## 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
## Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

An excellent wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life. She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. She opens her hand to the poor and reaches out her hands to the needy.

Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates.

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

## Responsorial Psalm

**Blessed are all who fear the Lord.**

## Second reading - 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you are not in darkness, brothers and sisters, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober.

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

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Abide in me, and I in you, says the Lord. Whoever abides in me bears much fruit.**

**Alleluia.**

## Gospel - Matthew 25:14-30

At that time: Jesus told his disciples this parable, 'The kingdom of heaven will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money.

'Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, "Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master." And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, "Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master." He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, "Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours." But his master answered him, "You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." '

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 15th November 2026 • 33rd Sunday of the Year • Year A • Weekdays: Week 32 • Psalter Week 1**

## World Day of the Poor

### Fr Tony writes…

Today's first reading is one of those which makes some people cringe a bit. It does seem a bit patriarchal, though in fact the injunction to value one's wife for something more than looks and to let her benefit from the fruit of her work was probably progressive at the time it was written! But this text is not just about valuing one's partner!

The Book of Proverbs was originally a kind of 'textbook' for the sons of the ruling families. So presenting 'Wisdom' as a woman to be sought was perhaps a shrewd pedagogical move. On that basis, the passage is saying, 'If you seek Wisdom, all these benefits come with her.'

Further, in the scriptures, marriage is frequently used as a metaphor for the relationship between God and his people. So the audience (male or female) is being asked to identify with the wife, rather than the husband. God is the 'husband' who sees the true value of each person and rewards those who make good use of their talents. This is how the reading ties in with our Gospel today. We are called to be grateful for our gifts, whether great or small, and to use them for the growth of God's Kingdom.

But what about the third servant? His image of the Master is surely not to be our image of God! But perhaps it tells us that a distorted image of God can get in the way of our use of our gifts, causing us to act out of fear rather than gratitude and love. Returning to the Book of Proverbs, the Wisdom that leads us to flourish in our gifts and talents is not a stern taskmaster, but one who is constantly "rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race" (Proverbs 8:31).

### This Week in Our Parish

**Saturday 14th November**
*5:15–5:45pm Weekly Reconciliation at SH & SP
*7–8:15pm Learning with Bishop Stephen at St Peter's
*7pm Karla's Charity Curry Evening at SH

**Sunday 15th November**
*8:30am Lauds for the Holy Souls at St Theresa's
*10:45–11:30am Martlets Hospice Sale at St Peter's
*After 11am Mass, Table Church at SMM
*After 11am Mass, Reconciliation at SG, on request

**Monday 16th November**
*10am Men's Ecumenical Breakfast, Shoreham
*10:30–11:30am Tai Chi at St Peter's Church Hall
*12pm ReBalance Chair-Based Fitness at St Peter's
*6pm St George's Rosary Group in the Lady Chapel
*7pm SP's RCIA in the Upper Room of the parish hall
*7–9pm Sacred Heart RCIA in the Parish Rooms

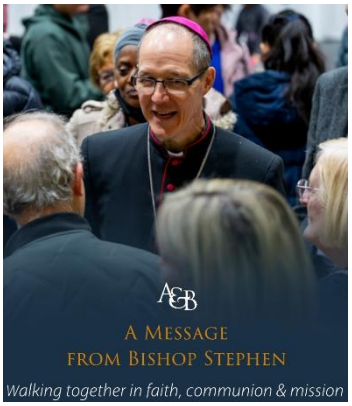
**Tuesday 17th November**
*12noon Brighton & Hove Deceased Clergy Mass at SH
*2pm Hove UCM Afternoon Tea at SP

**Wednesday 18th November**
*5:30pm Reconciliation at SMM during Holy Hour
*6:30pm Vespers for the Holy Souls at St Theresa's

**Thursday 19th November**
*7:30pm Digging Deeper Online study group

**Friday 20th November**
*10am Women's Rosary at SMM's Presbytery
*11am SH Online Rosary via the church livestream
*1–3pm St Peter's Social Group in the parish hall
*After 7pm Mass Reconciliation at St Theresa's

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**A Message from Bishop Stephen** Bishop Stephen has written a message to the people of the Diocese, expressing his support for the Pastoral Plan and reflecting on the joy of his first few weeks as Bishop. He thanks everyone for the warm welcome he has received since arriving in Sussex in October and shares his hopes for the months ahead, including visiting parishes, schools and local communities. Please keep Bishop Stephen in your prayers as he continues his ministry. Read his full message on the diocesan website: www.abdiocese.org.uk/news/bswm

| Mass Schedule | | |
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| **Sat 14th** | **Nov** | **Saturday** |
| 6pm | SH | Keith Simpson RIP |
| 6.00pm | SP | Peace in our world |
| 6.30pm | SG | *Polish Mass* |
| **Sun 15th** | **Nov** | **33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time** |
| 8.30am | SP | People of the Parish |
| 9.00am | ST | Rato / Rodrigues deceased family members |
| 9.30am | SH | Deceased Members of the Saldanha Family |
| 9:30am | SMM | *Polish Mass* |
| 10.00am | SP | Margaret Heffernan RIP |
| 11.00am | SG | People of the Parish |
| 11.00am | SMM | Maria Isobel Reiss RIP |
| 11.30am | SH | Anna Cripps RIP |
| 11.30am | SP | People of the Parish |
| 5.00pm | SMM | Nida's intentions |
| **Mon 16th** | **Nov** | **Saint Margaret of Scotland** |
| 10.00am † | SH | Rt. Rev. Mgr. Canon Thomas Ottley |
| **Tue 17th** | **Nov** | **Saint Elizabeth of Hungary** |
| 10am | SMM | Nicholas Walsh RIP |
| 10.00am | SG | People of the Parish |
| 10.00am † | SH | *No Mass* |
| 10.00am | SP | Mary Peyton RIP |
| 12noon | SH | Parish of Brighton & Hove Deceased Clergy |
| 7.00pm | ST | Agnelo Rato RIP |
| **Wed 18th** | **Nov** | **Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts Peter & Paul** |
| 8.00am | CNCS | |
| 8.00am | SH | Joyce Gadd RIP |
| 10.00am | SP | For Persecuted Christians (ACN) |
| 6:30pm † | SMM | R. Ball-Dodgson RIP |
| 7.00pm | ST | Persecution of Christians (Red Wednesday) |
| **Thurs 19th** | **Nov** | **Thursday** |
| 09:30am | SMM | Fr Ray Blake RIP |
| 10.00am ‡ | SG | People of the Parish |
| 10.00am † | SP | J Fitzgerald (Grandad) RIP |
| 12noon † | SH | Celine Gomes RIP |
| 7.00pm | ST | People of the Parish |
| **Fri 20th** | **Nov** | **Friday** |
| 8.00am | SH | Joseph Henry McKenna and Family |
| 10.00am | SP | For the souls in purgatory |
| 6:30pm | SMM | Frederick Joh Paley RIP |
| 7.00pm ‡ | ST | People of the Parish |
| **Sat 21st** | **Nov** | **Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary** |
| 6pm | SH | Jose Nery Alvis RIP |
| 6.00pm | SP | Pope Leo XIV |
| 6.30pm | SG | *Polish Mass* |
| **Sun 22nd** | **Nov** | **Christ the King** |
| 8.30am | SP | People of the Parish |
| 9.00am | ST | Those preparing for First Holy Communion |
| 9.30am | SH | Anthony John Reynolds RIP |
| 9:30am | SMM | *Polish Mass* |
| 10.00am | SP | Carmel McEnhill RIP |
| 11.00am | SG | Vincent Neal RIP |
| 11.00am | SMM | Villalobos and Viana RIP |
| 11.30am | SH | Peter Aidan Maltby RIP |
| 11.30am | SP | People of the Parish |
| 5.00pm | SMM | Patrick Finnegan RIP |

**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

**Autumn Volunteers Forum** Saturday 14th November at 10am (Online) Sarah Kilmartin and members of the Diocesan central team invite everyone involved in parish stewardship to join this online forum. Updates will cover property, insurance, health and safety, finance and Gift Aid. All parish volunteers involved in these areas are encouraged to attend. The webinar link will be sent during the week commencing 9th Nov. A recording and slides will be available afterwards for anyone unable to attend. https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/ltcdjjmi

**Monks in the City Imperial College Chamber Choir Concert** Saturday 14th November at 3pm, St John the Baptist Church, Kemptown, BN2 1AP. Enjoy an afternoon concert by the Imperial College Chamber Choir, directed by Patrick Allies, featuring works by Saint-Saëns, Tallis, Balfour Gardiner and Sarah MacDonald. Entry is free, with donations welcome. Refreshments will be available afterwards in the Fitzherbert Community Hub.

**Sacred Heart – Karla's Charity Curry Evening** We are holding a curry evening on Saturday 14th November at 7pm in the Sacred Heart Parish Room, Norton Road. Please come and eat, drink and enjoy yourself whilst supporting Karla's charity. Thank you.

**St Peter's parish office** open for enquiries Tues-Thurs am.



**Martlets Hospice** Sale this Sunday 15th at St Peter's Church 10.45 - 11.30. There will be some Christmas hampers and other gifts. Please support this important local provision. There will be a 50p and 10p table and prize every time tombola. Cash only, please.

**SH Christmas Cards** will be on sale in the Repository from the 15th November.

**Special Collections 2026**
15 Nov – Retired Priests Fund (Gift Aid)
22 Nov – Arundel Cathedral Maintenance

**Men's Ecumenical Breakfast** The next Men's Ecumenical Breakfast will take place on Monday 16th November at 10am at the Royal George, Shoreham. All men are warmly welcome to come along for breakfast and fellowship.

**RCIA at the Sacred Heart** Next meeting will be on Monday 16th November 2026 in our Parish Rooms from 7-9pm. Anyone who is interested in exploring their faith, or their Catechism, you are most welcome to join the session.

**Sacred Heart Prayer Group** The Prayer Group will be on every Tuesday at 10:30am, SH Parish Room. You may leave prayer requests in the box at the back of the church. *No Prayer Group on Tuesday 17th November 2026.*

**Brighton & Hove Deceased Clergy Mass** At the Sacred Heart on Tuesday 17th November at 12noon. *There will be no 10am Mass on this day.*

**Hove UCM Afternoon Tea** The members of Hove UCM are holding an afternoon tea on Tuesday the 17th November from 2pm onwards, at St Peter's church hall, on behalf of the Action for Churches's in need UK. Tickets are £5 on the day to include food, raffle prizes galore. All proceeds to be given to the charity.

**Monks in the City Solemnity of Christ** the King, Ecumenical Evening Prayer, Sunday 22nd November at 4pm, St John the Baptist Church, Kemptown, BN2 1AP. Join us for ecumenical Evening Prayer to mark the end of the Liturgical Year. Abbot Mark will preach, and Vespers will be followed by light refreshments.

**St George's Tea and Chat** the 10am Mass at St George's is followed by a time of socialisation and activity, in the hall, aimed at the older people in the parish. Next date is Tuesday 24th November.

**Baptism Preparation** The next two Baptism Preparation sessions will take place on Tuesday 24th November and Tuesday 1st December, 6:30–7:30pm at St Theresa's. Both sessions are required for parents and godparents preparing for Baptism. Please contact the parish office for further information or to register.

**Mass for the Dead** of St George's & St Theresa's, Friday 27th November, 7pm at St Theresa's. At this special Mass, we will remember those from our parish communities and families who have died during the past year. The names of those whose funerals have been celebrated in our churches will be read aloud, and a candle lit in their memory. If you would like a loved one who has died in the past year or so to be remembered by name, contact the Parish Office.




**Worth Abbey Advent Talk** Saturday 28th November. Naming What We Long For: A Benedictine Advent, led by Abbot Mark Barrett. The morning includes refreshments, the talk, an optional light lunch and Midday Prayer. worthabbey.net/advent-talk

**Learning with Bishop Stephen** A new weekly group at St Peter's, Hove Church Hall. 7–8:15pm, following the 6pm Saturday Mass. Join us each week to watch a short selection from Bishop Stephen's YouTube channel, followed by discussion, prayer and fellowship. Drop in, all welcome!

**SH 2026-2027 Sacramental Programmes** First Holy Communion and RCIA Applications are now CLOSED at the Sacred Heart. Confirmation Application Forms are still open until Tuesday 1st December 2026. Many thanks.

**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 documents.

**Sacred Heart SVP Social Group** Soup, sandwiches, tea, and cakes, with entertainment, quizzes, etc. after 12noon Mass on Thursdays. The next gathering will be on 10th December.

**Volunteers Needed for Cash Counting** at St George's. We are looking for volunteers to help with counting the Sunday collections at St George's. Following recent diocesan guidance, cash counting must be carried out by two unrelated people, working together on a rota basis. Both volunteers will be required to sign and date the counting records. We would be grateful for anyone willing to help with this important role, which ensures that parish finances are managed safely and responsibly. If you are interested in volunteering or would like further info, please contact the Parish Office.

**SH Missio Boxes** In the outer Sacristy we still have several Missio Boxes that are empty and need collecting. Please collect these boxes 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 from the outer sacristy.

**Offertory Collection Reporting October**
SH offertory = £6,317.60
SP offertory = £5,532.10
SMM offertory = £3,251.41
SG & ST offertory = £2,681.96

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