

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 11 March, 7pm – 8,15pm: Confirmation Meeting 5.

Thursday 14 March, 8pm: Passion Narrative II.

Friday 15 March, Cafod Family Fast Day. 6pm: First Reconciliations. 7.30pm: Stations of the Cross.

Saturday 16 March, 11am: First Reconciliations. 7pm -Film Night, Song of Bernadette.

Sunday 17 March, 3pm: Bus Pass tea party.

Thursday 21 March, 8pm, Passion Narrative III.

Friday 22 March, 7.30pm: Stations of the Cross, Confirmation Retreat Weekend, St Bartz, Barcombe.

Tuesday 26 March, 8pm: Parish Team meeting.

Thursday 28 March Passion Narrative IV.

Friday 29 March 7.30pm: Stations of the Cross.

200 Club Draw February Winners!

£200 – Christine Whiteside

£90 – Margaret Jones

£50 – Steve Barrett

Taize Service:

Our annual Taize service will take place on April 5th at 7.30pm.

This will be a time of prayer and meditative silence. Everybody is very welcome. We hope to share this service with our local Christian sisters and

brothers. There will be refreshments afterwards in the hall.

The diocese has announced the sad news of the death of Father Charles Jeffries, which took place on Saturday 2nd March after a short illness. He was 84 years old, and before his retirement he had been most recently the parish priest of Rottingdean. The funeral arrangements are as follows:
Monday, 25th March 2019 Reception of the Body: 4.00pm Vigil Mass: 7.00pm at Our Lady of Lourdes, Queen of Peace, Whiteway Lane, Rottingdean BN2 7HB.

Tuesday, 26 March 2019 Funeral Mass: 12:00 at Christ the Prince of Peace, Portmore Way, Weybridge, Surrey KT13 8JD. There is parking and there will be refreshments afterwards. This will be followed by burial at Rottingdean.

Let us pray for the repose of his soul, and give thanks for his many years of faithful service to the diocese. Fr Alexander will be going to the Monday 25 March evening Mass at Rottingdean.

On another note, Father Gerard Hatton continues to convalesce after his illness and thanks all the kind people who offered prayers, rosaries and Masses for his recovery.

No Junior Choir on Wednesday 20th March

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 £1,610.03

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10 March 2019

9th Sunday of the Year



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Mass intentions this week:

Saturday 9 Mar 6pm Holy Souls

Sunday 10 Mar 8.30am Parishioners

Sunday 10 Mar 10am Peter O'Byrne
RIP

Sunday 10 Mar 11.15am Hertie Leslie
RIP

Monday 11 Mar 10am Clare Crossman
RIP

Tuesday 12 Mar 10am Thanksgiving (C.
Lloyd)

Wednesday 13 Mar 10am For our
Lebanese benefactor.

Thursday 14 Mar No Mass

Friday 15 Mar 10am Maria Smith RIP

Saturday 16 Mar 10am Alvaro Vivas
RIP (1st anniv)

Saturday 16 Mar 6pm Holy Souls

Sunday 17 Mar 8.30am Parishioners

Sunday 17 Mar 10am Val & Ted Leach
RIP

Sunday 17 Mar 11.15am Cyril & Lena
Leslie RIP

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This Sunday is the First Sunday of

Lent. In the first reading we are told of the sacrifice of thanksgiving that the Children of Israel are to make when they enter the Promised Land, a land flowing with milk and honey. At the start of Lent we too should contemplate the sacrifices and gifts that we are going to offer to God, not the fruits of the land, as here, but prayer, works of charity and fasting. The Gospel story of Jesus' temptation in the wilderness underlines three tests that we all have to face: how we deal with material things, how we exercise power, and how we stave off the temptation to vainglory. As followers of the Lord we are called to be detached from material things, to serve others rather than dominate them, and to serve in humility rather than to push ourselves forward. Let us pray that Lent may be fruitful for all of us.

This Sunday the Syriac Orthodox community, led by Father Aphram, are celebrating the Divine Liturgy here at 5pm. This is another opportunity to enrich our understanding of the Liturgy of the Universal Church. The Syriac Orthodox are not in communion with Rome, but their liturgy is identical to the liturgies of various Eastern Churches that are in communion with Rome. They celebrate in a mixture of Aramaic (the language spoken by Jesus), Arabic and English. Their chants are extremely beautiful.

CAFOD Family Fast Day is this week, on Friday 15 March. From their website: "CAFOD's Family Fast Day this Lent is an opportunity to support our brothers and sisters around the world. Drought, floods and storms are having a devastating impact on our

global family. Like Mahinur from Bangladesh. She makes a living from fishing but a drought last year killed all the fish, and she's struggling to support her disabled husband and son. On Friday 15 March, can you eat a simple meal in solidarity and give what you save to help people like Mahinur? Through CAFOD's global Church network - one of the largest aid networks in the world – your support can reach to the ends of the earth. Please collect your Fast Day envelope from church and give whatever you can." Please make sure you pick up an envelope this weekend; these can then be placed in the collection next weekend.

Our picture of Saint Charbel is here, and will be hung and blessed after the 11.15am Mass this Sunday. Many thanks to our benefactor in Lebanon who procured the picture from the shrine there. Other saints will join Saint Charbel in due course. A benefactor in Italy is seeking out a picture of Padre Pio for us, and someone else is looking for a Saint Patrick. Meanwhile let us implore the intercession of Saint Charbel the Miracle Worker, and pray for our benefactors. A Mass will be said this week for our Lebanese benefactor. Please note too that we have a new candle stand; money for candles should be put in the wall box in the church porch (on the righthand side as you go in) which is clearly marked 'Candles'.

Last weekend we collected £763.70 for SURVIVE MIVA, the Catholic charity which provides modes of transport for the missions. Many thanks. We shall be dispatching a cheque to them in due course.

Next weekend we have two events to which you are all invited: after the 6pm Mass on Saturday 16 March, all are very welcome to come to the Hall to watch **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. On Sunday 17 March we have the **Bus Pass tea party** at 3pm, to which everyone is invited.

Liturgical notes: Lent is here, and lasts for forty days and forty nights. During this period we recall the way the Chosen People spent forty years in the desert, on their way to the Promised Land, being tested by the Lord; and we also recall our Lord's forty days in the desert before He began his public ministry, during which He fasted and prayed and was tempted by Satan; and we use this period as a way of preparing ourselves for Holy Week and Easter when we remember the events that led to our salvation. Because Lent is a penitential time the organ is only used to support the singing, there are no flowers on the altar, and the Gloria is omitted at Mass, except for important feasts. The vestments are purple.

'Scripture Thursdays': on Thursdays in Lent, in the Upper Room starting at 8pm, and ending by 9.30pm at the very latest, we shall be looking at the Passion Narrative of Saint Luke. Please bring a Bible, all welcome.

This Friday there will be Stations of the Cross at 7.30pm in Church. Last Friday we used the standard Stations composed by Saint Alphonsus; this Friday will be a little different with an in

depth consideration of Stations I to IV inclusive. We shall also be singing suitable hymns. Confessions during Lent. Lent is a time to go to confession! There will be confessions every Friday at 7pm before Stations. There will also be confessions on Saturdays at 10.30am until 11.15am (please note the extended time). And we shall have all day 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. It is said that the more a parish offers confession the more people will come.... Let us try and prove that right!

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Exposed takes place here every Friday after the 10am Mass for 30 minutes. This is a personal invitation to you from Jesus. "Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love." (Pope John Paul II, *Dominicae Canae*)

What are you giving up for Lent? What are you taking up for Lent?

The funeral of Michael John While, of Charles Close, Hove, who died in hospital on 15th February at the age of 92, will NOT take place here as we were previously advised, but at Saint Theresa's in Southwick.

There is a pile of bricks next to the Presbytery garage. These were originally bought to repair the Church, but are now surplus to requirements. Does anyone want any of them? They are great, for example, for use in constructing bookshelves, and may be useful to those of you who have gardens. If so, please help yourself. Update: they are going like hot cakes! Hurry while stocks last. If anyone wants

to take the pallet for firewood, please do.

You may have read in the Catholic papers that **Cardinal Newman is shortly to be made a Saint**. This will probably happen in mid-October. The Blessed John Henry Newman is a person of great significance not only in the history of the Church in the nineteenth century in this country, but globally. He is also of local significance as so many in the parish went to a school named after him. On the eve of All Saints, 31 October 2019, we have invited the Right Rev Monsignor Keith Newton, the head of the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham, which is under the patronage of Blessed John Henry Newman, to visit us and celebrate Mass, and after wards give us a brief talk about the Ordinariate and the significance of the new saint. This will be our way of marking the canonisation. Mgr Keith is an engaging speaker and preacher. Please note the date.

Food bank contributions need to be left in the Outer Sacristy from now on, if at all possible, as someone has been taking them away without permission. 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.

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.

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

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 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.

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

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

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Guitar Lessons-

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

Marriage Preparation Course

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

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.

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

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

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>

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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.

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.