

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 2nd August 2026, 18th Sunday of the Year, Year A, Weekdays: Week 30, Psalter Week 2

Our Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

People and clergy from across our churches and schools journeyed to France on 23rd and 24th July to join our annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, led by Canon David Parmiter from our Parish of Brighton & Hove.

Lourdes is one of the world's most significant places of Christian pilgrimage, where millions of people gather each year at the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes. It is a place of hope, healing and renewal, where pilgrims are invited to deepen their relationship with Christ through prayer, the Sacraments and service to one another.



Our diocesan pilgrimage is centred on the theme **Love in Action**. More than 700 pilgrims made the journey together, including those who are sick, frail, elderly or living with disabilities, supported by dedicated volunteers who gave their time and care with generosity and compassion. Through these acts of loving service, the pilgrimage became a living witness to the Gospel.

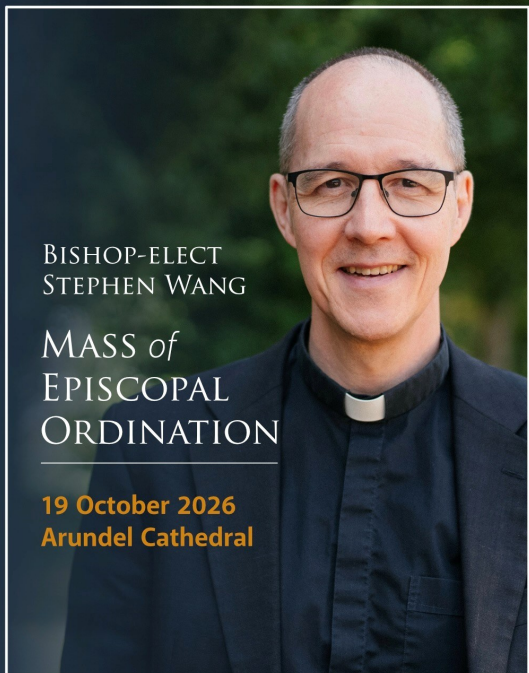
As pilgrims gathered at the Grotto where Our Lady appeared to St Bernadette, they carried with them the intentions of our parish, our Diocese and all those who had entrusted them with their prayers. We give thanks for their safe return and pray that the graces received in Lourdes will continue to bear fruit in their lives and throughout our diocesan community, inspiring us all to grow in faith, hope and love.

Welcoming Our New Bishop

Fr Stephen Wang will be installed as the Sixth Bishop of the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton on Monday 19 October at 12 noon. The Mass of Episcopal Ordination, which takes place on the Feast of St Philip Howard, will include invited representatives from across our family of faith and be livestreamed from Arundel Cathedral.

His Holiness Pope Leo XIV appointed Fr Stephen as Bishop of Arundel & Brighton on Thursday 2 July. Speaking shortly after the announcement, Bishop-elect Stephen said: "I feel a mixture of gratitude and trepidation; an excitement and curiosity about all that lies ahead; and above all, a sense of peace. I'm grateful to Pope Leo for calling me and putting his trust in me and to Archbishop Moth for all his care for the Diocese over these years... I am overjoyed at the thought of coming to Arundel & Brighton, getting to know the people and working together to build God's Kingdom."

Bishop Stephen will celebrate a special Mass of Welcome for people across our Diocese at Worth Abbey near Crawley, on Saturday 24 October at 11:30am; further details will be announced soon.



Sacred Heart, 39 Norton Road, BN3 3BF, 01273 732843, www.sacredhearthove.org.uk;
hovesacredheart@abdiocese.org.uk. All Masses at SH are Live Streamed: www.sacredhearthove.org.uk/videos.html

St George's, Court Farm Road, BN3 7QR and **St Theresa's**, Old Shoreham Road, BN42 4RY, 01273 708227;
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

Hospital Chaplain, Royal Sussex County Hospital, T. 01273 696955 Ext. 64122, email celestine.nnolim@nhs.net

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

Mass Schedule		
Sat 1st	August	Saint Alphonsus Mary de' Liguori
12noon †	SMM	Teresa Johnson
12noon †	SH	Raphael Intentions
6pm	SH	People of the Parish
6.00pm	SP	People of the Parish
6.30pm	SG	<i>Polish Mass</i>
Sun 2nd	August	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8.30am	SP	People of Donetsk Region
9.00am	ST	Mr Marian Starak RIP
9.30am	SH	Lynne & Dave Butler Golden Wedding
9.30am	SMM	People of the Parish
10.00am	SP	People of the Parish
11.00am	SG	Maria Parente Health
11.00am	SMM	Intentions for Maria and Marcin
11.30am	SH	Doreen & Eric Pearse RIP
11.30am	SP	Yvonne Prendergast
5.00pm	SMM	People of the Parish
Mon 3rd	August	Monday
10.00am †	SH	Michael & Ashley Pye RIP
Tue 4th	August	Saint John Mary Vianney
10.00am	SG	People of the Parish
10.00am †	SH	Thomas & Sarah Fealy RIP
10.00am	SP	Margery Pickup RIP
11.30am	SP	Funeral Service Paul Dean RIP
6.00pm †	SMM	Janetta's family
7.00pm	ST	Eleanor Langley RIP
Wed 5th	August	Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major
8.00am	SH	Holy Souls
10.00am	SP	In thanksgiving for new bishop
6.00pm †	SMM	Margaretta Wright RIP
7.00pm	ST	George T Langley RIP
Thurs 6th	August	The Transfiguration of the Lord
10.00am ‡	SG	People of the Parish
10.00am †	SP	UCM Members Hove Foundation
12noon †	SH	Vanessa Pires RIP
6.00pm †	SMM	People of the Parish
7.00pm	ST	People of the Parish
Fri 7th	August	Sts Sixtus II, Pope, and his Companions
8.00am	SH	Holy Souls
10.00am	SP	Private Intention
7.00pm ‡	ST	People of the Parish
6.00pm †	SMM	People of the Parish
Sat 8th	August	Saint Dominic
12noon †	SMM	<i>No Holy Hour or Mass</i>
6pm	SH	Thomas Forrest Garvin RIP
6.00pm	SP	Mgr Michael Jackson on occasion of anniversary of ordination
6.30pm	SG	<i>Polish Mass</i>
Sun 9th	August	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8.30am	SP	Jim Green RIP
9.00am	ST	Int of Pauline Podsiadly
9.30am	SH	People of the Parish
9.30am	SMM	People of the Parish
10.00am	SP	People of the Parish
11.00am	SG	People of the Parish
11.00am	SMM	People of the Parish
11.30am	SH	Barrie Woodard RIP
11.30am	SP	Eira & John Crichton
5.00pm	SMM	People of the Parish

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.

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.

Film Club: will be taking a break for July & August and will resume on 5th 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 11th August.

St Peter's

Social Group (drop in): meets every Friday from 1–3pm in the parish hall. Please do join us for light refreshments and friendly conversation.



Defibrillator Donated in Memory of Ruth Keynes Members of the parish were pleased to welcome the family of Ruth Keynes to St George's on Sunday 26th July, where they presented a defibrillator for St George's Church Hall in Ruth's memory. Kindly donated by the Brighton Badminton Club, this life-saving equipment is now available on-site and could make a vital difference in an emergency. We are sincerely grateful to Ruth's family and the Brighton Badminton Club for this generous gift, and hope that sharing this news will help raise awareness of its location within our community. Thank you also to Sandra, Jacinta, Ralph and Angie for helping to make the family feel so welcome on the day.

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

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, Brighton APPLICATIONS OPEN! Why not join us for a tour and discover this hidden gem for yourself? stmarymags-brighton-hove.secure-dbprimary.com/brighton-hove/primary/stmarymags

St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Portslade Come and see how at St Mary's we do it differently! We warmly invite you to come and visit our school so you are able to get a true sense of how we encourage our children

to 'Achieve their Ambitions.' Please call the school to book a tour 01273 418416. <https://www.stmarys.brighton-hove.sch.uk/>

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.

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

Ecumenical Men's Breakfast Club Men from all Christian churches and denominations are warmly invited to the Ecumenical Men's Breakfast Club, which meets on Mondays at 10.00am at the Royal George Pub, Stoney Lane, Shoreham. The next meeting will take place on Monday 10th August. Come along for friendship, conversation, and fellowship in an informal setting. For further information, please contact Andrew Macpherson on 07500 587107.

Summer Concert Series 2026 SMM's is delighted to present a new recital series, which will take place on Saturdays, over the summer. Please see the flyers at the back of the church or email brightonstmarymag@abdiocese.org.uk for more information. Free admission with retiring collection. All are welcome!

Fundraising / Giving

Martlets Hospice Sale – Thank You

A huge thank you to everyone who supported last week's Martlets Hospice sale at St Peter's. Together we raised a further £130, bringing the total raised so far to almost £1,400, enough to fund two days of in-patient care or several Hospice at Home visits. More sales will be taking place over the coming weeks, so do pop into the hall, pick up a bargain and help support this wonderful cause. Thank you also to everyone who has generously donated goods.

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

Offertory Collection Reporting

June 2026

SH offertory = £5,111.39

SG & ST offertory = £3,161.03

SMM offertory = £3,295.17

SP offertory = £6,458.00

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.

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; Margaret Robinson; Mario Noah; Melvin Shirkie; Pauline Podsiadly; Peter Cochlin; Rex Curd; Robert (Bob) Selwood; Tom Piggins & Winifred Wilde.

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 — Isaiah 55:1-3

Thus says the Lord:

‘Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy?

Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.’

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

You open your hand and fulfil us, O Lord.

Second Reading — Romans 8:35, 37-39

Brothers and Sisters: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

Alleluia.

Gospel — Matthew 14:13-21

At that time: When Jesus heard of the death of John the Baptist, he withdrew in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, ‘This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves.’ But Jesus said, ‘They need not go away; you give them something to eat.’ They said to him, ‘We have only five loaves here and two fish.’ And he said, ‘Bring them here to me.’ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children

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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