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 25:6-10a

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death for ever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, 'Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.' For the hand of the LORD will rest on this mountain.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for length of days unending.

Second reading - Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Brothers and Sisters: I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me. Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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 22:1-14

At that time: Jesus again spoke to the chief priests and the elders of the people, in parables, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. Again he sent other servants, saying, "Tell those who are invited, 'See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.' " But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find." And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.
'But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. And he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?" And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

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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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 11th October 2026 • 28th Sunday of the Year • Year A • Weekdays: Week 27 • Psalter Week 4

Prisoners' Sunday

Canon David Writes…

With all that is going on at the moment it is easy to miss issues that the Bishops Conference of England have asked us to consider and remember in our prayers. Archbishop John Sherrington of Liverpool and Bishop Bosco MacDonald of Clifton have written about Baby Loss Awareness Week which takes place from 9-15 October. This is part of what they have written – "We unite especially with parents, siblings, grandparents and other relatives grieving a baby who died in or outside the womb." "Day for life 2026, took the theme The Wonder of the Child in the Womb, affirming the dignity and uniqueness of every child from conception until natural death, while honouring families grieving baby loss. In his Apostolic blessing, the Holy Father encouraged us to place our hope in the promise of eternal life. He prayed that 'all parents grieving the loss of a child, especially an infant, may find comfort and peace in the knowledge of God's love for them and their child, 'for to him all of them are alive' (Lk 20:38). "We commend all bereaved parents, families and loved ones to the care of the Holy Family. May Jesus, Mary and Joseph watch over them, strengthen them in their grief, and grant them the peace that comes from hope in God's eternal love."

Archbishop Richard has also written to remind us that today is Prisoners' Sunday. He says: "This is an opportunity for us to direct our thoughts and prayers to the men, women and young people in prison, their children and families and to support the national Catholic charity which serves them."
The charity to which Archbishop Richard refers is Pact (Prison Advice and Care Trust). They say "Pact is the national Catholic prison charity. We support prisoners, people with convictions, and their families. Rooted in Catholic Social Teaching, we believe in the dignity of every person and in the possibility of a fresh start." There may be a second collection in your community this weekend, if not use their website https://www.prisonadvice.org.uk/donate/

This Week in Our Parish

Saturday 10th October
*12:30pm SH Film Club, in the Parish Rooms
*5:15–5:45pm Weekly Reconciliation at SH & SP

Sunday 11th October
*8:30am St Theresa's Rosary, during October
*Prisoners' Sunday, Special collection in support of Pact
*Refreshments available after some Masses
*After 11am Mass, Table Church at SMM
*After 11am Mass, Reconciliation at SG, on request

Monday 12th October
*10:30 SP's Tai Chi in the parish hall (term time)
*6pm St George's Rosary Group in the Lady Chapel
*7pm SP's RCIA in the Upper Room of the parish hall

Tuesday 13th October
*After 10am Mass, SG Tea and Chat in the parish hall
*10:30am SH Prayer Group in the Parish Room
*2–4pm Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM) SP's Hall
*6pm Monk Talks, at St John the Baptist

Wednesday 14th October
*5:30pm Reconciliation at SMM during Holy Hour
*6pm FHC Information Evening at St Theresa's
*6:30pm St Theresa's Rosary during October

Thursday 15th October
*After 12 noon Mass, Sacred Heart SVP Social Group
*7:30pm Digging Deeper Online study group

Friday 16th October
*10am Women's Rosary at SMM's Presbytery
*11am SH Online Rosary via the church livestream
*11:30am Funeral Mass for Rita Keating at SH
*1–3pm St Peter's Social Group in the parish hall
*5:30pm Reconciliation at SMM's, during Holy Hour
*After 7pm Mass Reconciliation at St Theresa's
*7:30–9pm SPeter's Prayer Group in person and online

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Mass Schedule		
Sat 10th	**October**	**Saint Denis and his Companions**
6pm	SH	Canon Gerald Coates RIP
6.00pm	SP	John Lloyd RIP
6.30pm	SG	*Polish Mass*
Sun 11th	**October**	**28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8.30am	SP	People of the Parish
9.00am	ST	People of the Parish
9.30am	SH	Kathleen Joyce RIP
9:30am	SMM	*Polish Mass*
10.00am	SP	Anthony Basil Reynauld RIP
11.00am	SG	Priyanka Warnapura RIP
11.00am	SMM	Francelle, Thanksgiving
11.30am	SH	People of the Parish
11.30am	SP	Maureen Monaghan
5.00pm	SMM	People of the Parish
Mon 12th	**October**	**Saint Wilfrid**
10.00am †	SH	Edward William Powell RIP
Tue 13th	**October**	**Saint Edward the Confessor**
10.00am	SG	Norah Frances Smith RIP
10.00am †	SH	Mr Santos Alphonso RIP
10.00am	SP	People of the Parish
7.00pm	ST	Mary Baker RIP & Miss K Nelson RIP
Wed 14th	**October**	**Saint Callistus**
8.00am	CNCS	-
8.00am	SH	Yvonne Barnes RIP
10.00am	SP	People of the Parish
6:30pm †	SMM	Geoffrey & Mary Robinson RIP
7.00pm	ST	People of the Parish
Thurs 15th	**October**	**Saint Teresa of Ávila**
10.00am ‡	SG	People of the Parish
10.00am †	SP	*No Mass*
12noon †	SH	Elizabeth Overed's Intentions
12:30pm	SMM	Cecile Pickwood RIP
7.00pm	ST	People of the Parish
Fri 16th	**October**	**Saint Hedwig**
8.00am	SH	Bertha Richardson RIP
10.00am	SP	Peace in our world
7.00pm ‡	ST	People of the Parish
6:30pm †	SMM	People of the Parish
Sat 17th	**October**	**Saint Ignatius of Antioch**
6pm	SH	Anthony John Reynolds RIP
6.00pm	SP	People of the Parish
6.30pm	SG	*NO Polish Mass*
Sun 18th	**October**	**29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8.30am	SP	People of the Parish
9.00am	ST	People of the Parish
9.30am	SH	People of the Parish
9:30am	SMM	*Polish Mass*
10.00am	SP	Wellbeing of Fr Jerry
11.00am	SG	People of the Parish
11.00am	SMM	Magoa Maria Lopes Da Cruz RIP
11.30am	SH	Keith Simpson RIP (Anniversary)
11.30am	SP	Jadwiga Mackowiak RIP
1:30pm	SP	*Syrian Mass*
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

RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults If you are curious about the Catholic faith, or are considering Baptism, Confirmation or receiving the Sacraments, our RCIA programmes across the parish warmly welcome you.
St Peter's: Mondays at 7pm in the Upper Room of St Peter's parish hall.
St Mary Magdalen's: Wednesdays, 7–8:30pm during term time in the presbytery.
For further info, please contact the relevant Parish Office.

Baptism Preparation – St Theresa's The next two Baptism Preparation sessions are Tuesday 24th November and Tuesday 1st December, 6:30–7:30pm at St Theresa's. Both sessions are required for parents preparing for Baptism.

Confirmation Application Deadline at Sacred Heart
Confirmation applications remain open until Tuesday 1st December 2026. First Holy Communion and RCIA applications at Sacred Heart are now closed.

Baptism & Confirmation Certificates – St Peter's For a Baptism or Confirmation certificate, contact the St Peter's Archive Team by email at saintpeterarchives@gmail.com
Please allow two weeks for documents to be processed.

Marie Doherty RIP Please pray for the repose of the soul of Marie Doherty, mother of Aisling Brombley, Secretary at St Peter's, who died peacefully on Saturday. Please keep Aisling and her family in your prayers at this sad time.

Prisoners' Sunday and Prisons Week, 11–17 October
This weekend we remember prisoners and their families at Mass, with a second collection in support of Pact, the national Catholic prison charity. Prisons Week is an opportunity for Christian communities to pray for prisoners, their families and everyone affected.

Bishop-Elect Stephen Wang's Ordination, Monday 19th October. The Ordination at Arundel Cathedral is by invitation only. Those without an invitation will not be admitted, but the celebration can be watched via the Cathedral livestream from 12 noon.

Change to Polish Mass Schedule From December 2026, Fr Tadeusz will celebrate Polish Mass on the first Saturday of each month at St Agnes Church, Eastbourne, rather than St George's, Hove. Polish Mass will continue at St George's on all other Saturdays at 6:30pm.

SH Film Club Saturday 10th October, 12:30pm. The Left Hand of God will be shown in the Sacred Heart Parish Rooms. All welcome.

Monk Talks An Introduction to the Psalms, Tuesday 13th October, 6pm. Join Fr Aidan at St John the Baptist Church and Fitzherbert Community Centre, Kemptown. Evening Prayer at 6pm, simple supper at 6:30pm, talk and prayer at 7pm, Compline at 8pm.

Paulina Podsiadly RIP Funeral service will take place on Thursday 15th October at 11:30am, The Gordon Chapel, 20 Sompting Road, Worthing.

Rita Keating RIP Funeral Mass, Friday 16th October, 11:30am. The Funeral Mass will take place at Sacred Heart, Hove. Please pray for the repose of her soul and keep her family in your prayers. May she rest in peace.

Rosaleen Gripper RIP passed away peacefully on 6th October 2026. Please remember Rosaleen and her family in your prayers. Funeral details will be confirmed in due course.

Mental Health Awareness Training Saturday 17th October, 10am–3pm. At the St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley. Explore the realities and impact of mental health conditions. Subsidised tickets cost £40. For information, contact Deacon Simon simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk

A Day with Saint Carlo Acutis Saturday 17th October, at St Peter's, Shoreham. A special day including Mass, talks by Anna Johnstone, Eucharistic Adoration, prayer, veneration of Saint Carlo Acutis' relic and the Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition. Attend all or part of the day. Tea and coffee provided, please bring a packed lunch. The exhibition remains open until 1st November.

Karla's Charity Curry Evening Saturday 31st October, 7pm. At Sacred Heart Parish Room, Norton Road. Come along for an enjoyable evening of food and friendship while supporting Karla's charity.

Magnifica Humanitas Pope Leo's Encyclical and Study Group. **Warren Vinall has prepared a summary of key points from Pope Leo's encyclical on Artificial Intelligence, available at St Peter's.** A discussion and study group will also begin in the autumn, exploring Magnifica Humanitas and safeguarding human dignity in an age of rapidly advancing AI. The day and time are to be confirmed. To register your interest, email Deacon Dominic Dring at domdring14@gmail.com

Digging Deeper An online, lay-led study group exploring different aspects of the Catholic faith, Thursdays, 7:30–8:30pm. Topics have included Scripture, Pope Leo's Magnifica Humanitas and the life of Mother Teresa. Each session concludes with prayer. For further information, email whdiggingdeeper@gmail.com

Catenian Association A monthly gathering of Catholic men at The Hove Club. For further information, https://cateniansprovince18.org.uk

Newsletter by Email To receive the weekly parish newsletter by email, please contact hovesacredheart@abdiocese.org.uk to be added to the distribution list.

St Peter's Money Counters More volunteers are needed to join the three counting teams. The task is straightforward, volunteers work in pairs and training is provided, along with a cup of coffee! With four additional volunteers, each team would only need to count every six weeks. Please contact the parish office if you can help.

Singers, Musicians and Altar Servers at St Theresa's. *"He who sings, prays twice." – St Augustine.* Children and adults are invited to join our singers, musicians and altar servers for Feast Days and School Masses. All welcome! Please speak to Nancy, Paula or James for details.

Welcomers Needed at SG & ST We are looking for friendly volunteers to join our welcoming teams. Arriving a little early, offering a smile and helping people feel at home can make a real difference. If you can help, please contact the parish office.

Soup Run Volunteers Needed Monday to Friday at 7pm at the Angel of Peace statue to serve hot soup, bread and kindness to those in need. Please contact SMM parish office.

Room for Refugees Hosts are urgently needed for refugee women in Brighton. The charity screens all referrals, provides ongoing support and allows hosts to set their own house rules. You can start with a one month commitment and a one week trial. home@positiveactionh.org

Missio Red Box Collections If you have a Missio Red Box that needs emptying, please bring it to Moira at St Theresa's or Patricia at St George's, ensuring your name is clearly written on the box. At Sacred Heart, empty boxes are available to collect from the outer sacristy, and boxes containing donations can be left there for Marilyn to collect. Boxes do not need to be completely full before being returned. Thank you for your continued support.

Special Collections 2026
11 October – Prisons Sunday
18 October – World Mission

Prayer List Anne Callaghan, Peter Cochlin, Clive Connor, Kathleen Davis, Julia Fleming, Elizabeth Houston, Eileen Kipling, Margaret Keating, Terry Maughan, George Mooney, Chris, Lucy, & Matt Neal, Mario Noah, Tom Piggins, Liz Perkins, Teresa Riley, Margaret Robinson, Melvin Shirkie, Dean Schwartz, Robert (Bob) Selwood, Hanorah & Mat Smith, Elena White, Winifred Wilde, Canon Colin Wolczak.