

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, George Lamb, Kathleen Patricia Winter.

Parish Events

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.
Friday 3 May, 6-8pm: Altar servers' training and pizza.
Tuesday 7 May, 7.30pm: Parish Finance committee meeting.
Saturday 11/Sunday 12 May: Dr Kilmartin appeal at all Masses.
Saturday 11 May, 7pm: Film and Pizza night.
Sunday 12 May, 12.15pm: Adrian's party.
Sunday 26 May, 6pm: Junior Film and Pizza night.
Saturday 1 June, 6pm: Unveiling of stained-glass window.
Thursday 31 October: Mass to celebrate the Canonisation of Cardinal Newman.

Taize Service: Our annual Taize service will take place on April 5th at 7.30pm. Please do join us.

UCM: - in the hall again at 7.30pm this Wednesday 3rd, and its music night.

Safeguarding Awareness Refresher Training Wednesday 10th April 7-8.45pm at St Thomas More, Patcham, further information contact the office.

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.

Father Alexander has composed a funeral order of Service template, in Word, in order to make the composition of such orders of Service that bit easier. If you want a copy, just email him and ask.

Fr Alexander has invited **Dr Kilmartin, the head of Cardinal Newman School**, to make an 'appeal' at Mass, in the same way as we had for Survive MIVA recently, the only difference being that Dr Kilmartin will not be appealing for funds but speaking to raise awareness in the parish about the work and mission of Cardinal Newman School. The appeal will take place at all Masses on the weekend of 11/12 May. There will be a sermon at these Masses, but it will be very short, and then Dr Kilmartin will speak after Holy Communion for a short period.

Collection £1, 611.47

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31 March 2019
4th Sunday of Lent

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Mass intentions this week:

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
Monday 1 April 10am Fr Bruno's intention.
Tuesday 2 April 10am Clare Crossman RIP
Wednesday 3 April Joan McKee RIP
Thursday 4 April No Mass
Friday 5 April 10am For the donor of the picture of Padre Pio.
Saturday 6 April 10am Maria Smith RIP
Saturday 6 April 6pm DM O'Toole family
Sunday 7 April 8.30am Parishioners
Sunday 7 April 10am Paul Cauchi RIP
Sunday 7 April 11.15am Kieran Cashman RIP, 4 anniv.

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This Sunday is the Fourth Sunday of Lent, commonly known as Laetare Sunday, after the first word of the Introit, which is 'Rejoice'. We are now past the halfway point in Lent, so can allow ourselves a little relaxation of Lenten discipline this Sunday. This is symbolised by the priest wearing a rose vestment instead of a purple one; rose symbolising our modified penance this Sunday.

In the first reading, from the Book of Joshua, the Israelites are on the brink of entering the Promised Land, after their forty years of wandering in the desert. The Gospel is the famous parable of the Prodigal (which means extravagant, or spendthrift) Son. This is perhaps the best illustration we have in the whole of Scripture about the human condition: we have all we want, as we dwell in the house of a loving Father, but we long sometimes to go to a far country and fritter away our inheritance on idle pleasures. The good news is that when we repent from this, God will always take us back.

CAFOD Emergency Cyclone Idai Appeal

Please support our parish retiring collection for this appeal. Your donation will give food, clean water and healthcare to people in desperate need. Gabriele, our expert working with the Church in Mozambique at this time, tells us: "We know that Idai has wiped out crops and livestock, damaged water supplies and wrecked sanitation facilities, leaving vulnerable families even more exposed. With the support and generosity of the Catholic community, we can reach the people who really need urgent emergency aid."

This Sunday you will notice that we now have a picture of Saint Pius of Pietralcina, which is the gift of a benefactor in Italy. **Padre Pio**, as he is still better known, was a Capuchin friar, who was born Francesco Forgione in Pietralcina, Campania, southern Italy, in 1887. When still quite young, he joined the Capuchins and took the religious name of Pio. Very soon he became known for various religious phenomena that surrounded him, and because this embarrassed the friars, he was sent to San Giovanni Rotondo, a very remote village in the province of Foggia. So great was his fame that thousands of people made the long journey to see him despite the remoteness of the place. Padre Pio was blessed with the stigmata, the wounds of Christ on his own body, he spent many hours in ecstatic prayer, he worked miracles, and he was credited with second sight and even bilocation. But the pilgrims came in throngs to see a humble friar say Mass, which he did with great devotion, and to confess their sins to him, even when they had to spend hours waiting in line to do so. Padre Pio himself did not appreciate all the fuss, and would tell his visitors to visit the nearby shrine of Saint Michael, and to help the local hospital. Padre Pio died in 1968, and was canonised in 2002. Since his death, the number of visitors to San Giovanni Rotondo has continued to grow, and it now receives millions of pilgrims every year. Saint Paul VI said of Padre Pio: "Look what fame he had, what a worldwide following gathered around him! But why? Perhaps because he was a philosopher? Because he was wise? Because he had resources at his disposal? [No] Because he said Mass humbly, heard confessions from dawn to dusk and was –it is not easy to say it– one who bore the wounds of our Lord. He was a man of prayer and suffering." Among the many visitors to Padre Pio in

his lifetime was the future Saint Pope John Paul II. Padre Pio reminds us of the centrality of the Mass and the sacrament of confession in Catholic life. He is venerated the world over, and wherever he is venerated, favours flow. And now he has a shrine here with us!

Joan McKee, who died in November last year, and whose funeral Mass was celebrated here, has left the parish the sum of £1,000 in her will. Let us continue to pray for Joan and those who mourn her loss. One of the Masses this week will be for the repose of her soul.

We have received the sad news of the death of **Anne Page**, who will be known to many in the parish, and who lived in Grand Avenue. Anne died in the Martlets Hospice on Sunday 24 March. She had received Holy Communion, the Sacrament of the Sick and the Apostolic Pardon. Her funeral Mass will take place here on Tuesday 9 April at 11.30am. [There will be no 10am Mass that day.] In the meantime, let us pray for Anne's children and grandchildren and other family members, that the Lord may comfort them; and let us pray for the repose of her soul.

Liturgical notes:

Repeated from last week. [The list is in the Sacristy, if you would like to sign up.]

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.

'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 we are having our Taizé service, so there will be no Stations; next week we shall be having the full 15 Stations all at once on 12 April.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Exposed takes place here every Friday after the 10am Mass for 30 minutes. Day and night Jesus dwells in the Blessed Sacrament because you are the most important person in the world to him! "Christ is reserved in our churches as the spiritual centre of the heart of the community, the universal Church and all humanity, since within the veil of the species, Christ is contained, the invisible heart of the Church, the Redeemer of the world, the centre of all hearts, by him all things are and of whom we exist." (Pope Paul VI, *Mysterium Fidei*)

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

Many thanks to those kind souls who have been taking things from the presbytery driveway. This is relieving pressure on the garage which is still pretty full. Please continue to help yourselves to stuff that is left out for the taking.

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.

Our next Film and Pizza night will be on Saturday 11 May. This will start at 7pm and take place in the hall. All are invited. Please bring your friends and relations with you! One suggestion is the film *Brother Son, Sister Moon*, directed by Franco Zefirelli, which dates from 1972, and which lasts for just under two hours. It is the director's beautifully realised evocation of the life of Saint Francis. As for the Junior Film Night, that will take place on Sunday 26 May at 6pm in the Hall. We are open to suggestions re the choice of film. This is the first Sunday of half term, so it will be a nice occasion for children of all ages to meet up, if they are not going away. Pizza and soft drinks will be served. Please note the dates now.

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.

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

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.

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

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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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