

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

Wednesday 6 March: Ash Wednesday. Lent begins.

Thursday 7 March, 8pm: Passion Narrative I.

Friday 8 March, 6pm First Reconciliations.

Friday 8 March, 7.30pm: Stations of the Cross.

Saturday 9 March, 11am First Reconciliations.

Monday 11 March, 7pm – 8.15pm: Confirmation Meeting 5.

Thursday 14 March, 8pm: Passion Narrative II.

Friday 15 March, 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.

Advance notice: The CAFOD Family Fast Day is 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 [available the week before] and give whatever you can." One suggestion CAFOD makes is to organise and host a Soup Lunch. This involves inviting people round to your house, or to some suitable venue such as our Church Hall, and serving soup and rolls, and then sending the money saved to CAFOD. Anyone like to host one? This activity combines two Lenten activities – fasting and almsgiving.

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.

We do not have a parish CAFOD representative, and CAFOD would like to appoint one. They have sent a job description for this voluntary post, if anyone would like to look at it. In the meantime, we do not have a parish health and safety rep. Is there anyone who would be interested in taking on this necessary but rather tedious task on behalf of the parish?

Bus Pass Tea Party, Sunday 17 March 3pm in the Hall, its always a great celebration so please put the date in your diary.

UCM meet 2pm 6 March please contact 01273 880567 for further details. Discussions and readings for Lent.

Collection £1,571.70

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3 March 2019

8th Sunday of the Year

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Mass intentions this week:

Saturday 2 Mar 6pm GE Fr G. Hatton

Sunday 3 Mar 8.30am Holy Souls

Sunday 3 Mar 10am Parishioners

Sunday 3 Mar 11.15am Rosemary Sheppard RIP

Monday 4 Mar 10am Maria Smith RIP

Tuesday 5 Mar 10am Clare Crossman

Wednesday 6 Mar 10am Holy Souls

Thursday 7 Mar No Mass

Friday 8 Mar 10am Anna and Hugh van Twest RIP

Saturday 9 Mar 10am Holy Souls

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

This Sunday is the Eighth Sunday of the Year. The first reading today, from the Book of Ecclesiasticus, gives us some wise proverbs, dealing with the way our words reveal our characters. In the Gospel we have some similar sayings from the Lord Himself, who is

all Wisdom, who tells us that a man's words flow from what fills his heart. Both readings invite us to reflect on the way we speak, and the things that are inside our hearts, and how we can make progress in the spiritual life and become better characters. The psalm talks of the just person flourishing like a palm tree and growing like a Lebanon cedar: as we prepare for Lent we should ask ourselves how we can grow in the Lord.

This Sunday we are hearing an appeal after Holy Communion on behalf of SURVIVE-MIVA, a Catholic lay Association that exists to provide one vital element for the success of the Church's health and pastoral work in areas of great need - a means of transport. It has been some years since this excellent group made an appeal here, so please be generous to them when the retiring collection comes. There will be a sermon, but it will be very short – blink and you will miss it.

Liturgical notes:

Brace yourselves! Lent starts this week on Ash Wednesday, 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 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.

On Ash Wednesday there is a service with Ashes in the school at 9.15am. Mass is at the usual time in Church but may start a few minutes late. There will be an evening Mass at 7pm both at Sacred Heart and at Saint Mary Magdalene's for workers, but there will be no evening Mass here. The Ashes are a visible sign of our desire to repent from our sins and to start our lives in the Lord anew.

'Scripture Thursdays': This Thursday, 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. We will be using the standard Stations composed by Saint Alphonsus, with which you are all familiar. 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.;The Church and the world have a great need of eucharistic adoration.&; (Pope John Paul II, Dominicae Cenae).

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

We have received the sad news of the death of Michael John While, of Charles Close, Hove, who died in hospital on 15th February at the age of 92. May he rest in peace. We have been informed that his funeral Mass will take place here and the date will be announced in due course. In the meantime, let us pray for the repose of his soul.

The recent Quiz Night made the princely sum of £289.95 for the Chestnut Tree Children's Hospice. We will send a cheque to the hospice in due course. Well done to all, young and old, who helped make the evening a great success. We have other social events planned to which all are welcome. Don't forget our film night, 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, and all are invited. It will take place after the 6pm Mass on Saturday 16 March. Please save the date!

The picture of Saint Charbel has arrived which will be hung, when it is framed, in the former baptistery. St. Charbel Makhoul was a Maronite Catholic priest, monk, and hermit who is known for working miracles both during his life and after his death. On the occasion of his beatification in 1965, Pope Saint Paul VI described him as "a new, eminent example of monastic sanctity," who "through his intercession is enriching the entire Christian people." Born into humble circumstances in Lebanon; in 1828, Youssef Antoun Makhoul was the youngest of five children. His father died when he was only three. He studied at the parish school and tended to his family's cow.

Engaged in prayer and solitude from an early age, he spent a great deal of time outdoors in the fields and pastures near his village, contemplating God amid the inspiring views of Lebanon's valleys and mountains. His uncle and guardian wanted the boy to continue working with him, while his mother wanted him to marry a young woman. Youssef had other plans, however, and left home in 1851 without informing anyone. He became Brother Charbel, after making a pilgrimage on foot to his new monastic home. In this, he followed the example of his maternal uncles, who were already living as solitary monks at the Hermitage of Saint Paul in the Qadisha Valley. He subsequently studied for the priesthood and was ordained, returning to the Monastery of St. Maron. The priest-monk lived and served in the monastery for 19 years, showing great devotion to the life of prayer, manual work, and contemplative silence. Charbel's superiors observed God's "supernatural power" at work in his life, and he became known as a wonder-worker even among some Muslims. In 1875, he was granted permission to live as a solitary monk in a nearby hermitage dedicated to Saints Peter and Paul. Rigorous asceticism, and a profound union with God, continued to characterize his life for the next 23 years. Deeply devoted to God's Eucharistic presence, he suffered a stroke while celebrating the Divine Liturgy of the Maronite Catholic Church on December 16, 1898. He died on Christmas Eve of that year. St. Charbel's tomb has been a site of pilgrimage since his death. Hundreds of miracles are believed to have occurred through his intercession with God, both in Lebanon and around the world. He was canonized in 1977 by Pope Paul VI, who had earlier hailed the Lebanese Maronite saint as an "admirable flower

of sanctity blooming on the stem of the ancient monastic traditions of the East." And soon he will have a shrine in Hove!

The Knights of St Columba are celebrating their centenary this year. The first centenary Mass of the year is being celebrated at St Thomas More in Patcham at 4.00pm Sunday 3rd March by Mgr John Hull. There will be the installation of provisional officers during the Mass. Members of Brighton Deanery are welcome to attend.

The Catholic Children's Society have written to thank us for a donation to the Arundel and Brighton Crisis Fund of £163.57. This fund exists to help families and children in crisis, as its name suggests, by making one off payments to those in need at the suggestions of Headteachers and Parish Priests. The thank you letter does not say when we made the donation, but it is nice of them to thank us!

Catenians .

Check us out at sussexcatenians.org.uk. We are part of a Catholic Association of men (10,000 of us in the UK alone) who meet socially to promote fellowship, faith and friendship, supported by our wives and families. We have a meeting once a month in the evening locally, as well as monthly lunches, coffee mornings (for our wives), a golf society and an additional social event each month eg Clergy Night, Ladies evening etc. Catena is our Monthly Magazine and can be found at the back of the church if further reading is required. New members welcome.

200 Club Winners January Draw

Congratulations to:
£200 – Gabrielle Conroy
£90 – Lisa Ryan
£50 – Joe Savage

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 johnbrotherton@hotmail.co.uk

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

Junior Choir meets every Wednesday term time only at 6pm in the hall.

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., FCLM, 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>

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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Guitar Lessons

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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.

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.