

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

Monday 25 March, 7pm: Vigil Mass at Rottingdean for funeral of Fr Charles Jeffries, RIP.

Tuesday 26 March, 8pm: Parish Team meeting.

Thursday 28 March Passion Narrative IV.

Friday 29 March 7.30pm: Stations of the Cross.

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

Monday 1 April 7pm: Confirmation Meeting.

Thursday 4 April, 8pm: Passion Narrative V.

Friday 5 April, 7.30pm: Taize service.

Monday 8 April: Baptism class.

Thursday 11 April, 8.00pm: Passion Narrative VI.

Friday 12 April, 7.30pm: Stations of the Cross.

Monday April 15: No Mass.

Wednesday 17 April, 6pm: Chrism Mass at Arundel Cathedral.

Thursday 18 April, 8pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper.

Friday 19 April, 3pm: Good Friday Liturgy of the Passion.

Saturday 20 April, 8pm: Easter Vigil.

Thursday/Friday/Saturday 25/26/27 April: No morning Mass

Saturday/Sunday 27/28 April: Missionary appeal at all Masses.

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.

UCM: - is back in the hall again at 7.30pm this Wednesday 27th, Call My Bluff Quiz to be enjoyed.

Advance notice. There will be no morning Mass on 15 April, the Monday of Holy Week, though the Church will be open as usual. On Tuesday 23 April, the floors are to be sanded and polished in the sacristies and in the hallway of the Presbytery. This will severely impede access. Interested parties are invited to take this notice as their advice in this matter. On the mornings of the 25/26/26 April (Thursday/Friday/Saturday) there will be no morning Mass.

Hall Hire: Please remember the hall is available for hire at £20 per hour, for bookings, please contact Jo Chamberlain our Hall Manager: Tel 01273 204439 after 3.30 pm or email at stpetershallbn3@gmail.com

'INSPIRE' is the annual day for anyone who works with young people/adults in a Catholic context. The day includes time with the Bishop, presentations on important questions in youth ministry. Sat. 11 May, St Joseph's Church, Redhill, 10am to 2.30pm. Tickets are £10. To book go to tinyurl.com/InspireBookings or email JackRegan@abdiocese.org.uk

Collection £1,576.22

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24 March 2019
3rd Sunday of Lent

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Mass intentions this week:

Saturday 23 Mar 6pm For the donor of the lectern

Sunday 24 Mar 8.30am Patrick Palmer RIP

Sunday 24 Mar 10am Parishioners

Sunday 24 Mar 11.15am Eva van Twest
Monday 25 Mar 10am Margaret Martin RIP

Tuesday 26 Mar 10am Kay Burke, birthday thanksgiving.

Wednesday 27 Mar 10am Holy Souls

Thursday 28 Mar No Mass

Friday 29 Mar 10am Holy Souls

Saturday 30 Mar 10am In Thanksgiving to the Lord and His Blessed Mother.

Saturday 30 Mar 6pm Cashman family intention

Sunday 31 Mar 8.30am Maria Smith RIP

Sunday 31 Mar 10am For all parishioners.

Sunday 31 Mar 11.15am Hugh and Joan Clarke RIP

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This Sunday is the Third Sunday of Lent. In the first reading Moses encounters God in the Burning Bush, and is given his mission to lead God's people out of slavery in Egypt and to the Promised Land flowing with milk and honey. We are told that God has heard the cry of His people and taken pity on them. In the Gospel we have the parable of the fig tree, which has failed to produce fruit several years running and deserves to be dug up because it is taking up space in the garden. However, the gardener asks that the fig tree be given a second chance; he will fertilise the soil, and hope that it bears fruit next year. If not, then it can be cut down. The implication is clear: Lent is our time of grace, or special favour, our second chance; we may have made little spiritual progress in life until now, but with our Lenten practices to help us, we can perhaps now at long last start to bear fruit. Let us be patient with ourselves, just as God has been patient with us. As for the example of Moses, let us remember that the liberation of the Chosen People was a long process and that forty years has to pass before they could enter the Promised Land; with us too conversion and salvation is a process with many false starts, and sometimes it is so slow that we do not even realise that we are making progress.

This weekend our confirmation candidates are away on a retreat at Saint Bartz in Barcombe near Lewes. Fr Alexander will be going there on Saturday evening (after the 6pm Mass here) to celebrate Mass for the them. Let us pray that their retreat is a success and will bear spiritual fruit for them. Many thanks to all who have organised this weekend venture.

On Monday at 7pm there is a Vigil Funeral Mass at Rottingdean at 7pm for

the late Fr Charles Jeffries. Fr Alexander will be going to represent the parish. All are welcome to attend. Let us keep the late Father Charles in our prayers, and pray as well for vocations to the priesthood.

The Parish Team is meeting on Tuesday. If you have any concerns to raise, or anything you would like them to discuss, please pass it to a member of the team.

Liturgical notes:

During Lent there are no feasts unless they are feasts of the first importance.

Monday is the Solemnity of the Annunciation, the day that marks the annunciation by the Archangel Gabriel to the Blessed Virgin, telling her that she is to bear the Saviour. This feast falls exactly nine months before Christmas. This day is not counted as part of Lent. The Gloria and the Creed are recited at Mass.

The purpose of Lent is to prepare us for the ceremonies of Holy Week, which are the most important of the Church's year. Already, plans are afoot, as we contemplate the large number of things that need to be done for Holy Week. Here are a few points to bear in mind.

□ On Palm Sunday, all Masses will start in the Hall; we shall then process into the Church bearing our palms, either through the link if it is raining, or through the main doors and out along the pavement, if it is fine.

□ The Chrism Mass is at 6pm on Wednesday 17 April. It takes place at Arundel and all are invited to see the priests renew their promises and the Bishop bless the Holy Oils.

□ On Maundy Thursday, the Mass of the Lord's Supper will start at 8pm. It is proposed to omit the washing of the feet, as is permitted by the Liturgy; the Holy Oils will be received at the offertory; we will construct an Altar of Repose (perhaps in the Sacred Heart Chapel, perhaps elsewhere), and watching at the Altar of Repose will continue until midnight. We will need volunteers to sign up as watchers.

□ On Good Friday, the Liturgy of the Passion is at 3pm. In order to facilitate veneration of the Cross, the faithful will be invited to line up along the altar step (as for the blessing of the throats on the feast of Saint Blaise.)

□ On Holy Saturday there are no liturgical functions at all. This means no confessions and no 6pm Mass. Church cleaners and flower arrangers will have free hand on this day.

□ The Easter Vigil will be at 8pm on Saturday 20 April, which is when dusk will be falling. We will endeavour to have the fire outside, and gather there, before processing into the Church with the Easter candle. Rob Noble will sing the Exultet. We shall be having four readings, and so will need four readers. It would be a great help if people could agree to read when asked. Fr Alexander will be approaching people with a list.

□ On Easter Sunday morning Masses are as normal. At each Mass there will be the renewal of the baptismal promises, and at the 10am Mass we have an infant baptism.

'**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. Don't worry if you missed previous sessions.

This Friday there will be **Stations of the Cross** at 7.30pm in Church. This will be an in depth consideration of Stations IX to XIV inclusive. We shall be singing suitable hymns. This will last no more than half an hour. Next Friday, 5 April, we will be having our Taizé service, so there will be no Stations; after that we shall be having the full 15 Stations all at once on 12 April.

Confessions during Lent. Lent is a time to go to confession! There are confessions every Friday at 7pm before Stations. There are 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! The visiting confessors will be on hand are as follows:

10.30am Fr Edward Burton
11am Mgr John Hull
Noon Canon Oliver Heaney
1pm Fr Peter Fitch
2pm Canon Kieron O'Brien
3pm Fr Ray Blake
4pm Canon Daithi Foley

Fr Alexander will be there all day. If you would like to sign up to watch in front of the Blessed Sacrament for a period, there is a list in the sacristy.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Exposed takes place here every Friday after the 10am Mass for 30 minutes. Your hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament will repair for evils

of the world and bring about peace on earth. 'Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Jesus and ready to make reparation for the great evils of the world. Let your adoration never cease'; (Pope John Paul II, Dominicae Cenae)

A benefactor in Italy has sent us a picture of Padre Pio which is at the framers and will be hung shortly.

On Sunday 12 May we are holding a party in the Hall after the 11.15am Mass to celebrate Adrian's 86th birthday and his many years of service on the altar. Everyone is invited. The Union of Catholic Mothers has graciously consented to organise this event. For the moment, please note the date in your diaries.

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

The parish garage is stuffed to bursting point with all sorts of things that some of you may find useful. These are being put out on the parish driveway from time to time. Please help yourself. Anyone who takes anything away will be doing a good deed!

Don't forget: 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.

Many thanks to all who made our social events last week end the success they were. Many people have mentioned how much they enjoyed the Bus Pass tea party, and the Film and Pizza night. We will be having more films from time to time, so look out for announcements of dates and details. It would also be nice to have a Junior Film Night. Does anyone have a suggestion re the film to watch and access to the DVD in question?

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.

Food bank; 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.

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.

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.

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.

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

CCRS Course coming again to the Diocese: In support of Bishop Richard's Pastoral Plan, the Diocese is planning the relaunch 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.

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.

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

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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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