

## 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 17th May 2026, Seventh Sunday of Easter, Year A, Weekdays: Week 19, Psalter Week 3

### Canon Colin Writes...

Last Thursday we celebrated the Ascension of the Lord Jesus into his Heavenly glory after promising to send the Holy Spirit to the Apostles as the source of Heavenly power and commanding them to bear witness to Him through their lives and preaching throughout the world. But the ascended Jesus is still with us because of His promise, *"I am with you always; yes, to the end of time"* (Mt 28-20). He is with us at all times and in all places, releasing a new power upon the earth, the energy of the Holy Spirit.

In the preface we prayed 'he ascended, not distance himself from our lowly state but that we, his members, might be confident where he, our Head and Founder, has gone before we may follow.'

As we hear in today's first reading the Apostles returned to Jerusalem devoting themselves to prayer yet not knowing what to expect. We know that ten days later the Holy Spirit came upon them in the form of wind and flame, this week as we prepare to celebrate the feast of Pentecost next Sunday, we join with the Apostles in praying for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit on us all. Especially those who have the power to end the wars and conflicts in our world.



**Corpus Christi at Arundel Cathedral:** For over 140 years, Arundel Cathedral has celebrated the feast of Corpus Christi with a magnificent festival of flowers, featuring a world famous Carpet of Flowers in the central aisle of the Cathedral and a procession of the Blessed Sacrament from the Cathedral to the courtyard of Arundel Castle, where Benediction is given. The dates for Corpus Christi 2026 are 3rd & 4th June. We are delighted to once again be planning for a full carpet of flowers in celebration of the Feast of Corpus Christi. The Cathedral will be open while the carpet is laid on Tuesday 2nd June, closing when the carpet is complete. The Cathedral will be open to view the carpet on Wednesday 3rd June from 9.30am – 7.00pm and on Thursday 4th June from 9.30am – 5.30pm when the Mass begins.

If you are planning to visit, please note that booking is not required and entry is free, although we do rely on the generous donations of our visitors to make this event possible. A selection of hot & cold food and drinks will be available at the Cathedral Centre on Wednesday and Thursday from 9am. The Cathedral Centre is fully accessible and is two minutes walk from the Cathedral, the first building past the pub. If you have any questions, please e-mail the Cathedral Office on [arundel@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:arundel@abdiocese.org.uk) or call 01903 882297. If you would like to help with the preparations for this event, or over the days we are open for viewing, please contact the Cathedral Office.

**Worth Abbey Pilgrims Celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi 7 June 2026** Guests are warmly invited to gather at Worth Abbey for the Feast of Corpus Christi, a joyful celebration rooted in prayer, procession, and community. The day will begin with Mass at 9.30am in the Abbey Church, followed by a Procession of the Blessed Sacrament at 10.30am. Benediction will take place at 11.15am, concluding the liturgical celebrations. Refreshments will be available from 11.30am. For more information, please visit: <https://worthabbey.net/corpuschristi/>

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**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

Sat 16	May	Saturday
12noon †	SMM	People of the Parish
6.00pm †	SH	People of the Parish
6.00pm	SP	People of the Parish
6.30pm	SG	NO Polish Mass
Sun 17	May	Seventh Sunday of Easter
8.30am	SP	People of the Parish
9.00am	ST	MASS AT 11
9.30am	SH	Anthony John Reynolds RIP
9.30am	SMM	People of the Parish
10.00am	SP	Fr Bill Crispo RIP
11.00am	SG	Vince Neal RIP
11.00am	ST	FHC Candidates
11.00am	SMM	People of the Parish
11.30am	SH	Teresa Jocklik RIP
11.30am	SP	Elizabeth Burke RIP
5.00pm	SMM	People of the Parish
Mon 18	May	St John I, Pope
10.00am †	SH	Debbie Taylor RIP
Tue 19	May	St Dunstan, Bishop
10.00am	SG	Paul Jaconelli RIP
10.00am †	SH	Living & Dec'd members of the Finucan Family
11.00am	SP	Funeral Mass of Colette Melling RIP no 10am Mass).
11.00am	ST	Funeral Mass of Marian Shannon
6.00pm †	SMM	
7.00pm	ST	People of the Parish
Wed 20	May	St Bernadine of Siena
8.00am	SH	Jose Nery Alvis RIP
8.00am	CNCS	
10.00am	SP	Bernie Harvey RIP 5th Anniv.
10.00am	SG	Funeral Mass of Paddy Dixon
6.00pm †	SMM	
7.00pm	ST	People of the Parish
Thurs 21	May	St Christopher Magallanes and Companions
10.00am ‡	SG	People of the Parish
10.00am †	SP	Gill Whitehead
12noon †	SH	Deceased members of the Polito Family
6.00pm †	SMM	
7.00pm	ST	People of the Parish
Fri 22	May	St Rita of Cascia
8.00am	SH	Mary Purefoy Turner RIP
10.00am	SP	No Mass
7.00pm	ST	People of the Parish
6.00pm †	SMM	
Sat 23	May	Saturday
12noon †	SMM	
6.00pm †	SH	Michael Rycroft Int.
6.00pm	SP	People of the Parish
6.30pm	SG	Polish Mass
Sun 24	May	Pentecost
8.30am	SP	People of the Parish
9.00am	ST	Those being Baptised
9.30am	SH	People of the Parish
9.30am	SMM	
10.00am	SP	Richard Lovegrove
11.00am	SG	People of the Parish
11.00am	SMM	
11.30am	SH	Mr & Mrs GW Gillow RIP & family
11.30am	SP	Bill Murphy RIP
5.00pm	SMM	

**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

### Weekly Reconciliation Times

**Sacred Heart & St Peter's** Saturdays from 5:15–5:45pm.

**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 & Devotions

#### **Sacred Heart**

Prayer Group: Tuesdays at 10:30am in the parish room.  
 Leave prayer requests in the box at the back of church.  
 Online Rosary: Fridays at 11am via livestream.

#### **St George's**

Rosary Group: Mondays, 6.00–7.00pm in the Lady Chapel.

#### **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 Thursday 11th June.

#### **St Peter's**

Holy Spirit prayer series: Mondays at 3:30pm and Thursdays at 8pm in the parish hall.

Contemplative Prayer Group: Fridays at 7:30pm, in person and online. Enquiries: [faithenginesprayer@gmail.com](mailto:faithenginesprayer@gmail.com) / [quietenginesprayer@gmail.com](mailto:quietenginesprayer@gmail.com).

#### **St Theresa's Weekly Devotions**

Rosary: Wednesday at 6:30pm and Sunday at 8:30am.  
 Morning Prayer & Breakfast: Saturday at 9.00am.

### Social Groups

**Sacred Heart SVP Social Group** Soup, sandwiches, tea and cakes, together with entertainment, quizzes and friendly company, are available after the 12noon Mass at the Sacred Heart Church. The next gathering is on 28th May and continues every two weeks thereafter. All are welcome.

**Sacred Heart Film Club** The next Film Club at Sacred Heart Church will be held on Saturday 6th June after the 12 noon Mass. The film showing will be announced shortly.

**St George's Tea and Chat** On the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month, the 10.00 am Mass at St George's is followed by a time of socialising and activities in the hall, aimed at older parishioners. No need to book, just turn up! The next Tea and Chat will be on Tuesday 26 May.

**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 Church Social Group (drop in)**

The St Peter's Church social group meets every Friday from 1:00–3:00pm in the parish hall. Please do join us for light refreshments and friendly conversation.

### **First Holy Communion Congratulations**

Congratulations to Amaira, Annabelle, Bonnie, Cooper, Esmee, Harriet, Kyle, Lottie, Ralph, Shizen, Sophia, and Tashida, who are making their First Holy Communion at St Theresa's today, 17th May 2026. Please keep them and their families in your prayers on this special occasion.

**Women's Rosary at SMM** Women's Rosary takes place every Friday at St Mary Magdalene's. Please arrive at the Presbytery for 10:00am. Tea and refreshments are shared afterwards.

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

### **Healing Service at St Mary Magdalene's**

The next Healing Service at St Mary Magdalene's Church will take place on Sunday 7th June at 3pm, with Fr Rod and Fr Alphonse. All are most welcome. The community hall will stay open after Mass until the 3pm service and you are warmly invited to stay for a 'potluck' lunch — please bring a dish if you can. The car park will remain open until 6pm.

**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.

**Faith Formation at SMM** Our Faith Formation sessions have started again at St Mary Magdalene's. They run every Thursday during term time, after the evening Mass, in the presbytery. All are welcome. This term will be a 10-week informal Catholic Inquiry Course, making it ideal for anyone wishing to know more about the Catholic faith or considering joining the Church. Join any time.

**St Peter's Church Dona Machine** Please note that we have now extended our payment options on the Dona machine to include Mass Intentions and votive candles, should you wish to pay this way. The Dona machine is located in the porch on the right as you enter the church, or donations can also be made online via the parish website: <https://donate.mydona.com/st-peters-hove>.

There is a message field where you can enter details about your donation, for example the name of the person you wish to have a Mass said for and a preferred date. Please use this section to help the parish office process your request. Thank you for your support.

### **Grandparents and Friends Afternoon at St Mary Magdalene's**

Calling all grandparents and friends of St Mary Magdalene's Church! On the 19th of May, the school children will be serving tea in the community hall from 2–3pm. If you would like to attend, please let the parish office know so the children can plan what to provide.

### Fundraising / Giving

#### **Offertory Collection Reporting**

These figures include standing orders, DONA payments, Gift Aid envelopes, and cash given at Mass. Totals are reported monthly, in arrears.

APRIL

**SH** offertory = £6,087.77

**SG & ST** offertory = £2,548.82.

**SMM** offertory = £2,626.52

**SP** offertory £4,700.

**Missio Sacred Heart:** Thank you from Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Through your Red box or regular gifts, you are a missionary, helping spread God's word and share God's love for all his people. Thank you for your time, your gifts and your prayers for our brothers and sisters across the world. As a member of the Red Box Family, you will be held in prayer at Mass each day by the Mill Hill Community and at Missio's chapel in London. Find out more about how your gifts are transforming lives at [www.missio.org.uk](http://www.missio.org.uk)

#### **Martlet's Hospice Sale at St Peter's**

Thank you to everyone who came into the hall last Sunday to support the Sale, by purchasing, donating or enjoying

coffee and cake. We raised over £110, which will make a real difference to someone needing to use the services. Items and offers of help for future fundraising are most welcome. Please let Monica or Mary know.

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

### 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 recently deceased:**

**Colette Melling RIP** a her funeral mass will take place at St Peter's for Tuesday 19th May at 11am.

**Roy Myhill RIP** who died suddenly last week, his funeral will be at St Peter's Thursday 4 June at 11.00am.

**Marian Shannon RIP** her funeral will take place at St Theresa's on Tuesday 19th May at 11am, followed by committal at Southwick Cemetery.

**Patricia (Paddy) Dixon RIP** her funeral will be held at St George's, on Wednesday 20th May 2026 at 10am. This will be followed by her cremation thereafter (unattended).

**Please also pray for:** Liz Perkins, Mario Noah & Clive Connor, Cheryl Evans; Chris, Lucy, & Matt Neal; Clive Holding; Eileen Kipling; Hanorah & Mat Smith; Julia Fleming; Peter Cochlin; Rex Curd; Winifred Wilde, Elena White, Tom Piggins, Canon Colin Wolczak, Robert (Bob) Selwood, Melvin Shirkie, Brendan Donaghy.

**Sunday 17th May 2026,  
Seventh 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 1:12-14**

After Jesus was taken up into heaven the Apostles returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers and sisters.

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

### **Responsorial Psalm**

I believe I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living

### **Second Reading 1 Peter 4:13-16**

Beloved: Rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed,

because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or a thief, or an evildoer, or as a meddler. Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name.

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

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia.  
I will not leave you as orphans, says the Lord.  
I am going away and I will come to you, and your hearts will rejoice.  
Alleluia.

### **Gospel John 17:1-11a**

At that time: Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

'I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you.'

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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