

Catholic Parish of Brighton and Hove: West Group

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 26th July 2026, 17th Sunday of the Year, Year A, Weekdays: Week 29, Psalter Week 1

Fr Paul Writes...

During my former career as an archaeologist I would sometimes be asked what I thought of the Indiana Jones films. Of course, I'd reply that they portrayed the typical everyday life of an archaeologist, before going on to explain how, in fact, untypical they were. While not entirely inaccurate, they often gave the impression that Jones was more of a treasure hunter than an academic.

In today's Gospel the Kingdom of Heaven is described as being like a treasure which someone finds and then gives up everything to possess. It is also likened to a wonderful pearl which is found after a search and again its finder sells everything to have it. This makes clear that the Kingdom of God is so wonderful that we should be willing to sacrifice everything in order to enter it. This is a powerful image, but our wonder at something beautiful can easily wear off over time.

Our wonder at God needs to be maintained throughout life if we are truly to seek the eternal life of heaven. We need to be more than a treasure hunter. Archaeologists are not interested in the monetary value of the things they find but in what those might tell them about the people who made and used them. They are a gateway to a deeper understanding.

So too, our encounters with the wonder of God should draw us into seeking a deeper understanding of what God's love means for us; to try to understand ever more fully its implications for how we should live our lives. In the First Reading, from the First Book of Kings, we hear how, when offered anything he wanted, Solomon chose the gift of wisdom. We, perhaps, should pray for the wisdom to recognise, appreciate and learn to act on the treasure which is God's Kingdom.



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Mass Schedule		
Sat 25	July	Saint James, Apostle
12noon †	SMM	Patrick Mulgren RIP
6pm	SH	People of the Parish
6.00pm	SP	Peace in our world
6.30pm	SG	<i>Polish Mass</i>
Sun 26	July	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8.30am	SP	People of the Parish
9.00am	ST	Eileen M.D. Iacono RIP
9.30am	SH	Colette Melling RIP
9.30am	SMM	<i>Polish Mass</i>
10.00am	SP	Adrian Sampson
11.00am	SG	People of the Parish
11.00am	SMM	Ethel's daughter's graduation
11.30am	SH	Elisabeth Debusmann RIP
11.30am	SP	Maggie Fitzgerald (Aunty) RIP
5.00pm	SMM	People of the Parish
Mon 27	July	Monday
10.00am †	SH	Arundel & Brighton Lourdes Pilgrims
Tue 28	July	Tuesday
10.00am	SG	People of the Parish
10.00am †	SH	Michael Pye RIP
10.00am	SP	People of the Parish
6.00pm †	SMM	Jemma Salmon
7.00pm	ST	People of the Parish
Wed 29	July	Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus
8.00am	SH	Fr Alan McLean RIP
8.00am	CNCS	<i>No Mass</i>
10.00am	SP	People of the Parish
11.30am	SP	Funeral Mass Peter Morrison RIP
6.00pm †	SMM	People of the Parish
7.00pm	ST	People of the Parish
Thurs 30	July	Saint Peter Chrysologus
10.00am ‡	SG	People of the Parish
10.00am †	SP	People of the Parish
12noon †	SH	Catherine Collins RIP
6.00pm †	SMM	Holy Souls
7.00pm	ST	People of the Parish
Fri 31	July	Saint Ignatius Loyola
8.00am	SH	Fr Michael's Intentions
10.00am	SP	People of the Parish
7.00pm ‡	ST	People of the Parish
6.00pm †	SMM	People of the Parish
Sat 1	August	Saint Alphonsus Mary de' Liguori
12noon †	SMM	People of the Parish
12noon †	SH	Holy Souls
6pm	SH	People of the Parish
6.00pm	SP	People of the Parish
6.30pm	SG	<i>Polish Mass</i>
Sun 2	August	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8.30am	SP	People of Donestsk Region
9.00am	ST	Mr Marian Starak RIP
9.30am	SH	Lynne & Dave Butler Golden Wedding
9.30am	SMM	<i>Polish Mass</i>
10.00am	SP	People of the Parish
11.00am	SG	Maria Parente Health
11.00am	SMM	Maria Isabel Reis RIP
11.30am	SH	Doreen & Eric Pearse RIP
11.30am	SP	Yvonne Prendergast
5.00pm	SMM	People of the Parish

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, and during every Holy Hour at SMM.

St Theresa's Fridays after the 7:00pm Mass.

Prayer Groups & Devotions

Sacred Heart

Prayer Group: Tuesdays at 10:30am, Parish Room. You may leave prayer requests in the box at the back of the church.

Online Rosary: Fridays at 11am via livestream.

St George's

Rosary Group: Mondays, 6–7pm in the Lady Chapel.

The Rosary Group does not meet on Bank Holiday Mondays.

St Mary Magdalen's

Women's Rosary: takes place every Friday in the Presbytery at 10am. Tea and refreshments are shared afterwards.

West Hove Online Prayer Group — Summer Break

Our weekly Thursday evening Zoom sessions are now taking a summer break. We look forward to meeting again in September. We will confirm the date and share further details nearer the time. Thank you to everyone who has joined us this year. We wish you all a restful and blessed summer.

St Peter's

Contemplative Prayer Group: Fridays, 7:30pm - 9pm, in person and online. Contact James at: quietenginesprayer@gmail.com.

St Theresa's

Lauds (Morning Prayer): Sundays at 8:30am.

Vespers (Evening Prayer): Wednesdays at 6:30pm

Social Groups

Sacred Heart

SVP Social Group: Please note the group will break for August, returning on 3rd September.

St Mary Magdalen's

Table Church: a young adults' group meeting after the 11am Mass for refreshments in the community hall to share faith and life experiences. We look forward to meeting you!

St George's

Tea and Chat: takes place after the 10am Mass on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month, with next gathering on Tuesday 28th July.

St Peter's

Social Group (drop in): meets every Friday from 1–3pm in the parish hall. We will be back in September please check the newsletter for our next session.

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Catenian Association a monthly meeting of Catholic men at The Hove Club. For more info cateniansprovince18.org.uk.

Message from Fr Colin Thank you for all your cards, gifts, and good wishes for my 70th Birthday! It all contributed to a perfect day celebrating!

Cottesmore St Mary Catholic Primary School, Hove, currently has two spaces for children in Year 2, moving to Year 3 in September. Please contact the school if you are interested in one of the places. For more information, you may wish to visit their Admissions page www.cottesmore.brighton-hove.sch.uk/page/admissions/

St Mary Magdalen's Catholic Primary School and Nursery APPLICATIONS OPEN! Why not join us for a tour and discover this hidden gem for yourself?

St Peter's Archive Team For a baptism, or confirmation certificate contact our team of volunteers by email: saintpeterarchives@gmail.com. Please allow two weeks for processing.

St Mary Magdalene's Healing Service will take place on first Sunday of every month at 3pm, with Fr Rod and Fr Alphonse. The next Healing Service will be 2nd August. The car park will remain open until 6pm.

Sacred Heart Film Club will be taking a break for July & August and will resume on 5th September.

Newsletter by email If you would like to receive a copy of the newsletter to your inbox each week, please email: hovesacredheart@abdiocese.org.uk

Fundraising / Giving

Huge sale in aid of Martlets Hospice Sunday 26th July after 10am and 11:30am Masses at St Peter's. Gifts, toiletries, homewares, jigsaws, tombola and more. Bargain prices. Please support this important local facility.

Cash4Coins – Supporting the SVP The SVP would like to raise more funds to support our projects, and one way we can do this is by asking people to donate their leftover coins, old currency, or holiday money through the Cash4Coins scheme. The SVP can collect all foreign coins and banknotes, current UK coins and banknotes, old British and Irish money, and obsolete currency including pre-decimal coins. Working with Cash4Coins, a currency service for charities, these donations are converted into UK legal tender to support the work of the SVP, both locally and through the wider Society. Collection jars are available at St George's, St Peter's and St Theresa's churches. Thank you for helping the SVP continue its valuable work.

Survive-MIVA Appeal There will be an Appeal at the Sacred Heart on 2nd and 3rd August. Survive-MIVA (registered charity no. 268745) is a Catholic lay association, based in Liverpool and founded in 1974, which provides grants to fund essential transport to enable the

Church's pastoral outreach and health outreach work in isolated rural areas across Africa, Asia and Latin America. www.survive-miva.org/donate

Thank You from The Bethlehem Nativity Group The Bethlehem Nativity Group would like to thank everyone at our parish for the warm welcome and generous support shown during their recent visit. Thanks to your kindness, sales of their olive wood religious carvings raised an incredible £1,941, providing much-needed support for Christian families in the Holy Land. They have asked us to pass on their heartfelt thanks and assure you that our parish remains in their prayers. If you missed the display and would still like to purchase an olive wood carving, you can order directly from them online at www.tbng.co.uk. God bless you all. Love and blessings from The Bethlehem Nativity Group.

Offertory Collection Reporting These figures include standing orders, DONA payments, Gift Aid envelopes, and cash given at Mass. Totals are reported monthly, in arrears. **June 2026**
SH offertory = £5,111.39
SG & ST offertory = £3,161.03
SMM offertory = £3,295.17
SP offertory = £6,458

Cycle of Prayer

During Ordinary Time, we are asked to pray for these intentions: a deeper understanding between Christians and Jews; human life; those who suffer persecution, oppression and denial of human rights; Europe; and seafarers.

Please pray for the recently deceased:

Paul Dean RIP who died on 27 June, his funeral service will take place at St Peter's on Tuesday 4 August at 11:30am.

Peter Morrison RIP funeral will take place at St Peter's on Wed 29th July 2026 at 11:30am, conducted by Fr Enzo.

Please also pray for: Anne Callaghan; Canon Colin Wolczak; Chris, Lucy, & Matt Neal; Clive Connor; Clive Holding; Dean Schwartz; Eileen Kipling; Elena White; Hanorah & Mat Smith; Julia Fleming; Kathleen Davis; Liz Perkins; Mario Noah; Melvin Shirkie; Pauline Podsiadly; Peter Cochlin; Rex Curd; Robert (Bob) Selwood; Tom Piggins & Winifred Wilde.

ST MARY MAGDALENE CHURCH

LUNCHTIME CONCERT SERIES 2026

Brighton • Saturdays 1:00 PM • Free Admission



8 AUG
4:00 PM
Matilde Freiria
Guitar



22 AUG
Kairos Winds
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5 SEP
Cathy Tsang & Bethany Caswell
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For more information: brightonstmarymag@abdiocese.org.uk

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 — 1 Kings 3:5-6a, 7-12

In those days: The LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, 'Ask what I shall give you.' And Solomon said, 'O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?'

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. And God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life, or riches, or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

O Lord, how I love your law!

Second Reading — Romans 8:28-30

Brothers and Sisters: We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, you have revealed the secrets of the kingdom to little children. Alleluia.

Gospel — Matthew 13:44-52

At that time: Jesus said to the crowd: 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into vessels but threw away the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

'Have you understood all these things?' They said to him, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

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, (at the words that follow, up to and including 'and became man, all bow) 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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