

## 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 3rd May 2026, Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year A, Weekdays: Week 17, Psalter Week 1

### Deacon Mike Thoms writes...

The first reading of our Sunday Mass presents a pivotal moment in the early Christian community, where practical needs led to structural development within the Church. As the number of disciples increased, tensions arose over the neglect of certain members of the community. The apostles responded by appointing seven reputable men, filled with the Spirit and wisdom, to oversee this service, allowing the apostles to remain focused on prayer and the ministry of the word. This passage is widely seen as documenting the origin of the diaconate, of which I am part, and would later become formalised within the Roman Catholic Church. The modern-day deacon continues this apostolic tradition, embodying a vocation rooted in charity, service, administration, and liturgical assistance. This first scripture passage not only documents how the Apostles addressed an immediate pastoral concern 2,000+ years ago but also establishes a lasting ecclesial office that remains integral to Church structure and mission today. Hopefully, I can do this role justice in this modern world we live in and serve you all to the best of my ability!

### Catholic Parish of Brighton & Hove – Recreated by Word & Eucharist

All those serving in any ministry across the parish are warmly invited to a special morning of formation and fellowship on Saturday 30th May 2026, from 9:30am to 1:30pm at St Mary's, Preston Park. The morning will begin at 9:30am with a session on understanding the power of the Mass to form us for lay mission. This will be followed by Mass at 12:15pm and lunch at 12:45pm.

This event is open to all involved in liturgical ministries and offers an opportunity to meet others from across the parish, deepen your understanding of the Mass, and reflect on how it forms us for mission in the world. The formation will explore the meaning of our Baptismal vocation, renew our encounter with God's Word, consider our participation in Christ's sacrifice, and deepen our mission to serve the Church and the world. Please sign up by Friday 15 May to help with numbers and catering:

<https://eastbrightonparish.churchsuite.com/events/gjlcscie>

## MONKS IN THE CITY

You are welcome to join the monks at St John the Baptist Church ( 2 Bristol Road) for prayer and reflection opportunities. For monastic Daily Prayer, Midday Stillness every Friday 1 May to 24 July between 12noon and 1pm for a time of music, prayer and reflections with a monk. Stay as long as you like.

Join the monks for their daily monastic prayer: 9am Mon – Sat: Monastic Morning Prayer or 6pm Mon – Thu: 4:45pm Sat, Sun Monastic Evening Prayer. For more details of these and other events, please use the QR code to visit the website or phone: 07444 802368 .



[www.monksinthecity.uk](http://www.monksinthecity.uk)

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[hovesacredheart@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:hovesacredheart@abdiocese.org.uk). All Masses at SH are Live Streamed: [www.sacredheartrove.org.uk/videos.html](http://www.sacredheartrove.org.uk/videos.html)

**St George's**, Court Farm Road, BN3 7QR and **St Theresa's**, Old Shoreham Road, BN42 4RY, 01273 708227;  
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For any other contact information, including Safeguarding, please see the relevant parish website or church noticeboards

## Mass Schedule

Mass Schedule		
<b>Sat 2</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>St Athanasius</b>
12noon †	SMM	People of the Parish
12noon †	SH	Anne Sarah Parker RIP
6.00pm †	SH	Mrs Phyllis Kelly Int
6.00pm	SP	Thanksgiving
6.30pm	SG	Polish Mass
<b>Sun 3</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>
8.30am	SP	Kevin Fitzgibbon RIP
9.00am	ST	Christopher Gibbons RIP
9.30am	SH	People of the Parish
9:30am	SMM	People of the Parish
10.00am	SP	Pádraig Grealish RIP
11.00am	SG	Vince Neal RIP
11.00am	SMM	Mathias Xavier Dias, Anastasia Leonora Rodrigues, RIP
11.30am	SH	Peter King RIP
11.30am	SP	Sheila Herman RIP
5.00pm	SMM	People of the Parish
5.00pm	SP	Brazilian Mass
<b>Mon 4</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>The English Martyrs</b>
10.00 am †	SH	Karlo's Intentions
<b>Tue 5</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>
10.00am	SG	People of the Parish
10.00am †	SH	Mary Margarent Evelyn Montague-Evans RIP
10.00am	SP	Members of Hove Foundation UCM
6.00pm †	SMM	
7.00pm	ST	Celebrants Intention
<b>Wed 6</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>
8.00am	SH	Anne Ottley RIP & Family
8.00am	CNCS	
10.00am	SP	Holy Souls
6.00pm †	SMM	
7.00pm	ST	Mary (May) Nuttall RIP
<b>Thurs 7</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Thursday</b>
10.00am ‡	SG	No Mass
10.00am †	SP	John Webb RIP
12noon †	SH	Herbert Moore Pint RIP
6.00pm †	SMM	
7.00pm	ST	
<b>Fri 8</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Friday</b>
8.00am	SH	Marilyn and Family
10.00am	SP	Colette Melling
7.00pm	ST	
6.00pm †	SMM	
<b>Sat 9</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
12noon †	SMM	
6.00pm †	SH	Georgina Browne RIP
6.00pm	SP	People of the Parish
6.30pm	SG	Polish Mass
<b>Sun 10</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>
8.30am	SP	Maureen O'Neill
9.00am	ST	People of the Parish
9.30am	SH	People of the Parish
9:30am	SMM	
10.00am	SP	People of the Parish
11.00am	SG	Joseph Parente's Health
11.00am	SMM	
11.30am	SH	Natividad Leyva RIP
11.30am	SP	Special Intention
5.00pm	SMM	
5.00pm	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** Saturdays 5:15-5:45 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 Prayer Group** Every Tuesday at 10:30am, SH Parish Room. You may leave prayer requests in the box at the back of the church. All are welcome.

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

#### West Hove Online Prayer Group

Digging deeper into aspects of our faith and the Bible. The Thursday prayer group, made up of lay people, delves deeper into the Bible, sharing knowledge and learning together. Recent topics have included St Paul's journeys, the Book of Samuel, and St Padre Pio. Sessions last for about an hour and end with prayers. Please come and join us on Zoom (request a link from the Parish Office) at 8:00pm on Thursday evenings. **Please note:** The group will not meet on Thursday 11th June.

**St Peter's Prayer Group Holy Spirit Series** You are warmly invited to join a 7 week series of Holy Spirit evenings at St Peter's Church Hall. This initiative, inspired by Pope Francis, offers an introduction and exploration of the Holy Spirit. There will be a daytime meeting and an evening meeting each week. The daytime sessions take place on Mondays at 3:30pm, and the evening sessions on Thursdays at 8:00pm. Both will run for seven weeks, finishing the week commencing 25th May 2026. Everyone is welcome to attend, and you are also welcome to simply drop in. If you would like to attend or help co-ordinate, please get in touch at [faithenginesprayer@gmail.com](mailto:faithenginesprayer@gmail.com).

**St Peter's Prayer Group Contemplative Prayer** The Friday 7:30pm contemplative prayer group continues to meet in person and online. For enquiries, please contact James at [quietenginesprayer@gmail.com](mailto:quietenginesprayer@gmail.com).

**St Theresa's – New Weekly Devotions (from 3rd May)**  
 Rosary: Wednesday at 6:30pm and Sunday at 8:30am.  
 Morning Prayer & Breakfast: Saturday at 9.00am.

#### St George's Rosary Group

During the month of May, dedicated to Our Lady, the Rosary is prayed each Monday from 6.00–7.00pm in the Lady Chapel at St George's. Everyone is very welcome to join.

## Social Groups

**Sacred Heart SVP Social Group** Soup, sandwiches, tea, and cakes. Entertainment, quizzes, etc. after 12noon Mass. The next date is 14 May and every 2 weeks thereafter.

**Sacred Heart Film Club** The next Film Club will be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> May after 12pm Mass. The film showing will be 'The Little World of Don Camillo'.

**St George's Tea and Chat** After 10am Mass there's 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 Tue 12 May..

**St Theresa's & St George's SVP Meeting** The next meeting will take place on Thursday 21st May at 5.45pm at St Theresa's Church (in the meeting room at the back of the church). If you would like to get involved with the SVP, or simply learn more about what we do, please come along. All are welcome.

**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 drop in social group** Fridays at 1-3pm in our parish hall please do join us for some light refreshment and friendly conversation.

## Other Notices

**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!

**Catenian Association** a monthly meeting of Catholic men at The Hove Club. For more info [cateniansprovince18.org.uk](http://cateniansprovince18.org.uk).

**Musicians Wanted at St Theresa's** we are looking for a drummer/percussionist for high days and holidays, namely Midnight Mass at Christmas, Easter Sunday, Pentecost, and similar celebrations. Other singers and musicians are always very welcome too. If interested, please see Nancy, Charlotte, Paula, or James.

**St Mary Magdalen's Catholic Primary School and Nursery** SMM's Nursery is the perfect start to your child's educational journey! Feeding into our main school, it offers a fantastic opportunity for your little one to experience a seamless transition into Reception Class, ensuring they feel confident and prepared for their next steps in learning. Why not join us for a tour and discover this hidden gem for yourself.

**New Mass Setting at St Theresa's** We will be learning Mass of Renewal by Curtis Stephan. You can listen and become familiar with the setting here: [https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLfQebkBZFuCuGGmqAnKxDXl0wAEwIIUkO&si=BCh9D\\_IrRufu\\_8cS](https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLfQebkBZFuCuGGmqAnKxDXl0wAEwIIUkO&si=BCh9D_IrRufu_8cS)

**Lost property at Sacred Heart** We have a large amount of unclaimed lost property which has been building up over the last few months. This is currently being stored in a box in the Outer Sacristy. We also have several pairs of unclaimed glasses; these are kept in the Sacristy. If you have lost an item, please look in the Lost Property Box and if you have lost glasses, please ask the Sacristan to help you look. These items will be removed from the lost property/Sacristy after the Monday 4 May so please try to find any items by then..

**Use of the Parish Room at SH** If you use our Parish Room for functions, please ensure that if you store things in the Fridge that you make sure you remove them at the end of the function. Thank you.

## Newsletter by email

If you would like to receive a copy of the newsletter to your inbox each week, please email Lisa, [hovesacredheart@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:hovesacredheart@abdiocese.org.uk) to be added to the distribution list, this list is for all our churches.



## Fundraising / Giving

### Special Collections 2026

**26 April – Education of Priests (Gift Aid)**  
17 May – World Communications Day  
24 May – Diocese of Chulucanas (G/A)

**Soup Run** Each week, from Monday to Friday, 7pm at the shelter next to the Angel of Peace on the seafront. For more info, please contact SMM office.

**Curry Evening:** Karla is having a curry evening for her Charity ESSR, on 13<sup>th</sup> June at the Sacred Heart Parish Room at 7pm. Tickets are £15.00 each and are available after Mass. Please come and eat and drink and enjoy yourself whilst supporting this wonderful charity.

**Martlet's Hospice – Sale at St Peter's** The next big sale will be on Sunday May 10<sup>th</sup> after 10am and 11.30am, Masses, but there is almost always a Sale Table of goodies in the hall after 10 o'clock Mass – along with coffee and biscuits.

## Please pray for the recently deceased:

**Vince Neal RIP.** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Vince Neal, who died on 8th April. His Requiem Mass will be at St George's at 12.00 noon on Thursday 7th May. Please note that there will be no 10.00am Mass that day.

**Marian Shannon RIP.** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Marion Shannon, who died on 4th April. Her funeral will take place at St Theresa's on Tuesday 19th May at 11.00am, followed by committal at Southwick Cemetery.

**Patricia (Paddy) Dixon RIP** The funeral service of the late Patricia (Paddy) Dixon, who died on 9th April 2026, aged 76 years, will be held at St George's RC Church, on Wednesday 20th May 2026 at 10.00am. This will be followed by her cremation thereafter (unattended).

**Cycle of Prayer** During Easter we are asked to pray for the following intentions. New members of the church; vocations; survivors of abuse; the right use of the media; the Church; and human work.

## Please pray for the sick of our parish:

Robert (Bob) Selwood, Canon Colin Wolczak; Cheryl Evans; Chris, Lucy, & Matt Neal; Clive Connor; Eileen Kipling; Elena White; Hanorah & Mat Smith; Jean Goatcher; Julia Fleming; Mario Noah; Rex Curd; Tom Piggins, Winifred Wilde & Peter Cochlin. To be added to this list please contact your parish office.

Sunday 3rd May 2026,  
Fifth Sunday of Easter

### The 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.**

### First Reading Acts 6:1-7

In those days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. And the Twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, 'It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brothers and sisters, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.' And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the Apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.

And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm

**May your merciful love be upon us,  
as we hope in you, O Lord.**

### Second Reading 1 Peter 2:4-9

Beloved: Come to the Lord, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious. You yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in Scripture: 'Behold, I am laying in Sion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.' So the honour is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone', and 'A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence.' They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

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 John John 14:1-12

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority,

but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

'Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father.'

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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