

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 29th March 2026, Palm Sunday, Year A. Weekdays: Week 12, Psalter: Holy Week

Fr Tony Writes...

Today we hear the story of the Passion as told by St Matthew. Matthew's version, like the other passion narratives, contains elements not found in other gospels. One particular passage has been problematic in Christian history. That is the detail about Pilate washing his hands and saying "I am innocent of this man's blood", to which 'all the people' respond: "his blood be on us and on our children". This response has sadly been used through much of Christian history to affirm the so-called 'blood-guilt' of the Jewish people as a whole, and thus been a cause of terrible antisemitic persecutions. Matthew, who was himself a Jew, does not intend to indicate such a 'permanent' curse. He is not looking further than the next generation, seeing the destruction of the temple in Jerusalem in 70AD as a consequence of the rejection of Jesus.

But a broader reading of this passage tells us that Jesus blood is indeed on "all the people", and not just the Jewish people, but Jew and Gentile alike – the whole of humanity. However, Jesus' blood does not condemn. It is not a curse. Jesus' blood is the cause of our salvation. This we acknowledge every time we celebrate the Eucharist. And it is this we celebrate in a particular way as we 'journey' with Jesus through Holy Week.

So I invite you to follow Christ on this journey this week. Join us to celebrate the Last Supper on Thursday, and to watch with him in Gethsemane. On Friday come to Golgotha, to see Jesus pour out his blood in love for us. And come on Saturday evening in vigil, to await and celebrate Jesus' rising from the dead. Let his blood wash us clean of our sins and bring us that life which is offered to all.

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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Mass Schedule

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	Polish Mass
Sun 29	Mar	Palm Sunday
8.30 am	SP	People of the Parish
9.00	ST	Pauline & Keith Kendall Golden Wed Anni.
9.30	SH	Emmanuel Ikazoboh Int
09:30	SMM	People of the Parish
10.00	SP	People of the Parish
11.00	SG & SMM	People of the Parish
11.30	SH	Simon Harris RIP & Family
11.30	SP	Syrian Parishioners
5.00pm	SMM	Rafflewska Jacobs
5pm	SP	Brazilian Mass
6.15pm	SP	Sryiac Orthodox Mass
Mon 30	Mar	Monday
10.00 am †	SH	Esi Osezua Int
Tue 31	Mar	Tuesday
10.00 am	SG	NO MASS
10.00 †	SH	Reginard Harding Klimanck RIP
10.00	SP	Ronald & Elsie & Sylvia Garner
11.00	SG	Funeral Mass of Margaret Gilligan
6.00pm †	SMM	Eric and Maureen Hardiman RIP
7.00pm	ST	People of the Parish
Wed 1	Apr	Wednesday
8.00am	SH	The Hughes Family
10.00	SP	People of the Parish
6.00pm †	SMM	No Mass today
6.00pm	AC	Chrism Mass at Arundel Cathedral
7.00pm	ST	NO MASS
Thurs 2	Apr	Maundy Thursday
7.30pm	SP	Dorothy Pew RIP
10.00 am ‡	SG	No Mass
8.00 pm ‡	SH	Win Pilkington RIP
8.00pm †	SMM	People of the Parish
8.00pm	ST	People of the Parish
Fri 3	Mar	Good Friday
3.00pm	SH	Passion of the Lord
3.00pm	ST	Celebration of the Lord's Passion
3pm	SP	Commemoration of the Lord's Passion
3.00pm	SMM	Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Sat 4	Mar	Holy Saturday
8.00pm	SMM	Easter Vigil
8.00pm	SH	Malcolm Giraud RIP
8.00 pm	SP	Easter Vigil
7.30	SG	Polish Mass
9.00pm	ST	Easter Vigil
Sun 5	Mar	Easter Sunday
8.30 am	SP	People of the Parish
9.00	ST	Peter Kipling RIP
9.30	SH	People of the Parish
9:30	SMM	No Mass
10.00	SP	People of the Parish
11.00	SG	People of the Parish
11.00	SMM	People of the Parish
11.30	SH	Kathleen Bass RIP
11.30	SP	People of the Parish
1.00pm	SMM	Polish Mass
5pm	SP	Brazilian Mass

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 no Weekly reconciliation on Holy Saturday, this will resume on Saturday 11th April .

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 Prayer Group

During Lent and for a total of six weeks, the Prayer Group that follows the 10.00 am Mass will be replaced by Stations of the Cross to be held in the church. Normal Prayer Group will resume from Tuesday 9th April. All are welcome.

Sacred Heart Online Rosary

There will be no Online Rosary on Good Friday, this will resume on Friday 10th April.

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 theres a time of socialisation and activity, in the hall, aimed at the older people in the parish. No need to book. Just turn up! on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, join us in the hall, next on 14th April.

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 drop into 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 Notices

The Diocese has created three short films to accompany people across our family of faith through Holy Week. The films are presented by Canon Kieron O'Brien from the Catholic Parish of Brighton & Hove; Canon Jonathan Martin, Diocesan Administrator and parish priest of St Pancras, Lewes; and Fr Jonathan How, Moderator of Guildford Catholic Parish.

In the first film – which can be shared on parish websites and Facebook feeds before Holy Week begins - Canon Kieron O'Brien introduces Holy Week, highlighting the importance of reflection and prayer and the invitation to contemplate, at a deep level, the foundational mysteries of our Faith. You can watch an introduction to Holy Week here: vimeo.com/1176144932

In the second film, Canon Jonathan Martin explores the Good Friday Liturgy; Jesus' self-offering on the Cross for the love of us, the "immense goodness of God", and the veneration of the Cross as an act and expression of our love. You can watch Good Friday's film here: vimeo.com/1176142344

The third film, presented by Fr Jonathan How, explores the wonder of the Easter Vigil as the greatest celebration in the Church's year, highlighting that we are made in the image of God, and are not only witnesses to the Resurrection but also, "sharers in The Word Who is Life." You can watch film 3 on the Easter Vigil here: vimeo.com/1176140606

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.

Table Church at St Mary Magdalen's!

A young adults group who meet after the 11AM Mass refreshments in the community hall! We meet informally to discuss life and share our faith and experiences. 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.

Fundraising / Giving

Easter Offering – Just a gentle reminder that your Easter donation is a gift to your Parish priest. Easter Offering envelopes will be available in some Churches from this weekend.

All churches Second Collections

3rd Holy Places of Palestine (Good Friday)

2nd collection this weekend at SG&ST for Easter Flowers please.

2nd collection this weekend at SP for Easter Flowers and other expenses of the Easter Season please.

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.

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; Julia Fleming; Marion Shannon; Paddy Dixon; Rex Curd; Tom Piggins and Winifred Wilde.**

Recently Deceased

Please remember in your prayers:

Teresa Shakeer RIP her funeral is at the crematorium on 14th April.

Margaret Gilligan RIP The funeral Mass will take place at St George's Tuesday, 31st March at 11am. There will therefore be no 10am Mass.

The funeral of **John Sheppard RIP** will take place at St Peter's on Tuesday 14 April at 11.30am.

The funeral of **John MacKay RIP** will on Wednesday 15 April at 11.00am at St Peter's.

**Sunday 29th March 2026,
Palm Sunday**

Gospel: Matthew 21:1-11

When Jesus and his disciples drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, "The Lord needs them", and he will send them at once.' This took place to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet, saying, 'Say to the daughter of Sion, "Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden."' The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!' And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, 'Who is this?' And the crowds said, 'This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.' The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

First Reading Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord God has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious;

I turned not backwards. I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting. But the Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Second Reading Philippians 2:6-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

**Glory to you, O Christ, Son of the living Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.
Christ became for us obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.
Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name.
Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory**

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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