

*Sing with them* – especially the sung prayers! Children can learn words through singing very easily. This one can backfire – I have vivid memories of pushing a shopping trolley round Sainsbury's with my children singing "Gloria..Gloria..." (clap clap) at the tops of their voices! They were happy!

*"Church Books"* – Put together a bag of books which you always bring to church. Church books – Bible stories and books about the Mass. It needs some old favourites and something novel each time – we had about a dozen books in the bag each week, but rotated them in and out according to the Church calendar and what was popular with the children at the time. Flap books, sticker books and finger puppets were all useful for maintaining interest at different times. Some parishes have a box you can borrow from, but it's good to have your own if you can – charity shops often have these cheaply too!

There are some ideas for good websites to buy Catholic Children's books from here:  
<https://www.paulineuk.org/browse/Books/Pauline/Children>  
<https://www.rpbooks.co.uk/children-main>  
 This one isn't Catholic but the Bible stories etc are the same and also very good!  
<https://spckpublishing.co.uk/fiction-and-poetry/children-s-picture-books>

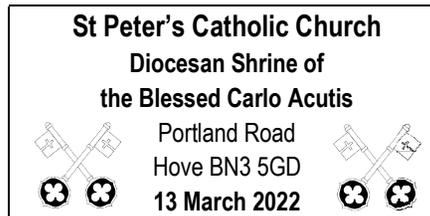
*Community!* Think about what you'll do after Mass – try not to dash off straight away. Little children often love lighting candles – this can be a routine with a prayer for Granny or cousin John after Mass. Or make a deal that you'll go in for juice and biscuits after Mass every week – it gives your child chance to run around and have fun with other children and

gives you chance to get to know parents in the same situation! Older parishioners often love to know about the young children in the parish – especially if their own grandchildren live far away – so you might want to have a chat with them too! Make their day!

### Forthcoming Events

Wednesday 16 March: no Mass
Thursday 17 March, 10am: Mass for Saint Patrick's Day followed by breakfast.
Thursday 17 March, 8pm: Social Dancing for Saint Patrick's night.
Friday 18 March, 1.30pm: Social Club - on life in Syria and life here.
Friday 18 March, 7.30pm: Stations of the Cross.
Saturday 19 March: Feast of Saint Joseph.
Saturday 19 March, 10.30am-4pm: Eucharistic Adoration
Saturday 19 March, 4.45pm: Catechism for Older Children III
Friday 25 March: Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord.
Monday 28 March, 8pm: Baptism Course
Saturday 26 March, 4.45pm: Catechism for Older Children IV
Friday April 1, 7.30pm: Taizé service
Saturday 2 April, 9.00 - 10.30am/11 - 12.30pm: FHC
Saturday 2 April, 4.45pm: Catechism for Older Children V
Sunday 3 April: Book Exchange all morning.
Sunday 3 April, 10am: FHC Mass
Monday 4 April, 7.45pm: Jubilee Action Committee meets.
Saturday 9 April, 4.45pm: Catechism for Older Children VI
Sunday 10 April: Palm Sunday

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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'. Right now we are doing a virtual Walking Tour Through the Bible, starting with the Book of Genesis, in bite size chunks. We are currently on the Book of Psalms. Please visit our website which is constantly being updated. Do ask to join our WhatsApp group.

**This Sunday is the Second Sunday of Lent.** The readings and prayers for this day can be found in the purple books on page 156. The first reading comes from the Book of Genesis, and is the account of God's Covenant with Abraham, which is accompanied by the promise to make his descendants as numerous as the sand on the seashore and to give them the Promised Land. The Gospel passage, taken from Saint Luke, tells us of Jesus's Transfiguration on Mount Tabor, where he lets Peter, James and John see His glory and He speaks to Moses and Elijah of what He is to accomplish in Jerusalem,

namely the sacrifice of Calvary which takes sins away. This Lent we aim to let ourselves transfigured into the image and likeness of our Saviour.

### Liturgical Notes

Lent is forty days of preparation for the feast of Easter, recalling the forty years the Childer Israel spent in the desert, journeying towards the Promised Land, and the forty days Our Lord spent in the desert before His public ministry. Lent is a time of fasting, prayer and almsgiving. During Lent, the vestments are purple, which is the colour of penance. There are no flowers in Church and the organ is only used to sustain singing. The Gloria is omitted. In Lent let us dedicate ourselves to prayer, to practical works of charity and to fasting. This Lent we are singing the Creed at the 11.15am Mass, and the Our Father at both the 10am Mass and 11.15am Mass.

**On Wednesday this week there will be no Mass** and the Church will be closed.

**Thursday is the feast of Saint Patrick**, and on this day we shall have Mass at 10am and the Church will be open. The feast does not count as a day of Lent, and so after Mass, those who are invited to a Power Breakfast at our local favourite café.

**Saturday is the feast of Saint Joseph**, and does not count as a day of Lent, either. On Saturday we shall have Eucharistic Adoration from after Mass until 4pm. This is in accord with the Holy Father's wishes that we should have a Holy Hour each week for the Ukraine, as well as a wonderful opportunity for devotion to the Sacred Heart and a useful Lenten exercise.

**To donate to people in need in Ukraine**, please put some cash into a Cafod envelope and place that in the collection, or else make a donation to Cafod or the DEC appeal online. Having spoken to members of the Red Cross, it seems that donations are preferred to goods.

### Mass intentions

Saturday 12 March, 6pm: private intention (ALS).
Sunday 13 March, 8.30am: Elizabeth Murphy RIP
Sunday 13 March, 10am: For all parishioners
Sunday 13 March, 11.15am: GE Ruth Ming (birthday)
Monday 14 March, 11am: GE John and Charlotte Lloyd
Tuesday 15 March, 10am: Lloyd Brand RIP and family
Wednesday 16 March, 10am: no Mass.
Thursday 17 March: GE Kaye Burke.
Friday 18 March, 10am: Teresa Lo Porcaro Sassi RIP
Saturday 19 March, 10am: Holy Souls
Saturday 19 March, 6pm: GE Anna Hudson
Sunday 20 March, 8.30am: For all parishioners
Sunday 20 March, 10am: Elizabeth Murphy RIP
Sunday 20 March, 11.15am: For our benefactors

### Many thanks to all who came to the

#### Table Top sale in the Hall last Sunday.

Despite the fact that this was not aimed to raise funds, it did, and we have made an immediate donation to the DEC Ukraine appeal of £138, thanks to the generosity of many of the stallholders. It was also very nice to see so many people from our neighbourhood in the Hall. We plan to do this again, in two months' time, that is, on Sunday 8 May. This time it will be £7 for a large table and £5 for a small table, to be paid in advance. Parishioners are advised to book their tables now, if you want to sell something, to avoid disappointment. In

the meantime, we plan another Book Exchange Day on Sunday 3 April in the Hall, all morning: just leave your books that you do not want, and pick up any book you like the look of, and no money changes hands. This coincides with one of the First Holy Communion Masses, so children's books particularly welcome. Please note the date now.

### A visiting priest commented the other day on how neat, tidy and clean our Church was.

Because churches do not clean themselves, a vote of thanks to our dedicated team of cleaners who look after things on Thursday mornings at 10.30am. If anyone would like to join them, they would be most welcome!

**The Deanery priests were very impressed** by our new Hall, which they had not seen before, and the lunch, which was provided by Mireille, which they greatly enjoyed. Many thanks to her, and to those who helped with the coffee.

### Don't forget Social Dancing at 8pm on

**Thursdays** to which all are welcome. This Thursday will be particularly jolly as it is Saint Patrick's Day. (There will be no social dancing on 7 and 14 April.) On Fridays the Social Club meets in the Hall at 1.30pm to which all are invited. This Friday Amal is going to speak to us about life here and how it compares to life in Syria.

**Our next Baptism Course** will be on Monday 28 March at 8pm in the Hall. If you have a baby to baptise, please get in touch with Fr Alexander who will come and see you at home before the course begins.

**There will be Confessions** after each weekday Mass in Lent, as well as the usual confessions on Saturdays.

**On Friday Stations of the Cross** are at 7.30pm.

**On Saturday at 4.45pm, Catechism classes** continue for older children and last for one hour.

**Are there any more young persons** from Year 10 or above who wishes to be Confirmed? If so, please get in touch with Fr Alexander, by email. The bishop is provisionally scheduled to be coming here to confer the Sacrament on Saturday 28 May at 11.30am. We have fifteen candidates so far, and have room for more. Given the constraints of time, thanks to the aftermath of Covid, it is proposed to run a compressed five session course on Sunday evenings in Eastertide, that is to say, starting Sunday 24 April through to Sunday 22 May, every Sunday at 7pm. The deadline for registration is the evening of Palm Sunday, 10 April.

### Some Thoughts on Children's Liturgy (part three)

Top Tips for Parents - Helping your Children

*Talk to your children* – yes, during Mass! It's OK. Tell them what's happening – point out the candles being brought to the lectern for the Gospel or the gifts being brought up at the offertory. Talk to them about everything they can see - for as long as they will listen.

*Name what they see* – Church language is unusual, but no more so than the names on dinosaurs and lots of children learn those! Small children are sponges for language. Teach them the language of their Church family – this is the Eucharist, that is the tabernacle – and your children will use that language too.

*Make a game of it* – How many candles can you see today? Where's the tabernacle? When will it be time for the bell?

*Use the church environment* – church artwork was often created to tell stories to an illiterate population and children are immensely observant when encouraged to work out the story of the picture. Stations of the Cross and statues of the saints can be found in all churches and children notice the tiniest details and sometimes aid our own understanding!

*Mass routines* – Lots of parts of the Mass are repetitive and child-friendly if you can make them so. From being tiny babies, we made a cross on our children's foreheads at the beginning and end of Mass – they knew it was coming and quickly wanted to do like the grown-ups did. At first with help and quickly without, they made the sign of the cross every week and we reminded them if they weren't focussed at that moment. Later the small crosses for the Gospel built on that routine and slowly the whole Mass began to take shape, one routine at a time. Children can't focus for the whole Mass, but for a short time each week they can and we can build up their knowledge week on week.

*Special and different* – When they are old enough (my children were between two and three, but all children are different), try to help them to notice the consecration bells and the prayerful silence at this special time of the Mass. Show them the priest raising the Eucharist – they won't understand yet, but the sense of special and different begins to build the picture.

*Pray with them* – first the words of the sign of the cross – help them to say it and sign it together. Then build up the prayers – maybe the Hail Mary or the Our Father is the next one to begin – once they know it, help them to always say it at Mass. At first, they will need help and prompting, but soon they will be able to do it on their own.

## Parish Notice Board

**Oncology yoga course aimed at supporting cancer patients**, no matter where they are on their journey. Learn how to improve your body functions, provide a container for your emotions and become excited about your healing. Course runs at The Tree of Life on Fridays 16.00-17.00. Call Eva on 07962 505782 for more information.

**Caroline's Kitchen** – Caterers for Baptisms, etc. Tel 595922 or [carolineriley@carolines-kitchen.co.uk](mailto:carolineriley@carolines-kitchen.co.uk)

**Carer required for young lady with Downs Syndrome.** India is 24 years old currently living in a private house in Brighton with two other girls with DS. She attends a cafe training course 4 days a week called Team Domenica. India's mother is looking for a carer to live in with India 4 days a week to assist in the mornings, get India to her course, collect her in the afternoon and care for her until she goes to bed. The wages are approximately £800 per week. Please contact Caroline on 07773 280623.

**Professional Organiser & Photo Manager.** If you're looking for help decluttering and organising your home, business or photographs please contact Nicola Austin on 07747798858 or [nicola@lifeoflibra.com](mailto:nicola@lifeoflibra.com)

**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](mailto:nicklee@pebble-financial.co.uk)

## Counselling Service

Contact Lara who is experienced with counselling people with substance abuse, sexual abuse, bereavement, couple counselling. Tel 07787 555168

**Thinking of driving lessons?** Please contact Phil Harris (Bartholomew's Driving School) on 07711 688147.

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## Host Families needed

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