Sunday 17th August 2025, **20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Entrance Antiphon

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield, and look on the face of your anointed

one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

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: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10 In those days: The officials said to the king, 'Let this man, Jeremiah, be put to death, for he is weakening the hands of the soldiers who are left in this city, and the hands of all the people, by speaking such words to them. For this man is not seeking the welfare of this people, but their harm.' King Zedekiah said, 'Behold, he is in your hands, for the king can do nothing against you.' So they took Jeremiah and cast him into the cistern of Malchiah, the king's son, which was in the court of the guard, letting Jeremiah down by ropes. And there was no water in the cistern, but only mud, and Jeremiah sank in the mud.

Ebed-melech went from the king's house and said to the king, 'My lord the king, these men have done evil in all that they did to Jeremiah the prophet by casting him into the cistern, and he will die there of hunger, for there is no bread left in the city.' Then the king commanded Ebedmelech the Ethiopian, 'Take thirty men with you from here, and lift Jeremiah the prophet out of the cistern before he dies. The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm Response Lord, make haste to help me!

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:1-4 Brothers and Sisters: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or faint-hearted. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

John 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia.

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord, and I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia.

Gospel: Luke 12:49-53

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! I have a baptism to be baptised with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on in one house there will be five divided: three against two and two against three. They will be divided, father against son and son against father; mother against daughter and daughter against mother; mother-in-law against her daughter-inlaw, and daughter-in-law against mother-

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

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.

Communion Antiphon

I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord. Whoever eats of this bread will live for

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Made partakers of Christ through these Sacraments,

we humbly implore your mercy, Lord, that, conformed to his image on earth, we may merit also to be his coheirs in

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Concluding Rites

Priest: The Lord be with you. And with your spirit. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, 2 and the Holy

Dismissal

Priest: Go forth, the Mass is ended. The people reply:

Thanks be to God

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Brighton and Hove Deanery: Western Churches

Sat 16

Sacred Heart; St George's & St Theresa's; St Mary Magdalen's; St Peter's Canon Colin Wolczak; Fr Tony Milner (on sabbatical); Canon David Parmiter

Sunday 17th August 2025, 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C. Weekdays: Week 20

Canon David Writes...

Being a follower of Jesus means accepting his invitation to be an active part 6.00pm † SH Anthony John Reynolds RIP of his mission in the world through the inspiration and power of the Holy Spirit. It means, in the words of today's Gospel, bringing fire to the earth and facing the fact that not everyone will agree with you, perhaps even those close to you. Jesus talks about the baptism of his death on the Cross, which we enter at our own baptism. When we are anointed on the head with the oil of Chrism just after baptism a dramatic prayer is said. These are the words: "God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has freed you from sin, given you a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and welcomed you into his holy people. He now anoints you with the Chrism of salvation. As Christ was anointed Priest, Prophet, and King, so may you live always as a member of his body sharing everlasting life."

The fire that Jesus speaks about is the Holy Spirit who gives us a new birth at baptism and enables us to live with the fire of God's love. That is to burn with a love for God and his Church and for other people outside its confines who are also made in his image and likeness. To bring to all the warmth of his love, to use his fire to purify ourselves and the world from selfishness, greed and violence. Those who benefit from selfishness, greed and violence may well reject this message, but the fire of the Gospel needs to issue its challenging call in these situations: repent for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand!

The fire of God's love which we carry is there to warm hearts that may have become cold and cynical through disappointments in life, ill treatment and the experience of poverty in its many forms. Others will struggle for different reasons and will not believe that Jesus Christ is the way, the truth and life finding it too difficult to believe in a loving God who has come to

save us. But Jesus is the source of peace, and when it comes to a fork in the road, those who have been led, through hardships, to follow different path, and are divided from us, may well meet Jesus looking for them. We still need to help them see him.

please see the relevant parish website or church noticeboards.

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	6.00	SP	People of the Parish
	Sun 17	Aug	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
	8.30 am	SP	Angela & Peter Fishenden 30th
			wedding anniversary
	9.00	ST	Marie Berry RIP
	9.30	SH	Canon Colin's Ints.
	09:30	SMM	Polish Mass
	10.00	SP	Carmen Omectin
	11.00	SG	Mary Spencer 90th birthday
	11.00	SMM	People of the Parish
	11.30	SH	People of the Parish
	11.30	SP	Stanislaw Szcerbiak RIP
	5.00 pm	SP	Brazillian Mass
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Aug St Stephen of Hungary

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Sacred Heart, 39 Norton Road, BN3 3BF, 01273 732843,	09:30
www.sacredhearthove.org.uk; hovesacredheart@abdiocese.org.uk.	10.00
All Masses Live Streamed: www.sacredhearthove.org.uk/videos.html	11.00
St Georges, Court Farm Road, BN3 7QR and St Theresa's, Old Shoreham Road,	11.00
BN42 4RY, 01273 708227; westhove@abdiocese.org.uk.	11.30
St Mary Magdalen, 55 Upper North St, BN1 3FH; bright-	11.30
onstmarymag@abdiocese.org.uk.	5.00 p
St Peter's, Portland Road, BN3 5GD, 01273 733840, hovestpe-	5.00

9.00 Canon Bernard Jose RIP 9.30 People of the Parish 09:30 SMM Polish Mass 10.00 SP Denis Tribe RIP 11.00 SG Wellbeing SMM People of the Parish 11.00 11.30 11.30

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Mr & Mrs GW Gillow & Rel.

Eric & Maureen Hardiman RIP

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Aug 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

No Mass

Aug St Rose of Lima

Ruby D'Souza RIP SP People of the Parish ma 00.6 Brazillian Mass 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

Pope Leo's message for the World Day Sacred Heart Prayer Group of Prayer for the Care of Creation 2025 Every Tuesday after Mass at 10:30am, Monday, August 4th, 2025

In his message for the Tenth World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, Pope Leo stresses that environmental justice – implicitly proclaimed by the prophets - can no longer be regarded as an abstract concept or a distant goal. The theme of Pope Leo XIV's message for the World Day of Prayer for the Care St George's Tea and Chat of Creation is 'Seeds of Peace and

Hope'. It was released on the Memorial of the First Martyrs of Holy Roman Church on 30 June 2025.

The tenth World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation will be celebrated on Monday, 1 September 2025.

This Jubilee Year also marks the tenth anniversary of Pope Francis's encyclical letter Laudato Si' that focuses on 'Care for our Common Home'.

The complete text of Pope Leo's message is available here:

Pope Leo's message for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation 2025 Catholic Bishops' Conference

Regular Events



Sycamore Renewed—A Monday evening welcome **Monday Evenings at St Peter's**

We are continuing our evenings together at St Peter's Church Hall and each of you are most welcome to join us from 7pm this Monday. We gather and chat over a bite to eat then watch and discuss a Sycamore film, this week 'Creation, Fall and Salvation' presented by Father Stephen Wang (above). 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.

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 also at St Peter's.

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! Occasionally there will be no 10am Mass on Tuesday, however Tea & Chat will still take place, starting at 10:30am in the hall.

Sacred Heart SVP Social Group Thursdays at 12:30pm after Mass

For all parishioners. Soup, sandwiches, tea, and cakes. Entertainment - guizzes etc. The next dates will be 11th September & 25th September, and every 2 weeks thereafter. All Welcome.

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, now with confession.

Other Events / Notices

Polish Mass at St George's No Polish Mass in August (Saturdays at 6:30pm). I will come back in September! Best wishes, Fr Tadeusz.

St Peter's Church Opening Times

We have taken the decision to close the church after 10am Mass during the week due to safeguarding reasons. We have always tried to remain open until later afternoon for quiet reflection and prayer, but this is proving difficult of late so for the next few weeks we shall close after Mass. If anyone has any questions, please feel free to ask Canon David or speak to the office.



2025-2026 Sacramental Programmes Application Forms - For All Western Churches

First Holy Communion, Confirmation, and RCIA Application Forms, for the 2025-2026 programmes are now available to pick up from your church, parish office, or website. Please be prompt in returning your forms before the deadlines that are stated on the forms. Any late applications may not be considered for this year's programmes.

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. 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.

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.

Photography 28th September, 9:30am Mass

There will be a photographer attending Mass at the Sacred Heart on Sunday 28th September, 9:30am to capture imagery for use on our new parish website and parish and diocesan digital and print channels. If you would prefer not to be photographed, please let the

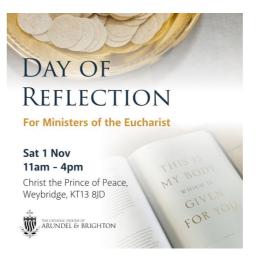
priest know beforehand, so that we can ensure you are not pictured by the photographer. All photos will be captured on behalf of The Diocese of Arundel & Brighton in accordance with their privacy policy which can be found on the diocesan website: www.abdiocese.org.uk.

A Day with Mary

A Day with Mary Saturday 30 August 2025 at Arundel Cathedral a day of instruction devotion & intercession based on the message given at Fatima in 1917. Further information at www.adaywithmary.org

St Peter's Archive

For baptism, or confirmation certificates, please email: SaintPeterArchives@gmail.com.



Day of Reflection for Ministers of the **Eucharist**

11-4pm Saturday 1st November at Christ the Prince of Peace, Weybridge

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, email Lisa, Sacred Heart 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.

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.

St Peter' Money Counters, please contact the parish office if you feel you can join this wonderful group who kindly count the collection after Mass on a Sunday morning. We really need a couple of more people to volunteer to join the three teams we have and if we have at least four more people each team would only need to count every six weeks. It's a simple enough job and you work in pairs and training will be provided with a cup of coffee thrown in.

Fundraising / Giving

St Peter's Offertory Collection:

Offertory for Sunday August 10th £1,227.

ESSA Curry Evening

Karla would like to thank everyone who attended the Curry Evening. A big thank you for all the donations raised which amounted to £1,740. Thank you for your support and may God bless you.

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/ 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: Flavoured packets of noodles (not spicy), non dairy long life milk, chidrens breakfast cereal. No need for soup please.

Donations may be brought to the hall

on Wednesdays between 10.30 and 11.45 or dropped into the collection bins in the One Stop in Court Farm Road, Books Alive in Elm Drive or in Hove Waitrose, or at any of our churches. Thank you. Please note, we will be closed on Wednesday 20th August, to give our staff and volunteers a much needed holiday. We will be

open again as usual on Wednesday 27th

Please pray for...

August 2025.

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 the sick

and/or housebound members of our parishes. Please tell your parish office if you would like to add someone to the list above. Please also pray for all those who have died recently, may they rest in peace.