



THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

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Our Prayers

We pray for the sick:

Conchita Benjamin

Tim Bunting

Fran & John Wallace

Tom Piggins

Patrick Hallaghan

Stewart Anderson

Vicky and John Lord

And all the housebound of the Parish & those in hospital

PARISH NEWSLETTER

7th Sunday of the Year: 19 February 2012

Weds is ASH WEDNESDAY, day of fasting and abstinence,

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

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| SATURDAY | FEB 18 | 6pm | JUDY MURPHY RIP |
| SUNDAY | FEB 19 | 9.30am | NORA FINCH RIP |
| | | 11.30am | NG FAMILY INTENTION |
| | | 5.30pm | PEOPLE OF THE PARISH |
| MONDAY | FEB 20 | 10am | FR KEVIN DRING - THANKS FOR HEALING |
| TUESDAY | FEB 21 | 10am | JUDY MURPHY RIP |
| ASH WEDNESDAY | FEB 22 | 10am | THANKSGIVING FOR CARDINAL HUME RIP |
| | | 7pm | DECEASED CLERGY |
| THURSDAY | FEB 23 | 12noon | IN THANKSGIVING TO OUR LADY |
| FRIDAY | FEB 24 | 8am | FRANK RIP |

CONFESSION: 5.15pm – 5.45pm every Saturday. 11.15am – 11.45am on First Saturday of the month

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 9-10am

COLLECTIONS

Offertory: £1404.81

This week's second collection:

Cabrini Children's Society

Last week's second collection:

Parish Maintenance Fund

£305.21

No second collection next week

Lenten Alms Box – for the poor

ASH WEDNESDAY

On Wednesday we launch ourselves into the Holy Season of Lent. These 40 days of prayer, fasting and almsgiving (charity) offer us an opportunity to "purify our hearts" so that we can see God, see others, and see ourselves in the light of love, rather than with fear, envy or resentment. Lent is often thought of in terms of what do I give up but it is as much about positively what do I take on that will improve and strengthen my relationship with God and neighbour. Below are listed our Lenten Services and Devotions to help us enter into this "Season of Grace" with optimism and a joyful desire for renewal. God is good and always faithful.

Ash Wednesday: Masses at 10am and 7pm

Stations of the Cross: Every Friday at 12noon and Sunday at 5pm (before the 5.30 Mass)

Lenten Daily Scripture Reflections / Prayer Calendars: for minimal cost available in the porch

Lenten Faith Sharing Groups: last chance to sign up on sheets at back of church

Happy and Holy Lent!

Fr Kevin

Lent Groups

An opportunity to meet other Parishioners and prepare in prayer for Easter. Groups start **this week** – you can join a group on either Mon eve, Weds afternoon, Thurs morning or eve. Please see sign-up sheets at the back of the church.

Cabrini Children's Society

This weekend is the annual collection for Cabrini, which provides support for the most vulnerable children and young people in our community (counselling in schools, residential care for adults with learning disabilities etc.). 2012 is Cabrini's 125th anniversary, so please donate what you can and complete one of the Gift Aid envelopes if you are able.

Youth Group

This Sun 9.30am Mass for post First Holy Communion children, theme this term is Prayer.

Homeless Shelter

All went well again on Tuesday, our second night, thanks to the great team work of our volunteers. It's a real privilege to be part of. We continue to pray for God's blessing on the project and all our homeless guests.

Eucharistic Ministers & Readers

During Lent we will be looking to train new readers and Eucharistic Ministers for the Parish. If you feel you could exercise one of these important ministries, please speak to Fr Kevin.

Catechists

Looking ahead to September, we would like to build the team of catechists for the First Holy Communion, Confirmation & RCIA programmes. Please consider becoming a catechist – suitable training and support will be provided. Please contact the Parish Office.

This week

Sun 19 Feb 9.30am Baptism Welcome Mass, plus cakes & artwork sale after Mass for Lourdes fundraising (see separate notice)

W/c Mon 20 Feb Lent Groups start – see notices at back of church

Tues 21 Feb Homeless Shelter here during evening & night

Weds 22 Feb ASH WEDNESDAY Masses 10am & 7pm

Sat 25 Feb 9.30am – 11am First Holy Communion session (children only)

Sat 25 Feb RCIA candidates Rite of Election, Arundel Cathedral

Sun 26 Feb 9.30am First Holy Communion Mass

Coming soon

Tues 28 Feb Homeless Shelter here during evening & night

Thurs 1 March 7pm RCIA Parish Room

Fri 2 March CAFOD Lenten Fast Day

Sat 3 March – Monthly 12 noon Mass & Scripture Study Day (see separate notice)

Our 9.30am Family Mass

2nd Sunday of each month (11 March / 15 April) will be a special **Children's Mass** which will involve all age groups of children in various ways. The many young families coming to Mass are such a blessing for the parish and I feel real excitement that, together, we can begin to make everyone's involvement and experience even better. For all parents of toddlers: **DON'T WORRY** if you need to get up and move around from time to time ... or worry about children making a little noise ... not a problem. To help we are providing **Children's Bags** as you arrive. Please return these to the box at end of Mass.

Scripture Study Day

Sat 3 March 10am – 3.30pm here at Sacred Heart

'St. Paul and the Cross of Christ'

Following the successful day here in November, Fr Richard Ounsworth OP, a dynamic Scripture scholar and preacher, is returning. Donation only event. Bring your own lunch.

More details admin@wellspringbrighton.org.uk / tel 245096.

CYMFED Flame Congress

Wembley Arena 24 March 2012

The Flame Congress is for young people over 14, a remarkable day of witness, prayer, music and drama. Top speakers drawn from the Catholic and sporting worlds, linking Olympic values and faith, this day will definitely inspire young people in their faith, and in their experience of being young Catholics. **John Watts organising group from Sacred Heart – please speak to him if interested.**

Parish Room every week: *Mon: Tai Chi 50+ 11.30 – 12.30, Colette Melling 738777. Monday Club 2 – 4pm Chat, cakes & raffle. Christian Meditation Group 7 – 8pm, Tim Cullen 857998. Thurs: Whist Group 2 – 4pm, Jean Miller 202162.*

Refreshments

Every week after 9.30am Family Mass, all welcome.

Sun 19 Feb – Fundraising for Lourdes Pilgrimage

With Lent approaching, would you like to indulge in some last minute treats of homemade cakes and biscuits? Sunday 19 February after the 9.30am Mass is your opportunity to not only have something scrumptious to accompany your tea or coffee but to also help raise some money for me to go to Lourdes as a helper for the sick and disabled. But, if you don't fancy having something to eat, I will also be selling some of my original artwork and photographs.

Thanks! *Cassandra Joucerand*

Flowers

If you would like to donate Sunday flowers for a loved one, please contact the Parish Office, with indication of preferred colour scheme. The minimum donation is £25

Lent through the Gospels

David Matthews is leading 2 evenings at St.Peters, Portland Rd: Weds 29 Feb & Weds 21 March, 7.30 – 9pm. An excellent speaker known to some of you from his presentations during the Celebrate

Celebrating 150 Years

St Mary Magdalen, Brighton

Begins with Solemn High Mass on 27 February 2012, 150 years from the official opening of the Nave. The music will be Schubert's Mass in G and a world Premiere of a new 'Tu es Petrus' written by a young composer Tom Bennett. For more information of the programme of events for the year go to <http://150-years-magdalen.blogspot.com/>

Grandparents

Following on from the very successful Day for Grandparents which was held last September at Crawley a great deal of interest has been shown in the setting up of groups to assist grandparents to pass on their faith.

A morning session on **"Practical Grand-parenting"** is to be held on **5th May** at DABCEC. This will be given by Elizabeth O' Shea who has a wealth of experience in teaching parenting skills. To book please contact Katherine Bergin, Marriage and Family Life Adviser email:

katherine.bergin@dabnet.org or tel: 01293651152

A VERY WARM WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS.

PLEASE SWITCH OFF YOUR MOBILE PHONE BEFORE SERVICES BEGIN.

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