

### 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 10 September, 7.30pm: Parish Finance Committee meets.

Wednesday 12 September, 9.15am: School Mass at Cottesmore.

Friday 13 September, 11am: Funeral of Caroline Adams, RIP, followed by cremation at Woodvale crematorium.

Friday 13 September, 7.30pm: Children's Liturgy and catechists, pizza and wine evening.

Tuesday 17 September, 8pm: Parish Team meets.

Thursday 19 September, 7pm: Care Group meets.

Saturday 21 September: UCM Diocesan Study Day.

Monday 23 September, 8pm: Health and Safety meeting.

Monday 30 September, 8pm: Parent's Meeting for First Holy Communion.

Thursday 3 October, 9.15am: Harvest Mass at Cottesmore.

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! On Friday 13 September Denise D'Souza will lead a discussion on "Is there a crisis in social care?" The next Friday, 20 September, Kevin Murphy O'Connor will be in conversation on the topic of "My Cousin the Cardinal".

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: July draw: £50 Clare Gorton, £90 Hugh Foord, £200 Stella Grinham.

**UCM meeting** Wednesday 11 September, 7.30pm in the hall, new members welcome, Catch up night.

### 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. Come and meet and share with other Grandparents. Honorary Grandparents welcome! Packed lunch needed. Drinks provided. Booking essential at [Rosie.Read@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:Rosie.Read@abdiocese.org.uk)

**Collection:** £1, 567.54

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

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8 Sep 2019

**Twenty-Third Sunday of the Year.**

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### Mass intentions this week:

Saturday 7 September 6pm Holy Souls  
Sunday 8 September 8.30am Holy Souls  
Sunday 8 September 10am Patrick Wood RIP  
Sunday 8 September 11.15am For all Parishioners  
Monday 9 September 10am Jimmy O'Meara RIP  
Tuesday 10 September 10am GE Marie Christine Durtin  
Wednesday 11 September 9.15am Mass at Cottesmore.  
Thursday 12 September No Mass  
Friday 13 September 11am Funeral of Caroline Adams RIP  
Saturday 14 September 10am Kieran Cashman RIP  
Saturday 14 August 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

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**This Sunday is the Twenty-Third of the Year,** and there will be a special retiring collection for the Catholic Education Service.

In the first reading today, from the Book of Wisdom, the writer ponders the question of how we can possibly know the mind of God, given the weakness of human reasoning. This is still an actual question. The Church teaches that human reason participates in the Supreme Reason that is God; therefore, though it can be hard, we can make firm conclusions about the nature of God, through studying His Creation. It is simply not true to say that God is utterly beyond us. Moreover, His Son came to teach us, and found in human beings receptive listeners. Our minds, thanks to the fact that we are God's creatures are wired in such a way as to be able to receive Divine Wisdom. In the Gospel we hear about the virtue of Prudence, that is, the way we should think ahead and plan our actions wisely. God, in making us rational, has given us responsibility for the things of this world that we must organise for ourselves. Let us remember that at our Confirmation we were anointed as prophets, priests and kings – this last means people who are responsible for that which is entrusted to our care.

Next Sunday is the Twenty-Fourth of the Year. This Sunday has been designated Home Mission Sunday, and there is a retiring collection for this cause.

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.** (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 Saint Peter Claver.

Thursday is the feast of the Most Holy Name of Mary.

Friday is the feast of Saint John Chrysostom.

Saturday is the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Caroline Adams, daughter of John, who died recently and whose funeral is here on Friday 13 th September at 11am. May the Lord grant her eternal rest and give comfort to those who survive her. Please note that the funeral Mass is at 11am and that replaces the 10am Mass on that day. Also please note that there is Mass at Cottesmore on Wednesday at 9.15am to mark the opening of the school year. (This represents a change of date; there will be no 10am Mass on that day.)

This Tuesday 10 September, the Parish Finance Committee meets, and the Tuesday after that the Parish Team meets. If you have any matter that you would wish either or both bodies to discuss, please make them known to members. The Finance Committee will

be trying to prioritise various work projects for the future, as well as considering the progress made by various works in hand. The Parish Team is more concerned with the spiritual side of the parish.

This Friday the Children's Liturgy team meet up with the catechists to enjoy pizza and wine. Would you like to take part in Children's Liturgy? If so, please make yourself known and come along! There is a lot of parish wine that needs to be drunk.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Exposed takes place here every Friday after the 10am Mass for 30 minutes. For peace in our country! "When my people humble themselves and seek my presence... I will revive their land."; (2Chr 7:14)

Brace yourselves! **The Annual Mass count is coming.** This takes place over four Sundays, to wit the 21 and 28 September, and 5 and 12 October. The entire congregation is counted, and an average is taken. It really is important to get an accurate number (NOT an estimate, still less a guesstimate), as this figure is used to determine various things such as the money the parish pays to the diocese, as well as informing decisions about Mass provision. If you would like to volunteer to be a counter at your Mass, see the Mass organiser. In the meantime, Fr Alexander will try to locate a 'clicker'.

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.

**Dialogue and Unity Day 2019, Catholicism and Islam: Encounter and Engagement:** Saturday 28th September 10-4pm - St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley. Bring a packed lunch. The day is for Catholics and anyone who is interested in this topic, so bring friends - all welcome. We will be exploring the Church's teaching and examples of the teaching being lived out, how the teaching is delivered in our Catholic Schools and we will hear a response from our friend Kauser Akhtar, Surrey Faith Links Adviser, Muslim, Shah Jahan Mosque, Woking. Come along and find out about Interfaith groups around Surrey and Sussex and explore this rich area of our Churches teaching which is so important to understand today. Booking form at [www.abdiocese.org.uk](http://www.abdiocese.org.uk) Help us to use our resources well and to welcome you in the best way we can by booking.

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.

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.

The **Junior Choir** will meet on Wednesday 11th September at 6pm in the hall. New members are welcome to join from Year 3 age upwards but need to be available to sing at 10am mass.

The 2 November is All Souls' Day, and this year it falls on a Saturday. The 10am Mass that day will be for all those who have died in the last year, who shall be remembered by name, after a consultation of the records. We will do our best to invite all their kin to this Mass; if you fall into this group, please note the date and take this as your invitation (though invitations will go out as well in due course.) There may be others who have died in previous years who you would like to remember, and of course those who have died elsewhere or who have had their funerals elsewhere. Please submit their names to Fr Alexander in advance. After Mass we will retire to the hall for coffee and tea and cake.

**Health and Safety Update:** As you know, Annie Bergwerf is hard at work overseeing our health and safety procedures. We shall be meeting on Monday 23rd September, at 8pm, where we will discuss all related matters, including security measures, fire regulations, evacuation procedures, and whatever else we can do to make the Church a safe environment. This is for all interested parties, including, but not limited to, Mass organisers, Children's Liturgy organisers, sacristans and all others who may wish to take part and contribute. Do we need CCTV in the church? Could we combine this with internet streaming? These and other questions are ones that we need to discuss.

**Our Care Group** consists of Fr Alexander, Sue Hollow, Trish Longley, Claire Gwynn, Wendy Wallis and Josie Staunton. If there is anyone else who you think might like to be visited at home, for whatever reason, please mention it to a member of the group. Currently there are about sixty people on our 'list', and the

list is growing. If you are an Extraordinary Minister and wish to take Holy Communion to people at home or in nursing homes, we would like to hear from you! The Care Group meets next on September 19.

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.

#### **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](mailto: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](mailto:ruth.gerun@dabnet.org) - 01293 651164. Numbers limited therefore priority will be given to those who have not previously attended.

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