## Sunday 24th August 2025, 21st 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.

## Collect

Let us pray. O God, who cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose, grant your people to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

God, for ever and ever. Amen.

#### First Reading: Isaiah 66:18-21

Thus says the Lord: 'For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see my glory, and I will set a sign among them. And from them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands far away, that have not heard my fame or seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory among the nations. And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the Lord, on horses and in chariots and in litters and on mules and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem,' says the Lord, 'just as the Israelites bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the Lord. And some of them also I will take for priests and for

Levites,' says the Lord. The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

**Psalm Response** 

Go into all the world and proclaim the good news.

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:5-7,11-13 Brothers and Sisters: Have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? 'My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.' It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of join but rather be healed. The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

**Gospel Acclamation** Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the way, and the truth, and the life, says the Lord. No one comes to the Father except through me. Alleluia.

Gospel: Luke 13:22-30

At that time: Jesus went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying towards Jerusalem. And someone said to him, 'Lord, will those who are saved be few?' And he said to them, 'Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, "Lord, open to us", then he will answer you, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will begin to say, "We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets." But he will say, "I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart All rights are reserved. Excerpts from from me, all you workers of evil!" In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see

Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.' 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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## **Brighton and Hove Deanery: Western Churches**

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 24th August 2025, 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C. Weekdays: Week 21

#### Canon David Writes...

Some people like a challenge and search them out whilst others, most people, I guess, wait for them to come along and then muster the energy and skill to overcome them. Over the past couple of weeks, the Gospel has challenged us, and this Sunday is no exception. The challenge that Jesus puts before us is in response to a question he is asked: 'Lord, will those who are saved be few?' In reply Jesus could have said "no, no, don't worry about it, everyone will be included, all carry on as you are." But instead, he challenges all of us to reflect on our faith and how we are living it: "Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able." So, what is this narrow door? The Church says these expressions of Jesus are a call to responsibility and a call to conversion. The call to responsibility is about asking ourselves how we use our freedom in the light of our eternal destiny. The call to conversion is about deepening our faith in Jesus Christ as the Son of God. We are invited to walk the path of charity, that is, the love of God and of neighbour. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states: "Charity is the greatest social commandment. It respects others and their rights. It requires the practice of justice, and it alone makes us capable of it. Charity inspires a life of self-giving: 'Whoever seeks to gain his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life will preserve it' (paragraph 1889).

The Church as the universal sacrament of salvation calls all people into a relationship with Christ through communion with her and one another. We live in a complex and diverse world, and it is not always clear how the call to all nations, heard in our first reading, will work out. What we can work out though, through the grace of the Holy Spirit, is our responsibility and conversion. To think, for example, how and when we might carry out the works of charity and seek to make some space in our lives for contemplating the life of Jesus so that we know him better. This week we are being challenged in the Gospel not to be indifferent to either the message of salvation in Christ, or the practice of charity. Described by Jesus as the 'narrow door' suggests that we need to listen carefully to him and then to look carefully for the right path. If you are one of a small number in Church today, you may well have found the narrow door!

#### **Regular Events**

**Sycamore** — A Monday evening welcome 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 bank holiday Monday.

We gather and chat over a bite to eat then watch and discuss a Sycamore film, this week 'The Community of the Church' presented by Father Stephen Wang. We climb the sycamore tree together so that we can see Jesus more



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SP

Sacred Heart, 39 Norton Road, BN3 3BF, 01273 732843, www.sacredhearthove.org.uk; hovesacredheart@abdiocese.org.uk. All Masses Live Streamed: www.sacredhearthove.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. SH: Sacred Heart; SG: St George's

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.

|   | Sat 23     | Aug | St Rose of Lima                   |
|---|------------|-----|-----------------------------------|
|   | 6.00pm †   | SH  | Eric & Maureen Hardiman RIP       |
|   | 6.00       | SP  | People of the Parish              |
|   | Sun 24     | Aug | 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time      |
|   | 8.30 am    | SP  | People of the Parish              |
|   | 9.00       | ST  | Canon Bernard Jose RIP            |
|   | 9.30       | SH  | People of the Parish              |
|   | 9:30       | SMM | Polish Mass                       |
|   | 10.00      | SP  | Denis Tribe RIP                   |
|   | 11.00      | SG  | Wellbeing                         |
|   | 11.00      | SMM | People of the Parish              |
|   | 11.30      | SH  | Ruby D'Souza RIP                  |
|   | 11.30      | SP  | People of the Parish              |
|   | 5.00 pm    | SP  | Brazilian Mass                    |
|   | 5.00       | SMM | People of the Parish              |
|   | Mon 25     | Aug | St Louis                          |
|   | 10.00 am † | SH  | Canon Colin's Int                 |
|   | Tue 26     | Aug | Blessed Dominic Barbari           |
|   | 10.00 am   | SG  | The Brett Family                  |
|   | 10.00 †    | SH  | William Highland King RIP         |
|   | 10.00      | SP  | People of the Parish              |
|   | 7.00pm     | ST  | All Parishioners                  |
|   | Wed 27     | Aug | St Monica                         |
|   | 8.00am     | SH  | Bob & Elena's Int                 |
|   | 10.00am    | SP  | People of the Parish              |
|   | 7.00pm     | ST  | All Parishioners                  |
|   | Thurs 28   | Aug | St Augustine                      |
| 5 | 10.00am    | SP  | People of the Parish              |
|   | 10.00 ‡    | SG  | All Parishioners                  |
|   | 12 noon †  | SH  | Gillian Mortell RIP               |
|   | 7.00pm     | ST  | All Parishioners                  |
|   | Fri 29     | Aug | The Passion of St John the Baptis |
|   | 8.00 am    | SH  | Pauline Mascolo Int               |
|   | 10:00 AM   | SP  | People of the Parish              |
|   | 7.00       | ST  | All Parishioners                  |
|   | Sat 30     | Aug | St Margaret Clitherow             |
|   | 6.00pm †   | SH  | Living & deceased Members of th   |
|   |            |     | Vidal Family                      |
|   | 6.00       | SP  | People of the Parish              |
|   | Sun 31     | Aug | 22nd Sunday in Ordinary time      |
|   | 8.30 am    | SP  | People of the Parish              |
|   | 9.00       | ST  | Eric Cripps RIP                   |
|   | 9.30       | SH  | Holy Souls                        |
|   | 9:30       |     | Polish Mass                       |
|   | 10.00      | SP  | Tara Longley RIP                  |

**Mass Schedule** 

**SMM**: St Mary Magdalene's SP: St Peter's; ST: St Theresa of Lisieux † Adoration before. ‡ Adoration after

SMM People of the Parish

SG All Parishioners

SP Brazilian Mass

SMM People of the Parish

SH People of the Parish

People of the Parish

clearly, love him more dearly and follow **09:30am** Entry Procession of Our Lady. him more nearly. Fellowship in Faith. You are most welcome.

No coffee after 10 o'clock Mass this week at St Peter's.

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 SH.



## **Finding Christ in the World**

A Twelve Week Ignatian Retreat in Daily Life based on the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius of Loyola. Available soon to all parishioners. AMDG.

**Weekly Reconciliation** 5:15-5:45pm before Mass every Saturday at Sacred Heart, and also at St Peter's.

# St George's Tea and Chat

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 is taking a break for the rest of the summer. The next dates will be 11th & 25th September and every two weeks thereafter. All Welcome.

#### **Eucharistic Adoration**

Fridays, 5:30pm, SMM The Church opens 4pm, with Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament from 5:30-6:30pm. Come and spend time in prayer with us, interceding for our city, our parish, and our loved ones, now with confession. NB. on Friday 5th September, Mass

will be celebrated at 6:30pm, after the Holy Hour, as a devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

#### Other Events / Notices

A Day with Mary **Arundel Cathedral, Saturday 30 August** We need Readers for the Saturday 6pm

Angelus. Crowning. Sung Litany. **10.00am** Mass in honour of Our Lady. Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Rosario J.M. Ebanks. The Five Joyful Mysteries. 11:45am Lunch, bring packed lunch. 12:45pm Exposition and Procession of the Blessed Sacrament. Sermon on Our Lady by Fr Linus Clovis. The Five Luminous Mysteries. Silent Adoration. Meditations on the Passion.

2:45pm Tea break.

3:15pm Sermon on Our Lady by Fr Rosario J.M. Ebanks. The Five Glorious Mysteries. Act of Consecration. Benediction. Enrolment in the Brown Scapular and Conferment of the Miraculous Medal.

During the day: Confession and Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament. **Finish 4:30pm**. Further information at www.adaywithmary.org.

Two parishioners at SMM's, Tai and Nikki, have generously organised a coach. There are 60 seats available, free of charge. Please contact Rachel at brightonstmarymag@abdiocese.org.uk to reserve a seat.

#### **Hospital Admissions**

If you are going into hospital for a period of time, please let Fr Celestine know as soon as you can, and likewise if you get taken to hospital as an urgent case, ask a friend or relative to inform Fr Celestine as soon as you can. He will then arrange for a visit. His email is celestine.nnolim@nhs.net or via the hospital switchboard 01273 696955.

#### 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 Money Counters**

Thank you to our new volunteer who will be joining this wonderful group who count the collection after Mass on a Sunday morning. We really need a couple more people to volunteer and join the three teams we have. If we have four more people, each team would only need to count every six weeks. It's a simple enough job, you work in pairs, training will be provided, with a cup of coffee thrown in. Please contact the office if you can help.

## Readers required at SH

Mass at the Sacred Heart. Please contact Cassie on 01273 732843, or speak to one of the Readers after the Saturday Mass. Thank you.

#### 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 late 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 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.

#### **CAFOD: Response in Gaza**

Your donations to Gaza since the start of the conflict have been a vital lifeline. Right now, CAFOD's partner, Caritas Jerusalem, is delivering essential medical treatment to displaced people and providing medicines to treat chronic illnesses. We have helped 1,400 households with cash to buy supplies in the last month and we are currently feeding 2,000 people with new stocks of flour and rice. Despite the restrictions on aid coming into Gaza, CAFOD's local partners are working tirelessly to help people. And with your ongoing support, they will do all in their power to keep doing so. You can find out more about how you can make a difference in Gaza at www.cafod.org.uk. Thank you for backing our work through holding collections for our Family Fast Day appeals, and for continuing to pray for peace in the Middle East.

## **Finance Manager** The St Philip Howard Centre, 4 Southgate Drive, Crawley, RH10 6RP

Role: Finance Manager (qualified accountant: CIMA, ACCA or ACA), fulltime, permanent

**Salary:** £60,000 to £65,000 Reporting to: Chief Operating Officer **Location:** The St Philip Howard Centre,

**Application deadline:** 18 September Interview: 23 September in Crawley Reporting to the Chief Operating Officer, you will manage five colleagues to 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.

abdiocese.org.uk/careers/

## **Couples for Christ: Christian Life Program Fitzherbert Community Hub** (St John the Baptist, Kemptown) Sundays from 7 Sep - 26 Oct

Couples for Christ invite you to a new programme over 8 consecutive Sundays from 7 Sep - 26 Oct, 1pm-5pm. For Married Couples; Singles (over 21 yrs); Widowed, Separated, & Single Parents. Register by clicking here - or contact Bro Anton 07455 979939 or Sr Judith 07359 068097.

## Photography at SH 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.

#### St Peter's Archive

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

#### 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.



#### **Fundraising / Giving**

**St Peter's Offertory Collection:** 17/08/25 = £1,250.

#### THANK YOU

To everyone who supported the sale for Kids for Kids last week at St Peter's. We raised another £50, taking the total this year to over £450 for support and

simple farming projects that families can run themselves, and aid workers from this charity are getting through to the villages.

#### **Special Collections 2025**

Sign up and shop via the

14<sup>th</sup> September; Education Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September; Evangelii Gaudium 28<sup>th</sup> September; SVP at SG & ST

#### **Easyfundraising**

**Sacred Heart:** 

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-catholicparish-of-our-lady-star-of-the-sea/

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

#### **SVP Cash4Coins**

when you shop online.

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.

#### Please pray for... **Bob & Elena White, Canon Colin**

Wolczak, Cathy Howes, Cheryl Evans, Fr Alan Sharpe, Rex Curd, Theresa Price (Nee Maguire), Tom Piggins, and Winifred Wilde.

Please tell your parish office if you would like to add someone to the prayer list above.

Please pray for all the sick and/or housebound members of our parishes. Please also pray for all those who have died recently, may they rest in peace.