

### 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, Rosemary Kilcourse.

### Parish Events

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.

Sunday 13 October, 11am: Cake sale in aid of stained glass window appeal.

Sat./Sun 19/20 October: Gift Aid appeal at all Masses.

Thursday 31 October: Mass to celebrate the Canonisation of Cardinal Newman.

Saturday 2 November, 10am: Bereavement Mass.

Saturday 9 November, 7pm: Confirmation First Session.

Sunday 10 November, 7pm: Confirmation First Session.

Sunday 17 November, 5pm: Junior Film Night.

Saturday/Sunday 14/15 December: Missionary appeal

Saturday/Sunday 22/23 February: Apostolate of Adoration visit.

### Thursday mornings Scripture

**Reflection:** 10am all welcome.

**UCM meeting** Wednesday 2 October, 7.30pm in the hall, new members welcome, "French Dancers".

### Sussex Nightstop - an update from Kate Williamson.

This local charity for homeless young people has been one of our two charitable targets for the last four years and the funding cycle is now coming to an end.

Since 2016 Sussex Nightstop has received £12,000 from St Peter's and the Diocesan Trust. This is a significant amount of money for them and more in contributions than from any other faith or community group, and for which they are sincerely grateful. All of which was spent on facilitating the work of the hosts through nightly expenses, training, recruitment or other support services.

Huge thanks to all who have supported this. We hope to have someone from Nightstop speak to us shortly to say more about how the money has been spent. But you can be certain that it has been very productive.

The ninth **Annual Interfaith Service**, organised by the IFCG for the people of Brighton & Hove, will take place on Sunday 24 November 2019 from 3pm at Stanford Avenue Methodist Church BN1 6FD. The theme will be 'The Tree of Life', celebrated in words and music, with refreshments to follow. All are welcome, of any faith or none. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Cathalaity Bazaar Raffle Tickets** raffle tickets in aid of The St Thomas Fund will be available weekend of 9 October.

**Parish Day** Please note this will now take place on 5 July

**Cardinal Newman Opening Evening:** Tuesday October 8<sup>th</sup>, 4pm - 7.30pm.

**Cubs will start in the Hall on** Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September. Enquiries to enquiries@6thhove.org.uk

**Collection:** £1, 557.48.

### St. Peter's Catholic Church Portland Road Hove

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29 Sep 2019

Twenty-Sixth Sunday of the Year.

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### Mass intentions this week:

Saturday 28 September 6pm GE Marie Christine Burtin

Sunday 29 September 8.30am For all Parishioners

Sunday 29 September 10am Holy Souls

Sunday 29 September 11.15am Marie McCarthy RIP

Monday 30 September 10am Holy Souls

Tuesday 1 October 10am Holy Souls

Wednesday 2 October 10am Holy Souls

Thursday 3 October 9.15am Mass at Cottesmore

Friday 4 October 10am Holy Souls

Saturday 5 October 10am Holy Souls

Saturday 6 October 6pm For all parishioners

Sunday 6 October 8.30am Holy Souls

Sunday 6 October 10am Patrick Peyton RIP

Sunday 6 October 11.15am For all Parishioners

**This Sunday is the Twenty-Sixth of the Year.** Today, for the second week running, 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 doors only. The count is really important, and takes place on four successive Sundays, and an average is taken and submitted to the Diocese. When the Mass provision for the Brighton deanery comes to be decided in future, these figures will certainly influence the decision.

Today young persons from the parish are going to speak after Holy Communion about the Cafod family fast day. There will be a sermon after the Gospel, but it will be very short.

Many thanks to all who contributed to the retiring collection for the stained-glass window last Sunday. The amount raised was £375.93 for which grateful thanks. The parents of St Christopher's school also donated £220.68 in a retiring collection after their Harvest Festival which was held here on Thursday. Many thanks to them! Thanks also to Fr Jerry who has given us £300 for the window! The sum outstanding that we wish to raise is now £18, 500.94. Fundraising is not just about money but is also a community building exercise. To this end, what can we all do to raise money in a concerted community effort? One idea is to have sales after Mass. To this end, we propose a sale of cakes and home baked bread on Sunday 13 October, starting at 11am. All are invited to show off their skills and to sell their produce, donating the proceeds to the stained-glass appeal. Everyone is welcome to enter the Hall and browse.

The first reading today, like last week, comes from the prophecy of Amos, and is a denunciation of the rich who spend their time in worldly pleasures, eating and drinking, without a care for their neighbours. They are not condemned for

being rich, but for being selfish and irresponsible, that is, not caring about others. The same could be said for the rich man in the Gospel, who does not care about the poor man at his gate. He is punished in the next life not for what he has done but for what he has failed to do. The message is really very simple: we should be aware of those in need about us, not just locally, but further afield as well, and we should remember that we are all kin, that is to say, all children of God, and all responsible for each other.

Next Sunday is the Twenty-Seventh Sunday of the Year. This Sunday is the third (out of four) Sundays on which the congregation will be counted. It is also the Sunday for bringing back your CAFOD envelopes with the money in them that you saved from fasting on Friday 4 October. Being the first Sunday of October, this day is designated Rosary Sunday, on which we will celebrate a Votive Mass of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary. The purpose of this day is to encourage people to say the Rosary. Make sure you get a free set of rosary beads at the end of Mass, as well as the leaflet on how to use them!

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

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:**

October, which will soon be with us, is dedicated to the Holy Rosary, and the October is also the month dedicated to prayer for the Missions. On days on which there is no feast we shall celebrate one of the special Masses for the Missions or else a Votive Mass of Our Lady.

Monday is the feast of Saint Jerome.  
Tuesday is the feast of Saint Therese of Lisieux.  
Wednesday is the feast of the Guardian Angels.  
Friday is the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi.

The Blessed Cardinal John Henry Newman is being canonised on 13 October. The Bishop has written to us to ensure that we mark this very important event in the life of the Church suitably. He is sending us a picture of the new saint, which we can hang in our Saints Chapel. In this parish we have organised two things. We are sending a delegate to the Canonisation, along with the party from Cardinal Newman School. This is Luke Kilgallon, our altar server at 6pm Mass. The diocese is paying for his hotel and other expenses, but we the parish need to find the sum of £400 to finance his trip. A benefactor has already guaranteed this sum, but if you would all like to chip in, please feel free to do so! Just put a sum of money in an envelope and mark it 'Newman' and place it in the collection or hand it to Fr Alexander. If forty people gave £10 each, or if 80 gave £5 each.... You can do the math, as they say. So far we have raised £50. Secondly, as already

announced, on 31 October at 7.30pm, we are celebrating the canonisation with a Mass presided over by Monsignor Keith Newton, the head of the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham. Afterwards there will be drinks in the Hall and the Monsignor will talk about Newman, and Luke will also give us his impressions of the canonisation. Some more Cardinal Newman quotes to meditate on:

"I sought to hear the voice of God And climbed the topmost steeple, But God declared: "Go down again – I dwell among the people."

"If we insist on being as sure as is conceivable... we must be content to creep along the ground, and can never soar."

"Faith is illuminative, not operative; it does not force obedience, though it increases responsibility; it heightens guilt, but it does not prevent sin. The will is the source of action."

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Exposed takes place here every Friday after the 10am Mass for 30 minutes. Jesus will bless you, your family and the whole world for this hour of faith you spend with Him in the Blessed Sacrament. 'Blessed are they who do not see and yet believe...' 'Faith can move mountains...' ; 'What is needed is trust...' ; 'Behold I come to make all things new.' (Jn 20:29; Mk 11:23; Mk 5:36; Rev 21:5)

The Apostolate of Adoration has visited us and will be coming again to speak at all Masses on the weekend of 22/23 February 2020 about the importance of Adoration. We will launch Adoration on Saturdays after the 10am Mass starting on 29 February which is the first Saturday in Lent. Do keep this important initiative in mind. When Adoration starts on Saturdays, it will cease on Fridays after Mass.

Thanks to all who came to the Health and Safety meeting last Monday. We are now looking for fire marshals who, as their name suggests, will direct

people about what to do if there is ever a fire. At some future point we will hold a practice evacuation of the Church. Watch this space. In the meantime, let us remember that security and safety are the responsibility of us all. Two things were decided that need to be acted on right away: the choir loft and the kitchen are spaces that only adults should enter. Many thanks to Annie Bergwerf who has taken on the task of being our health and Safety officer.

**First Holy Communion Catechist urgently required to help run our programme this year.** This is a very rewarding job and we cannot continue successfully without more help. We have a large group of children again this year, which is wonderful. Please contact Fr Alexander or Jane Noble if you think you can help.

**Don't forget that our Social Club** meets every Friday from 1.30pm to 3.30pm. All are welcome, and please bring along all your friends! This coming Friday, 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. (This meeting will start at 1pm. We are short of bowls so please bring one if you can). The next Friday, 11 October, Stella is going to share her experiences about her long career as a midwife, and on 18 October, Agnes is organising Bingo, or, as some of us prefer to call it, Housey-housey.

Cheer up dark November with one or both of our **Film Nights!** Our next Adult Film night will be on Saturday 9 November, at 7pm. The Junior Film Night will be on Sunday 17 November at 5pm. We are open to suggestion about the films to watch. At present Jaws has been suggested for the first, and Peter Pan for the latter. Any other suggestions?

**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.

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](mailto:stpetershallbn3@gmail.com)

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