

Omen movies are just horror films that make no theological sense at all.) 'The Exorcist' is a 100% Catholic movie as well as being gripping entertainment. Quite a few directors have tried to replicate its success, but failed.

Cottesmore St Mary New Reception -

September 2024: Cottesmore St Mary Primary Catholic Primary School would be delighted to welcome prospective parents / carers to visits, held at our school, for those with children looking to start Reception in September 2024.

The dates and times of the school Open Days are: 9am Tuesday 31 October; 9am Wednesday 1 November; 9am Thursday 2 November; 9am Monday 6 November; 9am Tuesday 7 November; 9am Wednesday 8 November; 9am Monday 13 November; 9am Wednesday 15 November; 9am Thursday 16 November. Please email office@cottesmore.brighton-hove.sch.uk with your preferred date/dates, mobile number, email address and the name of the nursery that your child attends to reserve a place on the tour.

Forthcoming Events

Sunday 1 October, after Mass: The Martlets Choir fundraiser. Mass count III.
Tuesday 3 October, 3.45-5.15pm: First Holy Communion.
Thursday 5 October, 8pm: Social Dancing
Friday 6 October, 1.30pm: Social Club
Saturday 7 October, 9.15-10.45am: First Holy Communion.
Sunday 8 October: Mass Count IV.
Monday 9 October, 11am: Funeral Mass of Michael Mulpeter RIP.
Monday 9 October, 8pm: Baptism course.

Tuesday 10 October, 3.45-5.15pm: First Holy Communion.
Thursday 12 October: feast of Blessed Carlo Acutis. Mass at 7pm with Bishop Richard, followed by a reception in the Hall.
Saturday 14 October, 9.15-10.45am: First Holy Communion.
Sunday 15 October: Table Top Sale in the Hall, all morning.
Tuesday 17 October, no FHC meeting
Saturday 21 October, Half term, no FHC meeting
Tuesday 24 October, Half term, no FHC meeting
Saturday 28 October, Half term, no FHC meeting
Sunday 29 October: 'Nearly New' Sale, all morning.
Tuesday 31 October, 3.45-5.15pm: First Holy Communion.
Tuesday 31 October, 7pm: Vigil Mass of All Saints.
Wednesday 1 November: feast of All Saints, holy day of obligation.
Thursday 2 November: All Souls, the Day of the Dead. Mass for all those who have died in the past year at 7pm.
Sat 4th November, 9.15-10.45am: FHC
Tue 7th November, 3.45-5.15pm: FHC
Tuesday 7th November, 7pm: Meeting of Finance Committee.
Sat 11th November, 9.15-10.45am: FHC.
Saturday 11th November, 6pm: Requiem Mass for the War Dead.
Sunday 12th November: Remembrance Sunday.

Offertory collection Sun 24 Sep 2023 = £1,476.42

St Peter's Catholic Church Diocesan Shrine of the Blessed



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Follow us on Twitter @HoveSaint. Join us on Facebook: search for 'Saint Peter's, Hove'. Find our YouTube channel: search for 'Alexander Lucie-Smith'. We are doing a virtual Walking Tour Through the Bible in bite size chunks. We are currently in the midst of the prophet Ezekiel. Please visit our website which is constantly being updated.

This Sunday is the Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The prayers and readings are to be found in the yellow books on page 134. The first reading is from the prophecy of Ezekiel, in which the Lord asserts His justice, punishing sinners and forgiving the repentant. In the Gospel, from Saint Matthew, Jesus recounts the parable of the two sons, one who says he will do what the father asks, but does not; the other who refuses to obey, but then changes his mind. Jesus points out that the Kingdom of heaven will be full of the sort of people you would not expect, such as tax collectors.

This Sunday, there is Children's Liturgy at the 10am Mass.

This Sunday, the third out of four Sundays, the congregation will be counted at all Masses. Please allow the 'clicker' to count you, and exit via the one door. Last Sunday, the figures were as follows, with the previous Sundays in brackets:
· 6pm: 55 (59)
· 8.30am: 73 (76)
· 10am: 143 (179)
· 11.30am: 119 (98)
· Total attendance: 390 (412)

Mass intentions

Saturday 30 September, 6pm: Knaphill intention
Sunday 1 October, 8.30am: For all parishioners
Sunday 1 October, 10am: GE Anna
Sunday 1 October, 11.30am: Knaphill intention
Monday 2 October, 10am: Knaphill intention
Tuesday 3 October, 10am: Knaphill intention
Wednesday 4 October, 10am: Knaphill intention
Thursday 5 October, No Mass.
Friday 6 October, 10am: Patrick Peyton RIP (13 anniv)
Saturday 7 October, 6pm: JJ Gill RIP (1 anniv)
Sunday 8 October, 8.30am: Thanksgiving (M. Lock)
Sunday 8 October, 10am: For all parishioners
Sunday 8 October, 11.30am: Maria Ritson RIP

This Sunday is Rosary Sunday, being the first Sunday in the month dedicated to the Rosary. If you have brought any beads as part of our Rosary Amnesty, please leave them on the ends of the benches to be taken by someone who needs a set of beads. In addition, we have leaflets for all on how to use the Rosary beads, in other words how to pray the Rosary. Also this Sunday, coincidentally, the Martlets Choir are singing in the Hall after the 10am and 11.30am Masses; please donate generously to this cause and please be there to spread awareness of their excellent work.

Liturgical notes

The month of October is dedicated to the Rosary and to prayer for the Missions. In October we will try to say the Rosary after every weekday Mass which is not a funeral. On days on which there is no feast we shall celebrate one of the Masses for the spread of the Gospel.

Confessions are heard after Mass on Friday morning, at 10.30am. On Saturday Confessions are heard before the evening Mass, at 5.15pm until 5.45pm.

- Monday is the feast of the Holy Guardian Angels.
- Tuesday is the feast of the Blessed Martyrs of Sussex.
- Wednesday is the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi.
- Friday is the feast of Saint Bruno.

Many thanks to all those who helped organise the party for Vincent in the Hall last Sunday and who helped with the tidying up afterwards.

The next baptism course will take place in the Hall on Monday 9 October at 8pm. If you have a baby to baptise, please get in touch with Fr Alexander via email before then.

Confirmation starts in January and this year we are joining up with Sacred Heart. If you are interested in joining the programme and are in Year 10 or above, please go to their website and download the form and hand it in to the Sacred Heart parish office by Tuesday 12 December. Please note the deadline. Tell all your friends.

Social Dancing takes place in the Hall at 8pm this Thursday. All are welcome.

The Social Club meets this Friday, in the Hall at 1.30pm. All are welcome.

Monday 9 October is the feast of Saint John Henry Newman. Our parish historian has prepared a little display about the Saint. Because of the funeral on that day, we will not be able to celebrate the feast liturgically that day. The Power Breakfast will be postponed to a suitable date later on.

Thursday 12 October is a special day for our parish as it is the feast of the Blessed Carlo Acutis. As we are home to his shrine, we are the only Church in the diocese where his feast is celebrated. This year Bishop Richard will celebrate the Mass, at 7pm, and afterwards there will be a chance to venerate the relic of the Blessed. There will be drinks in the Hall to follow. We are inviting all the parishes of Brighton and Hove to join us. Please note the date and invite all your friends to come.

The Table Top Sale is on Sunday 15 October, all morning. As before, small tables are £5, big ones are £7; please book by putting the correct sum in an envelope through the Presbytery letter box, with your name, marked 'Table Top Sale', and your contact details if you want an acknowledgement. The table money will be donated, we have now decided, to the appeal for the Libyan flood victims. Mary and Monica are running a stall especially for this. Any other takers?

We have heard the sad news of the death of John Barrett who died suddenly on Tuesday 26th September at his sister's house in Mile Oak. Fr Alexander was present shortly afterwards to offer the prayers and the commendation of the dead at his bedside. Let us pray for the repose of his soul and for the comfort of his family at this sad and difficult time for them. The funeral arrangements will be announced in due course.

We have heard the sad news of the death of Oursola Chatzikou, who died in hospital on Monday 18th September. She had been living at Glentworth House in Pembroke Avenue, where she regularly received Holy Communion from Fr Alexander. Let us pray for the repose of her soul, and for her family.

The monks of Worth Abbey living in the city invite you to join them, in St John the Baptist's Church, for Lauds (Morning Prayer): Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri, Sat - 9am and Vespers (Evening Prayer): Mon, Tue, Wed - 6pm. In addition: MIDDAY STILLNESS – from 6 October: Every Friday, 12 noon to 1pm, an hour of music, prayer and reflection in St John the Baptist's Church

SATURDAY SANCTUARY -30 Sept, 28 Oct, and 25 Nov: 10.15am to 12.15pm. Join us for a morning of fellowship, input, prayer and silence. Starts in the Fitzherbert Community Hub.

MONK TALKS: A series of talks from the monks of Worth Abbey introducing monastic prayer and contemplation for today. 7.30pm to 9pm in the in the Fitzherbert Community Hub. 17 Oct - Meditation and Contemplation (Fr David OSB).

14 Nov - The joy of praying together (Br Anthony OSB)

12 Dec - Discipleship and humility – Becoming real (Abbot Stephen OSB)

The Antifreeze Project is a Christian organisation that helps the homeless to get off the street. They are having a volunteer evening on Tuesday, 3 October, at 7pm to 9pm at The Gateway Women Centre, 52 Station Rd, Portslade, BN41 1DF. Please contact Monica Harding if you would like to attend on 01273 733566, or 07411 60438, email monica.harding@offthefence.org.uk

Talking with those who are preparing for Baptism, we discussed good Catholic films, aka Catholic propaganda from Hollywood. The second recommendation in the series is 'The Exorcist' which is a very good film but not for the fainthearted, and certainly not for children. It was made in 1973, and is based on a book by William Blatty. Both film and book are liturgically correct, that is, show the real procedure that is used in exorcism. Several priests from Georgetown University, Washington, advised on the movie, so that it would be theologically coherent and realistic. Exorcisms do take place, albeit rarely, and diabolical possession is possible, as our faith and the Bible tell us. (By contrast the