishop Richard.

Retrouvaille: A lifeline for married couples: Disillusioned or bored in your marriage? Unable to communicate with each other. Do you want to try again? Retrouvaille helps couples nationwide work through challenging times. Email info@retrouvaille.org.uk

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

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.

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.

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

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.

Small Group maths tuition for children 7 to 11. Experienced primary school teacher. Call Katie Jackson 07776 098522

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

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

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Recruiting now fully employed part time housekeeping roles available with **Bright & Beautiful Hove**. We operate in Hove & Shoreham. Contact Velda on 07498 758582 velda@brightandbeautifulhome.com

GCSE Science tuition, individual (£30p/h) or small group. Please contact Mary Reeve 07852 977359

Music Tuition

Are you interested in learning to play the piano? Then contact **John Byrne** on 07989 413459. Theory, GCSE, etc.

Guitar Lesson

Fun friendly lessons. Full CRB Visit www.learnnguitarbrighton.com **07855169344**

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

Caroline's Kitchen – Tel 595922 Caterers for Baptisms, etc. Tel 595922 or carolineriley@carolines-kitchen.co.uk

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.