

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 31st August 2025, 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C. Weekdays: Week 22

Canon David Writes...

It has become a bit of a joke that Catholic congregations all sit at the back of the Church, and welcomers know that it can be a bit of a struggle to get them to move forward. I must admit that if I attend a Church service, I tend to look for a seat somewhere in the middle, somewhere that feels safe, somewhere I can see what others around me are doing. We don't tend to be people that take the place of honour at the banquets, but I think we can guess the point of the parable that Jesus tells. When God looks at us, he looks past the labels we give ourselves and looks at how well we relate to the *'poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind.'* This is how it will be at the heavenly banquet. The Gospel has a resonance with the last Judgement scene in the Gospel of Matthew *'whatever you did to the least of these brothers and sisters of mine you did unto me.'* It also reminds us of the final line of last Sunday's Gospel: *'...some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.'*

There seems to be a point about how we look at others in our world. Maybe it tried to correct the view that could have been around at the time of Jesus that to be rich and powerful was a result of God's favour and a virtuous life. We tend not to think in quite the same way now, although there is much emphasis now on merit and there can be a tendency to 'blame the victim'. Some people may have had a very difficult start in life or have been trying to deal with great misfortune. There is always a need for us to thank God for the blessings in life we have received. Although proud of our achievements, we need to acknowledge the help we have received from others and be aware that we stand before God as sinners in need of his mercy and help and extend that help and mercy to others, especially those in great difficulty.

Total disregard for Palestinian self-determination blocks path to lasting peace in the Holy Land

The Holy See has long advocated for Palestinian self-determination and a Two-State Solution as the only viable option to bring security and peace to Israelis and Palestinians.

On 20 August, Israel's Higher Planning Council gave final approval for 3,753 housing units for its settlement project in the occupied West Bank, including 3,401 in the E1 neighbourhood of Ma'ale Adumim. The project seeks to link settlements and separate the West Bank from East Jerusalem, effectively killing off any hope of a contiguous Palestinian State.

The Bishops of the International Affairs department who lead the Bishops' Conference's work on the Holy Land have condemned the move and

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All Masses Live Streamed: www.sacredheartrove.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.

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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 30	Aug	St Margaret Clitherow
6.00pm †	SH	Living & Deceased Members of the 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
09:30	SMM	Polish Mass
10.00	SP	Tara Longley RIP
11.00	SG	All Parishioners
11.00	SMM	People of the Parish
11.30	SH	People of the Parish
11.30	SP	Dennis Tribe RIP
5.00 pm	SP	Brazilian Mass
5.00	SMM	People of the Parish
Mon 1	Sept	
10.00 am †	SH	Jill Jupp Int
Tue 2	Sept	
10.00 am	SG	All Parishioners
10.00 †	SH	Holy Souls
10.00	SP	Peace in our world
7.00pm	ST	All Parishioners
Wed 3	Sept	St Gregory the Great
8.00am	SH	Keith Simpson RIP
10.00am	SP	Bernard Gallagher RIP
7.00pm	ST	All Parishioners
Thurs 4	Sept	St Cuthbert
10.00am	SP	People of the Parish
10.00 ‡	SG	All Parishioners
12 noon †	SH	Tadeusz Bueayski RIP
7.00pm	ST	All Parishioners
Fri 5	Sept	
8.00 am	SH	Ray Cross RIP
10:00 AM	SP	People of the Parish
7.00	ST	George L. Goad RIP
Sat 6	Sept	Our Lady
12noon	SH	For the Sick of the Parish
6.00pm †	SH	People of the Parish
6.00	SP	People of the Parish
Sun 7	Sept	23rd Sunday in Ordinary time
8.30 am	SP	People of the Parish
9.00	ST	Rod Dearling RIP
9.30	SH	For those returning to Schools & Colleges
09:30	SMM	Polish Mass
10.00	SP	People of the Parish
11.00	SG	Deceased relatives of Cheryl Evans
11.00	SMM	People of the Parish
11.30	SH	Fr Colin's Int
11.30	SP	People of the Parish
5.00 pm	SP	Brazilian Mass
5.00	SMM	People of the Parish

SH: Sacred Heart; SG: St George's, SMM: St Mary Magdalen's, SP: St Peter's; ST: St Theresa of Lisieux, † Adoration before. ‡ Adoration after

appealed for the international community to assert pressure to stop further settlement expansion and settler violence.

Bishop Nicholas Hudson, Chair of the Department, and Bishop Jim Curry, Lead Bishop for the Holy Land, said:

"We condemn the decision of the Higher Planning Council that has given its final approval to thousands of new homes in the E1 area – a plan that Israel's finance minister states will 'bury the idea of a Palestinian state' by splitting the West Bank in two. Such action, illegal under international law, denies the Palestinian people their right to self-determination as enshrined in Article 1 of the UN Charter.

"This total disregard for Palestinian self-determination blocks the path to a lasting peace in the region and threatens the safety and dignity of all communities in the Holy Land, not solely the Christians.

"We urge the UK Government and the international community to speak with one voice to oppose further settlement expansion and advocate for a Two-State Solution as the only viable option to bring security and peace to Israelis and Palestinians.

Note

The Holy See recognised the State of Israel with the 'Fundamental Agreement' in 1993; and the State of Palestine through the 'Comprehensive Agreement' in 2015.

Source: Catholic Church in England and Wales - Catholic Bishops' Conference

Regular Events



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*.



Sycamore – A Monday evening welcome

This Monday you are most welcome to join us in St Peter's Church Hall from 7pm for a 7.30pm start. We gather and chat over a bite to eat then watch and discuss a Sycamore film, this week we go right back to the beginning with 'The Search for Happiness' presented by Father Stephen Wang. This is the first of the whole series of twenty films. How do we find happiness? Come and see. *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.

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.

Weekly Reconciliation

5:15-5:45pm before Mass every Saturday at Sacred Heart, & 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



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

We need Readers for the Saturday 6pm 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.

St Peter's Repository has a wide range of religious cards and gifts available to purchase please do pop in to see whats on offer.

Available to purchase are Carlo Acutis items, 3rd class relics, silver plated

necklaces with different religious icons and saints, statues and candles.

Opening times are before and after Mass every day apart from Monday, please use our dona machine in the porch to pay for any purchases.



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.

Festival of Hope

You are warmly invited to join the Diocese as we celebrate **60 years of faith** in this *Jubilee Year of Hope*. This special day also marks the conclusion of the *Invited* series of seasons and films. The day takes place on 20th September Saturday, 20-Sep-2025 10:30am - 4:30pm, Queen's Jubilee Hall, South of England Showground.

The day will feature:

Inspiring talks from wonderful speakers, helping us imagine the next 60 years of Catholic life in our Diocese and explore how each of us can share in the mission of the Church. Joyful liturgy with music led by One Hope Project and a choir from our Schools Singing Programme. Opportunities for Adoration and Reconciliation throughout the day. Closing Mass with Bishop Richard and clergy from across the Diocese. If you would like to attend please speak to your Parish Priest.

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.

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.

Hospital Chaplaincy: -If you are in hospital at the Royal Sussex County Hospital please contact the Hospital Chaplain Fr Celestine Nnolim who is available for visits on request, T. 01273 696955 Ext. 64122 or email him at celestine.nnolim@nhs.net

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 returns on Sunday 14 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 contact the parish office.

Finance Manager

The St Philip Howard Centre, 4 Southgate Drive, Crawley, RH10 6RP

Role: Finance Manager (qualified accountant: CIMA, ACCA or ACA), full-time, permanent
Salary: £60,000 to £65,000
Reporting to: Chief Operating Officer
Location: The St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley. Application deadline is 18 September with interviews on 23 September in Crawley. Please go to abdiocese.org.uk/careers/ for further details.

Fundraising / Giving

St Peter's Sunday August 24th, = £1,226.62

Special Collections 2025

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

Hangleton and West Blatchington Food Bank

If you would like to donate this week, we would be incredibly grateful for: Tinned tuna, cooking oil, coffee, chocolate, laundry capsules, deodorant. Donations may be brought to the hall on Wednesdays 10.30-11.45am, Books Alive in Elm Drive, One Stop Shop in Court Farm Road or Hove Waitrose.

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.

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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.
God of might, giver of every good gift, put into our hearts the love of your name,
so that, by deepening our sense of reverence,
you may nurture in us what is good and, by your watchful care,
keep safe what you have nurtured.
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: Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29

My son, perform your tasks in meekness; then you will be loved by those whom God accepts. The greater you are, the more you must humble yourself; so you will find favour in the sight of the Lord. For great is the might of the Lord; he is glorified by the humble. The affliction of the proud has no healing, for a plant of wickedness has taken root in him. The mind of the intelligent man will ponder a parable, and an attentive ear is the wise man's desire

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm Response

In your goodness, O God, you provided a home for the poor.

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a

Brothers and Sisters: You have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them.

But you have come to Mount Sion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant. The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

Take my yoke upon you, says the Lord, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.

Alleluia.

Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

One Sabbath, when Jesus went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully.

Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honour, saying to them, 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honour, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, and he who invited you both will come and say to you, "Give your place to this person", and then you, with shame, will take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher." Then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at table with you. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.'

He said also to the man who had invited him, 'When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends, or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbours, lest they also invite you in return and you be

repaid. But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just.'

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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