

Catholic Parish of Brighton and Hove: West Hub

Sacred Heart; St George's & St Theresa's; St Mary Magdalen's; St Peter's
Canon Colin Wolczak; Fr Paul Wilkinson; Fr Tony Milner; Fr Alphonse Kabore; Canon David Parmiter
Sunday 22nd March 2026, Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year A. Weekdays: Week 11, Psalter Week 1

Canon David Writes...

After the celebration of Mass today the custom of veiling or removing images may be observed in some of our churches. Whether it is observed in your church or not it is an invitation to think a little more about the events to come. What the Church calls the Sacred Paschal Triduum: Thursday of the Lord's Supper, Friday of the Lord's Passion, and the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night. This year they fall on 2nd, 3rd, and 4th of April. One way to think about these events of the Lord a little more might be to pop these ceremonies in your diary, especially if you don't usually attend.

Today's Gospel is the account of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead. He raises Lazarus back to human life and so his life will end in the usual way. But this display of the power of God helps us to believe that death does not have the final word and also in the resurrection of Jesus from the dead in which we will all share. The story of the rising of Lazarus from dead also invites us to think about our lives here and now. In our reflections on today's Mass, we can prayerfully think about descending into the tomb with Lazarus and being called out by Jesus to live a new life. What is it we would like to leave behind in the tomb as we hear the Lord calling us out to meet him?

Palm Sunday Reconciliation Service

All are warmly invited to a joint Reconciliation Service for the western side of the Brighton & Hove Parish on Palm Sunday, 29th March, at 3pm at Sacred Heart. All parishioners in the parish are welcome to attend. Five priests will be available, offering an opportunity for reflection and reconciliation as we prepare our hearts for Holy Week and Easter.



Holy Week and Easter Services

Sacred Heart

Maundy Thursday 2nd April at 8pm
Good Friday 3rd April at 3pm
Easter Vigil 4th April at 8pm
Easter Sunday 5th April at 9:30am & 11:30am

St George's & St Theresa's

The Easter Triduum will be celebrated at St Theresa's
Maundy Thursday, 2nd April, Mass at 8pm, followed by watching until midnight at ST
Good Friday, 3rd April, there will be a Children's Stations of the Cross and art activity from 10am-12pm, and the Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3pm at ST
Holy Saturday, 4th April, Polish Mass at 7:30pm at SG
Holy Saturday, 4th April, the Easter Vigil at 9pm at ST
Easter Sunday, 5th April, Masses will be celebrated as usual at both churches

St Mary Magdalen

Maundy Thursday 8pm Mass with Adoration until midnight
Good Friday at 3pm
Easter Vigil at 8pm
Easter Sunday 11am only, no 5pm Mass, 1pm Polish Mass
Easter Monday 1pm Polish Mass

St Peter's

Thursday 2nd April Mass of the Lord's Supper is at 7:30pm
Good Friday, 3rd April Commemoration of the Lord's Passion at 3pm
Holy Saturday, 4th April Easter Vigil at 8pm
Easter Sunday Mass time will be 8:30, 10 & 11:30am

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hovesacredheart@abdiocese.org.uk. All Masses at SH are Live Streamed: www.sacredheartrove.org.uk/videos.html

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www.brightondeanerywest.org.uk; westhove@abdiocese.org.uk

St Mary Magdalen's 55 Upper North Street, BN1 3FH; 01273 326793; brightonstmarymag@abdiocese.org.uk

St Peter's Portland Road, BN3 5GD; 01273 733840; <https://www.stpeters-hove.org.uk/>; hovestpeters@abdiocese.org.uk

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

Mass Schedule

Mass Schedule		
Sat 21	Mar	Saturday
12noon†	SMM	Ashley Hawkins
6.00pm †	SH	Jose Nery Alvis RIP
6.00	SP	Vera Jordan RIP
6.30	SG	<i>Polish Mass</i>
Sun 22	Mar	5th Sunday of Lent
8.30 am	SP	Tony & Hazel Hayler RIP
9.00	ST	Pauline & Keith Kendall Golden Wedding
9.30	SH	Mr & Mrs Gillow RIP & Family
9.30	SMM	People of the Parish
10.00	SP	Richard Hayes RIP
11.00	SG	People of the Parish
11.00	SMM	People of the Parish
11.30	SH	People of the Parish
11.30	SP	People of the Parish
5pm	SP	<i>Brazilian Mass</i>
5.00pm	SMM	People of the Parish
5.00pm	SMM	People of the Parish
Mon 23	Mar	Monday
10.00 am †	SH	John Francis RIP & Ellen Lynch RIP
Tue 24	Mar	Tuesday
10.00 am	SG	People of the Parish
10.00 †	SH	Carole Batt Int
10.00	SP	People of the Parish
6.00pm †	SMM	Rafflewska Jacobs
7.00pm	ST	John Sheppard RIP
Wed 25	Mar	Annunciation of the Lord
8.00am	SH	Aileen O'Brien Int
8.00am	CNCS	
10.00	SP	Susanna Ashley RIP
6.00pm †	SMM	Maria da Conceicao Porto RIP
7.00pm	ST	People of the Parish
Thurs 26	Mar	Thursday
10.00am	SP	People of the Parish
10.00 am ‡	SG	People of the Parish
12noon †	SH	Caroline Ikazoboh RIP
6.00pm †	SMM	Rafflewska Jacobs
7.00pm	ST	People of the Parish
Fri 27	Mar	Friday
8.00 am	SH	Oshone Ikazoboh Int
10am	SP	People of the Parish
6.00pm †	SMM	Rafflewska Jacobs
7.00 ‡	ST	People of the Parish
Sat 28	Mar	Saturday
12noon†	SMM	Rafflewska Jacobs
6.00pm †	SH	People of the Parish
6.00	SP	People of the Parish
6.30	SG	<i>Polish Mass</i>
Sun 29	Mar	Palm Sunday
8.30 am	SP	People of the Parish
9.00	ST	Pauline & Keith Kendall Golden Wedding
9.30	SH	Emmanuel Ikazoboh Int
9.30	SMM	People of the Parish
10.00	SP	People of the Parish
11.00	SG	People of the Parish
11.00	SMM	People of the Parish
11.30	SH	Simon Harris RIP & Family
11.30	SP	<i>Syrian Parishioners</i>
5.00pm	SMM	People of the Parish
5pm	SP	<i>Brazilian Mass</i>
6.15pm	SP	<i>Syriac Orthodox Mass</i>

CNCS: Cardinal Newman **SH:** Sacred Heart; **SG:** St George's; **SMM:** St Mary Magdalene's; **SP:** St Peter's; **ST:** St Theresa's;
 † Adoration before; ‡ Adoration after

Regular Events

Weekly Reconciliation Times

Sacred Heart & St Peter's Saturdays at 5:15pm, before Mass.
St George's After Sunday Mass, on request.
St Mary Magdalen Fridays at 5pm, and Saturdays at 11am.
St Theresa's Fridays after the 7:00pm Mass.

Prayer Groups

Sacred Heart Online Rosary: Friday's 11am Rosary, available online only. Please join via our livestream.

SG & ST Online Prayer Group – Thursdays at 8pm via video link westhove@abdiocese.org.uk

St Peter's "Be still and know..." You are warmly invited to join an in person and online contemplative prayer group, Friday 7:30pm. Enquiries to James, at quietenginesprayer@gmail.com

Social Groups

Sacred Heart SVP Social Group Join us after 12noon Mass. Next date is 16th April, then every two weeks thereafter.

Sacred Heart Film Club The next Film Club will be held on 2nd May after 12pm Mass. Film to be announced.

St George's Tea and Chat After 10am Mass on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, join us in the hall, next on 24th March.

SMM Faith Formation Group Thursdays, 6:45pm at St Mary Mags, during term time. For anyone interested in joining the Church or learning more about the Catholic faith.

St Peter's Social group Fridays, 1–3pm in the parish hall. Join us for light refreshments and friendly conversation.

Stations of the Cross During Lent

Sacred Heart Tuesdays after 10:00am Mass;

St George's Fridays at 7:30pm;

St Mary Magdalene's Fridays after 6:00pm Mass;

St Peter's Fridays at 7:00pm;

St Theresa's Fridays at 12noon, followed by a simple austerity lunch. *Please note on Friday 27th March, Stations will be at the earlier time of 10am, to allow Year 6 children from St Mary's to join us, followed by tea and toast instead of the usual lunch. All welcome. This will be the last Stations this Lententide at St Theresa's.

Other Events/Notices

Children's Liturgy – Can You Help?

Children's Liturgy is a valued part of Sunday Mass at Sacred Heart, St Peter's, and St Theresa's, helping children hear and respond to the Gospel in ways that connect with their everyday lives. We are looking for a few more volunteers to support this ministry. You could be the second adult present or, if you feel called, lead a session after shadowing an experienced leader. Full support is provided, and you only need to help at your own church. To get involved or find out more, contact your parish office.

Golden Wedding Anniversary

Congratulations to Pauline and Keith Kendall, who celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 20th March. Pauline and Keith were married in our very own St Theresa's Church on 20th March 1976. We offer them our warmest congratulations and wish them every blessing as they celebrate.

Sacred Heart Car Park Now that Hova Villas has reopened, we have access to the car park again. We will be regularly locking the post at the entrance to the car park, outside of Mass times. The post will be unlocked when the Church is opened in the morning and will be relocked when the Church is closed. Please ensure you remove your car promptly after Mass so that it is not locked in the car park. Thank you.

Road Closure at St Theresa's

Please note that the road between St Theresa's and the MG garage will be closed from Monday 23rd March for approximately 5–6 weeks, due to gas mains replacement works. Access to the church car park should remain available. However, those travelling by car from the east may wish to approach via Downland Avenue as an alternative.

St Peter's Archive Team For a baptism, or confirmation certificate contact our team of volunteers by email SaintPeter-Archives@gmail.com. Please allow two weeks for documents to be processed.

Missio Red Boxes at Sacred Heart

Please bring your Missio red box to church during the month of March to be counted. You can leave it in the Outer Sacristy for me. I will put it back in the Outer Sacristy after about a week, for you to collect. Many thanks, Marilyn.

Table Church A young adults group who meet after the 11am Mass at St Mary Magdalene's in the community hall. We gather informally to discuss life, share our faith, and reflect on our experiences. All are welcome – we look forward to meeting you!

Monks in the City – Walk of Witness

Friday 3rd April, 10-11am. Christians from across the city are invited to take part in the annual Good Friday Walk of Witness. The walk will begin at 10am at India Gate by Pavilion Gardens, proceeding towards St Nicholas Church.

There will be a short "station" at the Chapel Royal. The walk will conclude with a short outdoor service in St Nicholas Churchyard at 10:45am.

Churches Together – Walk of Witness

Christians from across our local churches will gather for the annual Walk of Witness on Good Friday. We will leave St Theresa's at 11:00am and walk to the Community Church, arriving at approximately 11:15am (11:30am at the latest). From there, we will continue together to the Methodist Church, arriving at around 11:45am. At this point, St Michael's will join the group, and we will all proceed together to Southwick Square, where the Good Friday service will begin promptly at 12:00 noon. All are warmly welcome to take part in this public witness of faith.

Divine Mercy Sunday Healing Service

The next Healing Service at St Mary Magdalene's will take place on Divine Mercy Sunday, 12th April, at 3pm, with Fr Rod and Fr Alphonse. All are warmly encouraged to attend.

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: hovesa-credheart@abdiocese.org.uk to be added to the distribution list.

Fundraising / Giving

Offertory Collection Reporting

Totals are reported monthly, in arrears.
SH offertory for Feb = £6, 370.00
SG & ST offertory for Feb = £2,683.29
SMM offertory for Feb = £3, 105.92
SP offertory for Feb = £5,609.

Ray of Hope – Candles for Ukraine

We are supporting the Ray of Hope initiative by collecting candles to help make "trench candles" for people in Ukraine. These simple candles, made from tins, cardboard and wax, can burn for many hours and provide light, warmth, and a way to heat food or drinks during power cuts. You can help by donating new candles, part-used candles, or candle stubs. Please place your donations in the collection boxes at St George's and St Theresa's. Thank you for helping bring a little warmth and light to those in need.

Soup Run Each week, from Monday to Friday, 7pm at the shelter next to the Angel of Peace on the seafront. Please consider giving your time to this valuable work of charity. For more information, please contact SMM office.

St Peter's Repository Confirmation and First Holy Communion items, please do take a look. 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.

SVP Easter Raffle tickets are still available for the Simnel cake, with the final draw taking place on 29th March. All proceeds will support much-needed causes within our local community and beyond. Thank you for your continued support of the SVP.

Hangleton & W Blatchington Foodbank

If you would like to donate to the food bank this week, we are most in need of: **Tinned lentils; Sugar; and Plain Noodles**. Please don't buy us anymore porridge oats, pasta or soup as we currently have plenty and we can't store any more for now. Donations may be brought to SG hall on Wed 10:30-11:45am, or the collection bins in any of our churches.

Prayer List During Lent, we are asked to pray for, Candidates for the sacraments; Women; the needy and hungry of the world; penitents; and wanderers.

Please also pray for: **Annie Price; Canon Colin Wolczak; Cathy Howes; Cheryl Evans; Chris, Lucy, Matt, & Vince Neal; Clive Connor; Eileen Kipling; Elena White; Hanorah & Mat Smith; Jean Goatcher; Marion Shannon; Paddy Dixon; Rex Curd; Tom Piggins and Winifred Wilde.**

Recently Deceased

Please remember in your prayers:

Margaret Gilligen of Hangleton, who attended both St Peter's and St George's, and who passed away this week. Please keep her and her family in your prayers at this sad time. May she rest in peace.

We have heard the sad news of the death of **John Sheppard** (St Peter's) who died this week, please remember him and his family in your prayers may he rest in peace.

Sunday 22nd March 2026,
Fifth Sunday of Lent

First Reading Ezekiel 37:12-14

Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the Lord; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the Lord.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

With the Lord there is mercy, in him is plentiful redemption.

Second Reading Ephesians Romans 8:8-11

Brothers and Sisters: Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, O Christ, Son of the living God. I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord. Everyone who believes in me shall never die. Glory to you, O Christ, Son of the living God.

Gospel John 11:1-45

At that time: A certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. It was Mary, who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent to him, saying, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' But when Jesus heard it he said, 'This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.'

Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?' Jesus answered, 'Are

there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him.' After saying these things, he said to them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover.' Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus has died, and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.'

Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.'

When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. And he said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?'

Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, by this time there will be a smell, for he has been dead four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, 'Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out.' The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in 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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