

**Sunday 27th July 2025,
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Gloria

**Glory to God in the highest, and on earth
peace to people of good will. We praise
you, we bless you, we adore you, we
glorify you, we give you thanks for your
great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O
God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ,
Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of
God, Son of the Father, you take away
the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer; you are seated at the
right hand of the Father, have mercy on
us. For you alone are the Holy One, you
alone are the Lord, you alone are the
Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy
Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

First Reading: Genesis 18:20-32

In those days: The Lord said, ‘Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know.’ So the men turned from there and went towards Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the Lord. Then Abraham drew near and said, ‘Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?’ And the Lord said, ‘If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake.’ Abraham answered and said, ‘Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?’ And he said, ‘I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.’ Again he spoke to him and said, ‘Suppose forty are found there.’ He answered, ‘For the sake of forty I will not do it.’ Then he said, ‘Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there.’ He answered, ‘I will not do it, if I find thirty there.’ He said, ‘Behold, I have undertaken to speak to

the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.' Then he said, 'Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.' The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm Response

**On the day I called, you answered me,
O Lord.**

Second Reading: Colossians 2:12-14

Brothers and Sisters: You have been buried with Christ in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God who raised him from the dead. And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by cancelling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

**You have received the Spirit of
adoption as sons,
by whom we cry, 'Abba! Father!
Alleluia.**

Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' And he said to them, 'When you pray, say: 'Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation.'

And he said to them, ‘Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, “Friend, lend me three loaves, for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey and I have nothing to set before him”; and he will answer from within, “Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything”? I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his

impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!’

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Profession of Faith

**I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all things
visible and invisible.**

**I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the
Only Begotten Son of God, born of the
Father before all ages. God from God,
Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with
the Father; through him all things were
made. For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
(all bow during the next three lines)
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of
the Virgin Mary,
and became man.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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Canon Colin Wolczak; Fr Tony Milner (on sabbatical); Canon David Parmiter

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Canon David Writes...

Sometimes we say our prayers quickly, which runs the risk of saying the words without thinking about them. In the rite of ordination to be a priest, the Bishop presents the gifts of bread and wine to the newly ordained and both hold them. Then the Bishop says, “Accept from the holy people of God the gifts to be offered to him. Know what you are doing, and imitate the mystery you celebrate: model your life on the mystery of the Lord’s Cross.” This is the spirit in which we can say our prayers and conduct our lives. That is, to know what we are doing and follow through in what we say and do. In our first reading Abraham intercedes on behalf of the people because he trusts in the mercy of God.

The Our Father is a summary of Christian Prayer; it expresses the praise of God and petitions for ourselves and our brothers and sisters. Praying this prayer in a manner that we are aware of what we are saying is a fruitful experience. Above all it is a reminder to us that we are praying to a merciful and loving Father who will, “give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him.” In the section on prayer in the Catechism, well worth reading, it says: “...Jesus does not give us a formula to repeat mechanically. As in every vocal prayer, it is through the Word of God that the Holy Spirit teaches the children of God to pray to their Father. Jesus not only gives us the words of our filial prayer; at the same time he gives us the Spirit by whom these words become in us ‘Spirit and life’ ” (Jn. 6:63).



Sycamore Renewed

Monday Evenings at St Peter's

Last Monday 21st July we recommenced our evenings together at St Peter's Church Hall. Each of you are most welcome to join us from 7pm this Monday when we will gather and chat over a bite to eat then watch and discuss the Sycamore film 'Finding True Freedom'. What do we actually imagine 'freedom' really means? Come and see!

Summertime is busy but do consider how much more fruitful our evenings would be if you were there sharing your own life and faith experiences with

Sacred Heart, 39 Norton Road, BN3 3BF, 01273 732843,

www.sacredheartove.org.uk; hovesacredheart@abdiocese.org.uk.

All Masses Live Streamed: www.sacredheartove.org.uk/videos.html

St Georges, Court Farm Road, BN3 7QR and **St Theresa's**, Old Shoreham Road, BN42 4RY, 01273 708227; westhove@abdiocese.org.uk.

St Mary Magdalen, 55 Upper North St, BN1 3FH; brightonstmarymag@abdiocese.org.uk
St Peter's, Portland Road, BN3 5GD, 01273 733840, hovestpeters@abdiocese.org.uk.

For any other contact information, including Safeguarding, please see the relevant parish website or church noticeboards.

Mass Schedule		
Sat 26	July	Sts Joachim & Anne, parents of Mary
6.00pm †	SH	Margre Gisela Ortega RIP
6.00	SP	People of the Parish
6.30	SG	<i>Polish Mass</i>
Sun 27	July	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8.30 am	SP	People of the Parish
9.00	ST	Anna Zambito RIP
9.30	SH	Catherine Collins RIP
9:30	SMM	<i>Polish Mass</i>
10.00	SP	People of the Parish
11.00	SG	All Parishioners
11.00	SMM	People of the Parish
11.30	SH	People of the Parish
11.30	SP	Maggie Fitzgerald RIP
5.00 pm	SP	
5.00	SMM	People of the Parish
Mon 28	June	
10.00 am †	SH	Batool & Hans Heller Int
Tue 29	July	Sts Martha, Mary and Lazarus
10.00 am	SG	All Parishioners
10.00 am †	SH	John Manchett RIP
10.00	SP	People of the Parish
7.00pm	ST	All Parishioners
Wed 30	July	St Peter Chrysologus
8.00am	SH	Billy Lineham Int
10.00am	SP	Peter Woods & Richard Bowra
7.00pm	ST	All Parishioners
Thurs 31	July	St Ignatius Loyola
10.00am	SP	People of the Parish
10.00am ‡	SG	All Parishioners
12 noon †	SH	Dec'd members of the Dolan Family
7.00pm	ST	All Parishioners
Fri 1	Aug	St Alphonsus Mary de' Liguori
8.00 am	SH	Keith Simpson RIP
10	SP	People of the Parish
7.00pm	ST	All Parishioners
Sat 2	Aug	St Eusebius of Vercelli
12noon	SH	Dory, Cabral, Oscar & Myrna Santos
6.00pm †	SH	Holy Souls
6.00	SP	People of the Parish
6.30	SG	<i>Polish Mass</i>
Sun 3	Aug	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8.30 am	SP	People of the Parish
9.00	ST	Eleanor & George T. Langley RIP
9.30	SH	People of the Parish
9:30	SMM	<i>Polish Mass</i>
10.00	SP	Silvana Tifaj & Family Wellbeing.
11.00	SG	All Parishioners
11.00	SMM	People of the Parish
11.30	SH	Catenian Brighton Deceased Members
11.30	SP	Mary Doherty
5.00 pm	SP	<i>Brazilian Mass</i>
5.00	SMM	People of the Parish

SH: Sacred Heart; **SG:** St George's

SMM: St Mary Magdalene's

SP: St Peter's; **ST:** St Theresa of Lisieux

† Adoration before. ‡ Adoration after

your friends and fellow parishioners!
We climb the sycamore tree together so that we can see Jesus more clearly, love him more dearly and follow him more nearly.
Fellowship in Faith.
You are most welcome.

Regular Events

Sacred Heart Prayer Group
Every Tuesday after Mass at 10:30am,
SH Parish Room. All Welcome. You may leave prayer requests in the box at the back of the Church.

Weekly Reconciliation
5:15-5:45pm before Mass
every Saturday at Sacred Heart, and/or St Peter’s.

Coffee and Cake
Sacred Heart after all 9:30am Sunday Masses, in the Parish Rooms. There will be a break during August.
St George’s & St Theresa’s after every Sunday Mass, at both churches.
St Peter’s after the 10:00 Mass on the 2nd and 4th Sundays; after 11:30 Sunday Mass every week. Everyone is welcome.

St George’s Tea and Chat
12th & 26th Aug, Parish Hall
After 10am Mass at St George's, offering a time of socialisation and activity, aimed at older people in the parish. No need to book. Just turn up!

Sacred Heart SVP Social Group
Thursdays at 12:30pm after Mass
For all parishioners. Soup, sandwiches, tea, and cakes. Entertainment - quizzes etc. The next date is **31st July**. There will be just one date in August on 28th August. All Welcome.

Other Events / Notices

Thanks from Fr Scott
Thank you all for your very kind and generous gifts and cards which you sent for my ordination; I’m very grateful and humbled by your generosity. It was a joy to celebrate the Masses at St Peter’s on the weekend of 13th July, and I offered all the Masses in thanksgiving to God for you and the ways in which I have been blessed by you. I reiterate my thanks to you for your welcome and hospitality, for the opportunities I have had to learn about priestly ministry, parish life, and the mission of the

Church during my year here. I have also greatly enjoyed it! Please pray for me as I take up my new appointment in Burgess Hill and Haywards Heath, a ministry to which I am very much looking forward. But it isn’t a million miles away and I hope I shall see you, my many friends at St Peter’s and across Brighton and Hove, from time to time. Thank you again and God bless you all. Fr Scott.

Update on Fr Colin
Fr Colin is recovering well and will be ready soon to move on to the next stage of his recovery journey. He would like to thank you for all of your kind words, support and prayers.

Sacramental programmes, St Peter’s
We are taking calls for expression of interest for next year's **First Holy Communion** and **Confirmation** programmes. If your child will be in Year 3 (First Communion programme) or Year 10 (Confirmation Programme) in Autumn 2025 and would like to participate, please contact the parish office hovestepeters@abdiocese.org.uk.

Appeal for transport to & from Mass St Theresa’s
We have a parishioner from Southwick who needs help getting to St Theresa's for Mass on Sundays. Please let the office know if you can help.

Newsletter by email
If you would like to receive a copy of the newsletter to your inbox each week, please email Lisa, SH Parish Secretary: hovesacredheart@abdiocese.org.uk to be added to the distribution list, this list is for all our churches.

Children’s Liturgy at St Peter's
is now taking a break until Sunday 14th September, many thanks to all our wonderful volunteers for giving their time for this important ministry. We are looking for more help. If you would like to volunteer, please do not hesitate to contact the office. A quick reminder that Children’s liturgy takes place on a term time only basis. Children are welcome up to secondary school age, those of secondary school age are to be encouraged to stay in the Mass. If the ratio of adults to children are not sufficient, we will have to ask some parents to join the group at that

point in the Mass before the children go out. If parents do not come forward, the liturgy will not be able to take place.

Eucharistic Adoration
Fridays, 5:30pm, SMM
Every Friday at St Mary Magdalen Church. The Church opens 4pm, with Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament 5:30-6:30pm. Come and spend time in prayer with us, interceding for our city, parish and our loved ones.

St Peter's Archive
For baptism, or confirmation certificates, please contact the archive team by email: SaintPeterArchives@gmail.com.

First Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
1st August, 6:30pm Mass
After Holy Hour at St Mary Magdalen Church, Brighton.

Music at St Peter’s
Our choirs are taking a well deserved break over the summer and will be back again in September, thank you to them for providing us with such joyful and uplifting singing and music.



Head of Finance, full-time, permanent Salary: £60,000 to £65,000
Location: The St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley (on site)
Application deadline: 18/08/25, 5pm
Interviews: 26 August 2025
The successful applicant will oversee the support of cloud-based reporting for 80 parish sites and the delivery of timely, accurate management accounts for central operations based at our Crawley site. You will have a key role in providing high-quality financial reporting to our Trustees and Diocesan Finance Committee (DFC). You'll also

lead the team in producing statutory audited accounts, acting as the principal contact for external auditors. With additional responsibility for cashflow forecasting, treasury and investment management, tax compliance, VAT (for one subsidiary), and gift aid, this role ensures that the Diocese maintains robust financial governance. While Charity sector experience is a significant advantage in this position, it is your flexible and positive leadership of a diverse staff and volunteer finance community across some 80 sites that will set you apart. To find out more and to apply, go to the Diocesan website: www.abdiocese.org.uk/careers/

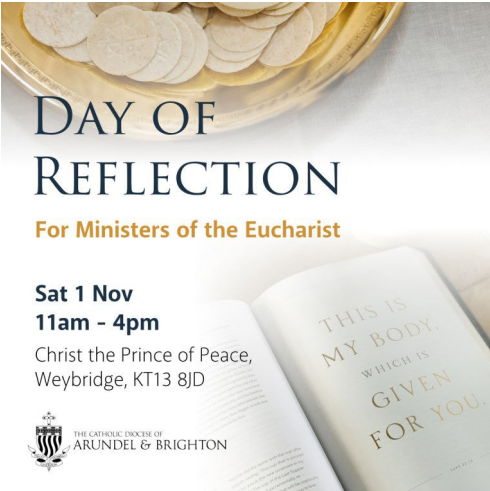
Celebrate Festival 2025
16th - 20th August 2025
For those who may have missed the Celebrate festivals in recent years, see celebratetrust.org for the 'Witness of Hope' family-friendly residential festival at Worth School and give thanks that the Holy Spirit will continue to move hearts and guide minds in Sussex and beyond.

Couples for Christ—Christian Life Program - Brighton 2025
Couples for Christ invite you to a new programme over 8 consecutive Sundays from 7th September—26th October. 1—5pm at the Fitzherbert Community Hub. Register by [clicking here](#) - or contact Bro Anton 07455 979939 or Sr Judith 07359 068097.

Walk the Augustine Camino for Mary’s Meals
Monday 1st September – Sunday 8th September 2025. Join us for the whole pilgrimage or walk with us for a day. During this Jubilee Year we would be delighted if you joined us as Pilgrims of Hope on some or all the Augustine Camino, starting at Rochester Cathedral and finishing at the Shrine of St Augustine in Ramsgate. The pilgrimage will take us to four of the designated Jubilee churches and shrines in the area:

- The Friars, Aylesford
 - St Jude’s Shrine, Faversham
 - St Thomas of Canterbury, Canterbury
 - St Augustine’s Shrine, Ramsgate
- To find out more details or to book your place on the pilgrimage, please contact Roy Peachey, the Mary’s Meals

Supporter Engagement Officer for Kent, Surrey, Sussex and South London, on roy.peachey@marysmeals.org.uk or 07593 447297.



Day of Reflection for Ministers of the Eucharist
11-4pm Saturday 1st November at Christ the Prince of Peace, Weybridge

Fundraising / Giving

St Peter’s Offertory Collection:
06/07/2025 = £1441.93
13/07/2025 = £1455.67
20/07/2025 = £1389.51

Sacred Heart Second Collection:
Stella Maris = £504.05

Special Collections 2025
14th September; Education Sunday
21st September; Evangelii Gaudium
28th September; SVP at SG & ST

Easyfundraising
Sign up and shop via the easyfundraising website when you are shopping with over 7,500 brands including eBay, Tesco, M&S, & more!
Our Lady Star of the Sea
easyfundraising.org.uk/the-catholic-parish-of-our-lady-star-of-the-sea/
Sacred Heart:
www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/sacred-heart-church-hove/
Please also download the donation reminder www.easyfundraising.org.uk/

Big Sale at St Peter’s
Gifts – bric-a-brac
10p & 50p tables
Sunday 27th July
After 10:00 & 11:30am Masses
Please support this for Kids For Kids charity

[donation-reminder/](#) which can be installed on your device and will alert you when a website provides donations when you shop online.

SVP Cash4Coins
The SVP would like to thank everyone who has donated so far! Now that summer holidays are upon us, please remember us for any leftover currency you may have when you get home. We can collect: **All foreign coins and banknotes; Current UK coins and banknotes; Any old British and Irish money; and Obsolete currency, such as pre-decimal.** Working with Cash4Coins, a currency service for charities, all the above can be converted into UK legal tender for the benefit of the SVP both locally and to support the wider work of the Society. There are collection jars at St George’s, St Theresa’s, and St Peter’s.

Hangleton & W. Blatchington Food Bank
If you would like to donate to the foodbank we would be grateful for:
Biscuits; Rice; Rice pudding; Shampoo with matching conditioner; Shaving gel; Tinned custard; and Tinned tomatoes.
We currently have a HUGE stock of soup so please do not buy us any. Thank you.

Please pray for...
Bob & Elena White, Canon Colin Wolczak, Cathy Howes, Cheryl Evans, Rex Curd, Theresa Price (Nee Maguire), Tom Piggins, and Winifred Wilde

Please pray for all who have died recently, especially...

Dennis Tribe RIP
Dennis Tribe who served as an altar server at St Peter’s and was a parishioner here for many years, his funeral will be at the Downs Crematorium in Brighton at 3pm on Friday 8th August. The family have asked if you could please email paul@paultribe.com if you wish to attend the service.

Monica Compton RIP
Funeral Mass for Monica Compton RIP on Monday 4th August 2025 at 12pm at the Sacred Heart followed by burial at 1:30pm.