

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, Dennis Tribe, Kathleen Patricia Winter.

Parish Events

Tuesday 17 September, 8pm: Parish Team meets.
Thursday 19 September, 7pm: Care Group meets.
Saturday 21 September: UCM Diocesan Study Day.
Monday 23 September, 6pm: Meeting with the Apostolate of Adoration
Monday 23 September, 8pm: Health and Safety meeting.
Thursday 26 September, 8.45am: St Christopher's School Harvest service.
Thursday 26 September, 7.30pm: Institution of new Vicar of Saint Barnabas.
Monday 30 September, 8pm: Parent's Meeting for First Holy Communion.
Thursday 3 October, 9.15am: Harvest Mass at Cottesmore.
Friday 4 October: Cafod Family Fast Day.
Sunday 6 October: Confirmation trip to Truly Hill, 3.30pm start; eat at 5pm.
Monday 7 October, 8pm: Baptism Course.
Saturday 12 October, morning: Enrolment Class for First Holy Communion children.
Thursday 31 October: Mass to celebrate the Canonisation of Cardinal Newman.
Saturday 2 November, 10am: Bereavement Mass.
Sunday 10 November, 7pm: Confirmation First Session.

Thursday mornings Scripture Reflection: 10am all welcome.

Curious about Catholics? To learn more and talk in an unpressured and confidential environment, please contact Sue Hollow on 0755 730 1796 or Fr Alexander.

Don't forget that our **Social Club** meets every Friday from 1pm to 3pm. All are welcome, and please bring along all your friends! This coming Friday, 20 September, Kevin Murphy O'Connor will be in conversation on the topic of "My Cousin the Cardinal". On 27 September we are showing the spectacular and passionate operatic film Cavalleria Rusticana, which lasts less than an hour. On 4 October, it being Cafod Harvest Fast day, we shall be hosting soup and bread and a little discussion of the challenges of the Third World.

Don't forget our **Playgroup** meets in the Hall on Friday mornings, from 9.30am to 11.30am. All children of underschool age and their carers are invited.

200 Club Winners congratulations to: August draw: £50 Andrew Crichton, £90 Liam Liddy, £200 Adrian Van Twest.

UCM meeting Wednesday 18 September, 7.30pm in the hall, new members welcome, Guess the baby/parents.

We now have a Parish Diary which is to be found on the Parish Secretary's desk (where it stays.) If you are organising a parish event, it has to go in the diary. This is to avoid clashes. Moreover, if you are organising a parish event in the Hall, please check availability with Jo Chamberlain, the Hall manager. Her details are as follows Tel 01273 204439 after 3.30 pm or email at stpetershallbn3@gmail.com

Catholaity Fair 9th November Stall: If you would like to help organise one please contact the office as soon as possible.

Collection: £1, 600.41

St. Peter's Catholic Church Portland Road Hove

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15 Sep 2019

Twenty-Fourth Sunday of the Year.

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Mass intentions this week:

Saturday 14 September 6pm GE Liz Hall
Sunday 15 September 8.30am For all Parishioners
Sunday 15 September 10am Pat Peters RIP
Sunday 15 September 11.15am GE Max Finlason
Monday 16 September 10am Kay Burke's intention
Tuesday 17 September 10am For Fr Alexander's benefactors
Wednesday 18 September 10am Eric Hardman RIP
Thursday 19 September No Mass
Friday 20 September 10am Holy Souls
Saturday 21 September 10am Holy Souls
Saturday 21 September 6pm Basil James Rushton RIP
Sunday 22 September 8.30am Holy Souls
Sunday 22 September 10am For all Parishioners
Sunday 8 September 11.15am Rosemary Shepherd RIP

This Sunday is the Twenty-Fourth of the Year. This Sunday has been designated Home Mission Sunday, and there is a retiring collection which goes to finance the Home Mission office of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. On this day we are asked to think about the way we can evangelise in our own country and more specifically in our own parish. Father Alexander writes: "In a recent survey most people who had discovered faith in God related that they did so in the course of a visit to a Church. Our own Church is open during the hours of daylight and many people do come in; some of them may find this leads them to God. We pray that this is so. With this in mind, the parish has recently been contacted by the Apostolate of Adoration, which encourages Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament as widely as possible. You may remember that we have had days of Adoration on one Saturday in Advent and one in Lent. A representative of the Apostolate is coming to visit on the evening of Monday 23 September to talk of how we can develop the Apostolate here. If you are interested in this evangelical initiative, please speak to me!"

The first reading today, from the Book of Exodus, is the story of the Golden Calf. No sooner has Moses left the People of Israel to go up Mount Sinai, they forget all that God has done for them and embrace idolatry. However, Moses intercedes for them, and the anger of God is averted. In the Gospel we hear the famous parables of the Lost Sheep and the Prodigal (or extravagant) Son. This ungrateful young man forgets all his loving father has done for him, and goes to a distant country where he squanders all on a life of debauchery. However, even though he is only half sorry for his mistake, the father forgives him. These

two readings should leave us in no doubt of two things: human beings find it quite easy to abandon God; and God finds it very easy to forgive human waywardness. This is because going astray is in our fallen nature; and forgiveness is part of God's nature.

Next Sunday is the Twenty-Fifth Sunday of the Year. On this Sunday the congregation is going to be counted at all Masses. Please leave the Church in a way that makes it easier for the counters to count you, that is, without re-entering etc, and through the main door only.

Confessions are heard every Saturday morning, from 10.30 to 11.15am.

The forms for next year's **First Holy Communion course** are at the back of Church. Please note the deadline which is 15 September, today. (Please do not ask to have your child enrolled after the deadline, as refusal often offends, and we do not want to offend anyone. Do please remind all parents you may know about the deadline, as sometimes people do not read newsletters!) The first Parent's Meeting is on Monday 30 September and the Enrolment Class for children is on Saturday 12 October in the morning. Please hand the completed forms to Fr Alexander who will then be in touch with you, and, he hopes, come round to visit you at home. (Completed forms can be placed through the presbytery letter box as well.)

We have finalised the dates for our **Confirmation course**, even though we are still waiting to hear from the Bishop's secretary about the actual date of the Confirmation itself. The first meeting is a social one and takes place on Sunday October 6, a trip to Truleigh Hill, starting at 3.30pm and including eating at the

Youth Hostel on top at 5pm. The first session is going to be on Sunday November 10, at 7pm in the Hall. There is a letter with all the dates at the back of the Church. **We would like people to sign up by the end of October.** The letter tells you what you need to do to register. Please take a copy and do remind anyone who needs to know! Confirmation candidates should be in Year Ten or above.

Liturgical Notes: September is the month dedicated to the Seven Sorrows of Our Lady, the feast of which falls on the 15 of the month. This devotion encourages us to look at events in Our Lord's life through the eyes of the Blessed Virgin, encouraging us to share in her compassion and love for the Saviour. On days when there is no feast, we shall be celebrating Votive Masses of the Blessed Virgin. The Seven Sorrows, with scriptural references to aid meditation, are as follows:

1. The prophecy of Simeon (Luke 2:25-35)
2. The flight into Egypt (Matthew 2:13-15)
3. Loss of the Child Jesus for three days (Luke 2:41-50)
4. Mary meets Jesus on his way to Calvary (Luke 23:27-31; John 19:17)
5. Crucifixion and Death of Jesus (John 19:25-30)
6. The body of Jesus being taken from the Cross (Psalm 130; Luke 23:50-54; John 19:31-37)
7. The burial of Jesus (Isaiah 53:8; Luke 23:50-56; John 19:38-42; Mark 15:40-47)

Monday is the feast of Saints Cornelius and Cyprian, martyrs.
Tuesday is the feast of Saint Robert Bellarmine.

Friday is the feast of Saint Andrew Kim Taegon and his companions, the Korean martyrs.
Saturday is the feast of Saint Matthew.

This week the Parish Team is meeting on Tuesday, and the Care Group is meeting on Thursday. Please do make representations to either group if you so desire. The Care Group would particularly like to know of anyone who is sick and/or housebound; they would also like to know from anyone who is willing to visit housebound parishioners and take them Holy Communion.

The Finance Committee has met. We appraised the works going on in 2, Shelley Rd, and also discussed projects for the Church such as the repair or replacement of the main doors, and the reinstatement of the old tabernacle (currently in storage) in a prominent and central place. Also touched upon was the idea of CCTV for the Church, and the state of the lighting. All these matters will be discussed in the Parish Team, and in other meetings, such as our Health and Safety Meeting. In addition, we decided that on the weekend of 20 October, Vincent will make an address at all Masses to encourage Gift Aid, the scheme whereby the parish recovers significant funds from the tax man as well as your contributions. Finally, there is still a debt on just under £20,000 on the stained glass window, and we thought it a good idea to hold retiring collections on days when there are no other such collections, to raise money to cover this shortfall.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Exposed takes place here every Friday after the 10am Mass for 30 minutes. Each hour you spend with Jesus on earth will leave your soul everlastingly

more beautiful and glorious in heaven! "They who humble themselves shall be exalted...." "All of us, gazing on the Lord's glory with unveiled faces, are being transformed from glory to glory into his very image." (Lk 18:14; 2Cor 3:18)

It is proposed to hold our next Baptism preparation course on Monday 7 October, in the Hall at 8pm. If you have a child to be baptised, then please speak to Fr Alexander before then so he can visit you at home.

Let us pray for the repose of the souls of two of the diocesan clergy who have died recently. Deacon Gerard Irwin's funeral is at 3pm at Haywards Heath on Tuesday 17 September, and Fr Alexander plans to attend. Deacon Gerard leaves a widow and children to mourn his loss, as well as many parishioners. Monsignor Bryan Chestle's Requiem Mass will be celebrated in Arundel Cathedral at 12 noon on Thursday 26 September. The Monsignor spent all his life working in Rome. May they both rest in peace.

Margaret Bliss died on Wednesday 11 September in the Charles Lodge Nursing Home, New Church Road, where she had been visited for many years by Peter Morrison, bringing her Holy Communion. Let us pray for the repose of her soul. She had recently received the Sacrament of the Sick; her executors will make her funeral arrangements known in due course.

The Anglican parish of Saint Barnabas have kindly invited Fr Alexander to the Institution and Induction of their new Vicar, the Rev John Kenneth Tristan Eldridge SSC, which takes place on Thursday 26 September at 7.30pm. If anyone else would like to go, do please come and note the date. Attendance at such an event is a sign of our commitment to ecumenism and good relations with other local churches. Also on the Ecumenical front, on the same day in the morning, St Christopher's School is visiting the Church for their Harvest Festival.

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Cardinal Newman is being proclaimed a saint in Rome on 13 October. A vast concourse of people will be there from all over the world, as the Blessed (as he currently is) John Henry Newman is revered in many countries, not just England where he lived his entire life. A delegation is going from our diocese, with representatives of our own secondary school, Cardinal Newman School, as well as Cardinal Newman Primary in Hersham, Surrey. Here in the parish we have invited Monsignor Keith Newton to celebrate Mass for us on the eve of All Saints, that is 31 October, and to preach. Afterwards there will be a celebration in the Hall where Mgr Newton will say a few words about the importance of the new Saint, for the Church in general and the Church in this country in particular. Mgr Newton is the head of the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham, which aims to foster Anglican patrimony in union with the Catholic Church. Please note the dates.

Grandparents Diocesan Formation

Day: to be held on Monday 23rd September at St John the Evangelist, Horsham, RH12 2PJ. Our guest speaker is Elizabeth O'Shea, a parenting expert, who will help us to explore strategies to help our grandchildren cope with the pressures they live under today (<https://parent4success.com/about-me/>) Begins with parish Mass at 10 am and will finish by 4 pm. Booking essential at Rosie.Read@abdiocese.org.uk

Residential Retreat for Healthcare

Workers: Organised by Dr Joe O'Dywer at Worth Abbey from 13 – 15 September. Theme 'Love Your Neighbour as

Yourself'. Cost £150 full board. Spiritual Director - Fr Stephen Ortiger. Queries and to book email jodwyer@doctors.org.uk putting HCW Retreat in subject line.

Diocesan Mass for Altar Servers on Saturday 14 September, at 12 noon, with Bishop Richard presiding. For all who have served, are serving and anybody who would like to. Please bring cassock/cotta or alb. Light refreshments will follow (bring a packed lunch if you wish).

Day of Reflection for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Saturday 28 September, 2019, from 11 am to 4 pm at Mayfield School, Mayfield, TN20 6PH. Please book at ruth.gerun@dabnet.org - 01293 651164. Numbers limited therefore priority will be given to those who have not previously attended.

Music Tuition

Are you interested in learning to play the piano? Then contact **John Byrne** on 07989 413459. Theory, GCSE, etc.

Guitar Lessons- all styles.

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

Food for all occasions. Call 07826 526527 or 07930 378899 food@feastofhove.co.uk

Host Families needed

All year round. Single/twin room accommodation required. Ring Maureen 01273 778918 or 07801827323 Studenthomes.me@hotmail.com

Marriage Preparation Course

You will need to contact Esther Lyon 01273 698182. www.stpetersbrighton.org

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