

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 23rd August 2026, 21st Sunday of the Year, Year A, Weekdays: Week 33, Psalter Week 1, and
Sunday 30th August 2026, 22nd Sunday of the Year, Year A, Weekdays: Week 34, Psalter Week 2

Fr Paul writes...

The Gospel reading for the 21st Sunday in ordinary time makes clear that the primacy of Peter amongst the disciples is not some later development to support the dominance of the Bishops of Rome over the rest of the Church but has its origin very clearly in the will of Christ himself.

Peter repeatedly displayed his human weakness and yet Jesus chose him to lead the continuation of his mission in the world, perhaps because in recognising his own weakness Peter was able to see his need to rely totally on God's strength rather than his own. Out of that recognition Peter made his declaration of faith that we hear in the Gospel. God's grace gave him the insight to recognise the unique reality of Christ.

We make a declaration of faith during Mass each Sunday in the form of the Creed. The version we use for most of the year was largely written by the Council of Nicaea in AD 325. Underpinning this rather long list of the things we, and the vast majority of Christians around the world, believe is the simple but profound truth contained in Peter's declaration that 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.'

In response to this foundational statement of faith, Jesus appointed Peter the foundation, the rock, upon which the Church would be built. Like Peter, some later holders of the office of Bishop of Rome have been weak human beings, some of whom who did not fully fulfil their duties as leaders of the Church, but the Church and its mission has continued and flourished because at the heart of it is the faith of so many Christians, that despite our human failings Jesus is still the Christ, the Son of the living God, fulfilling his mission through each of us.

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 Available during every Holy Hour.

St Theresa's Fridays after the 7pm Mass.

Prayer Groups & Devotions

Sacred Heart

Prayer Group: Tuesdays at 10:30am, Parish Room. Resuming 1st Sept. 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: 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 resume on 5th September and will be showing "The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry".

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 25th 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, we will be back in September.

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

SH: Sacred Heart; **SG:** St George's; **SMM:** St Mary Magdalene's; **SP:** St Peter's; **ST:** St Theresa's;
† Adoration before; ‡ Adoration after

Mass Schedule		
Sat 22nd	August	Our Lady, Mother and Queen
12noon †	SMM	Mary Jane Benville RIP
6pm	SH	Mr & Mrs Gillow RIP and Relatives
6.00pm	SP	Henry Gabriel Tan
6.30pm	SG	<i>Polish Mass</i>
Sun 23rd	August	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
8.30am	SP	People of the Parish
9.00am	ST	People of St Helena Island for their increased faith in our Lord
9.30am	SH	People of the Parish
9.30am	SMM	<i>Polish Mass</i>
10.00am	SP	People of the Parish
11.00am	SG	Health of Maria Parente & Family
11.00am	SMM	Rodrigo Gutierrez RIP
11.30am	SH	Mrs Ruby D'Souza RIP
11.30am	SP	People of the Parish
5.00pm	SMM	People of the Parish
Mon 24th	August	Saint Bartholomew
10.00am †	SH	Michael Pye RIP
Tue 25th	August	Saint Louis
10.00am	SG	People of the Parish
10.00am †	SH	Nalini Joan's Intentions
10.00am	SP	People of the Parish
6.00pm †	SMM	Freddie De Run RIP
7.00pm	ST	Canon Bernard Jose RIP
Wed 26th	August	Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God
8.00am	SH	Keith Simpson RIP
10.00am	SP	<i>No Mass today</i>
6.00pm †	SMM	Miss Ellen McDonnell & Family RIP
7.00pm	ST	People of the Parish
Thurs 27th	August	Saint Monica
10.00am ‡	SG	People of the Parish
10.00am †	SP	People of the Parish
12noon †	SH	William Highland King RIP
6.00pm †	SMM	Marta's healing
7.00pm	ST	Shirley Carroll RIP
Fri 28th	August	Saint Augustine
8.00am	SH	Gillian Mortell RIP
10.00am	SP	Maria Reynauld RIP (2nd anni.)
7.00pm ‡	ST	People of the Parish
6.00pm †	SMM	People of the Parish
Sat 29th	August	The Beheading of Saint John the Baptist
12noon †	SMM	People of the Parish
6pm	SH	Pauline Mascolo Intentions
6.00pm	SP	People of the Parish
6.30pm	SG	<i>Polish Mass</i>
Sun 30th	August	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8.30am	SP	People of the Parish
9.00am	ST	Sr Catherine Ronan, Catherine Coppard & Erika Dixon RIP
9.30am	SH	Living & Deceased Members of the Vidal Family
9.30am	SMM	<i>Polish Mass</i>
10.00am	SP	Tara Longley RIP
11.00am	SG	People of the Parish
11.00am	SMM	Maria Isabel Reis RIP
11.30am	SH	Shelia Bain RIP
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11.30am	SP	People of the Parish
5.00pm	SMM	People of the Parish
Mon 31st	August	Saint Aidan
10.00am †	SH	Michael & Ashley Pye RIP
Tue 1st	September	Tuesday
10.00am	SG	People of the Parish
10.00am †	SH	Holy Souls
10.00am	SP	People of the Parish
6.00pm †	SMM	People of the Parish
7.00pm	ST	People of the Parish
Wed 2nd	September	Wednesday
8.00am	SH	
10.00am	SP	UCM Members Hove Foundation
6.00pm †	SMM	Edwin Green RIP
7.00pm	ST	People of the Parish
Thurs 3rd	September	Saint Gregory the Great
10.00am ‡	SG	People of the Parish
10.00am †	SP	People of the Parish
12noon †	SH	
6.00pm †	SMM	People of the Parish
7.00pm	ST	People of the Parish
Fri 4th	September	Saint Cuthbert
8.00am	SH	Tadeusz Bueayski RIP
10.00am	SP	Bernard Gallagher RIP
7.00pm ‡	ST	People of the Parish
6.00pm †	SMM	Geoffrey Anthoney Brown RIP
Sat 5th	September	Saint Teresa of Calcutta
12noon †	SMM	People of the Parish
12noon †	SH	Holy Souls
6pm	SH	Deceased Members of the Donaghy Family RIP
6.00pm	SP	People of the Parish
6.30pm	SG	<i>Polish Mass</i>
Sun 6th	September	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8.30am	SP	People of the Parish
9.00am	ST	Members of the SVP
9.30am	SH	People of the Parish
9.30am	SMM	<i>Polish Mass</i>
10.00am	SP	People of the Parish
11.00am	SG	Members of the SVP
11.00am	SMM	People of the Parish
11.30am	SH	The Lavaud Family
11.30am	SP	People of the Parish
5.00pm	SMM	People of the Parish



The next
Marriage Preparation Course
begins on 5 October 2026
Details from
bh.marriage.prep@gmail.com
Apply by 11 September.

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.

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

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!

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 Sunday 6th September. The car park will remain open until 6pm.

St Peter's First Holy Communion candidates please note your certificates are now ready for collection from the sacristy in the collection tray after Mass.

2026-2027 Sacramental Programmes
Sacred Heart ONLY: Applications for First Holy Communion, Confirmation and RCIA are now available from the front entrance of Sacred Heart or from the Sacred Heart website. Please return your completed form to SH office before the deadline indicated on the form to avoid disappointment. These registration arrangements apply to Sacred Heart only. Other churches in the parish are not yet open for FHC or Confirmation registrations. Registration at other churches will open in September, details will be advertised once applications are available. Please do not submit applications for other churches at this time.

Collection Counting at St Theresa's
We are looking for more volunteers to join the collection counting team at St Theresa's. We do not have enough people available to ensure the counting

rota can run smoothly, so we would be very grateful for anyone who is able to offer their support. Collection counting takes place after the Sunday Mass and usually takes around half an hour. It involves working in pairs to count the collection and complete a simple form. Training will be provided by shadowing one of our existing volunteers, so no previous experience is needed. The more volunteers we have, the less frequently each person will be needed. If you can help, or would like to find out more, please speak to Juliette or email the parish office. Thank you.

Fundraising / Giving

Martlets Hospice Sale – 23rd August
Come along to our Martlets Sale on Sunday 23rd August in St Peter's Hall, where there will be a wonderful selection of fancy goods, cakes, plants and bric-a-brac. If you are having a summer clear-out, donations of good-quality saleable items are appreciated.

Missio Boxes at Sacred Heart
In the outer Sacristy we still have a number of Missio Boxes that are empty and need collecting. Please collect these boxes before the end of August, and if you can, fill these up with your loose coins. If you have a box that is filled (they don't have to be full), Marilyn will pick these up throughout September from the outer sacristy. Thank you.

Special Collections 2026
06 September – SVP (SG&ST)
13 September – Education Sunday

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 also pray for:

Anne Callaghan; Canon Colin Wolczak; Chris, Lucy, & Matt Neal; Clive Connor; Dean Schwartz; Eileen Kipling; Elena White; Hanorah & Mat Smith; Julia Fleming; Kathleen Davis; Liz Perkins; Margaret Keating; Margaret Robinson; Mario Noah; Melvin Shirkie; Paulina Podsiadly; Peter Cochlin; Rex Curd; Robert (Bob) Selwood; Rosaleen Gripper; Tom Piggins & Winifred Wilde.

ST MARY MAGDALEN'S CHURCH, BRIGHTON

COURAGE AND CONVICTION

The life of
SISTER RICCARDA HAMBROUGH

A TALK BY
JOANNA BOGLE
acclaimed speaker and author

Sister Riccarda Hambrough is a local heroine whose story is worth hearing. Baptised at St Mary Magdalen church, she grew up to become a nun in the Bridgettine Order in Rome – where she helped to rescue Jewish families by hiding them in the convent.

She may now be formally canonised as a saint.

Come and hear author and broadcaster Joanna Bogle tell the story!

TUESDAY
22ND SEPTEMBER
7.00PM
IN THE COMMUNITY HALL
ALL WELCOME

Sunday 23rd August 2026
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 22:15, 19-23

Thus says the Lord GOD of hosts, 'Come, go to this steward, to Shebna, who is over the household, and say to him: "I will thrust you from your office, and you will be pulled down from your station. In that day I will call my servant Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, and I will clothe him with your robe, and will bind your sash on him, and will commit your authority to his hand. And he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the house of Judah. And I will place on his shoulder the key of the house of David. He shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open. And I will fasten him like a peg in a secure place, and he will become a throne of honour to his father's house."'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

O LORD, your merciful love is eternal; discard not the work of your hands.

Second Reading — Romans 11:33-36

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgements and how inscrutable his ways! 'For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counsellor?' 'Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?' For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory for ever.
Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. Alleluia.

Gospel — Matthew 16:13-20

At that time: When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter replied, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.' Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Sunday 30th August 2026
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading — Jeremiah 20:7-9

O LORD, you have deceived me, and I was deceived; you are stronger than I, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughing-stock all the day; everyone mocks me. For whenever I speak, I cry out, I shout, 'Violence and destruction!' For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. If I say, 'I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name', there is in my heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.

Second Reading — Romans 12:1-2

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, enlighten the eyes of our hearts, so that we may know the hope to which he has called us. Alleluia.

Gospel — Matthew 16:21-27

At that time: Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.'

Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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