

Catholic Parish of Brighton and Hove: West Hub

Sacred Heart; St George's & St Theresa's; St Mary Magdalen's; St Peter's

Canon Colin Wolczak; Fr Paul Wilkinson; Fr Tony Milner (on sabbatical); Fr Alphonse Kabore; Canon David Parmiter

Sunday 12th October 2025, 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C. Weekdays: Week 28, Psalter Week 4

Canon Colin writes...

Dear Parishioners of the Parish of Brighton and Hove (Western Hub), Firstly I give you my heartfelt thanks for your prayers and good wishes following my accident. It's been a long road to recovery (and still a long way to go!) but I'm delighted to be back in the harness.

Autumn is upon us, the days are getting shorter, and the end of the Church's year is rapidly approaching. We are encouraged to begin to reflect on how wisely we have used the past year to grow closer to Christ. The central theme of today's readings is gratitude – in particular, the expression of gratitude God expects from us. The Gospel recalls the healing of the ten lepers and how only one, a foreigner, returns to say thank you. Where the other nine were so arrogant that they felt healing was their right! It reminds us that we too must not take Almighty God for granted but always remember to offer due thanks and praise. As St Paul reminds us, "If we deny him, he also will deny us."

With every Blessing for the coming week,
Canon Colin



The Vatican has announced that the proclamation of St John Henry Newman (1801-1890) as a Doctor of the Church will take place on 1 November, the Solemnity of All Saints, in St Peter's Square, during celebrations for the Jubilee of the World of Education.

St John Henry Newman was beatified by Pope Benedict XVI in 2010 and canonised in 2019 by Pope Francis, who explained that St John Henry had chosen as his motto "*Cor ad cor loquitur*" – "Heart speaks to heart" because the Lord saves us by speaking from His heart to ours: "This realisation", Pope Francis said, "led

him, the distinguished intellectual, to recognise that his deepest encounter with himself and with the Lord came not from his reading or reflection, but from his prayerful dialogue, heart to heart, with Christ, alive and present. It was in the Eucharist that Newman encountered the living heart of Jesus, capable of setting us free, giving meaning to each moment of our lives, and bestowing true peace."

St John Henry Newman will become only the second British Doctor of the Church, after St Bede the Venerable (672-735).

Source: Vatican News

Pope Leo is encouraging Catholics across the world to pray a daily Rosary for peace this October and to act as "instruments" of peace: "May you be faithful instruments of reconciliation in your daily lives," he said this week, reminding the Arabic-speaking pilgrims present at the Wednesday Audience in Rome that Christians are called, "to witness that love and pardon are greater than every wound and stronger than every injustice."

Speaking on Tuesday the Pope referenced the military meeting attended by hundreds of US generals and admirals in Virginia - convened by United States Secretary of Defence Pete Hegseth - which explored America's preparedness for war and the use of nuclear weapons: "This way of speaking is worrying," Pope Leo said, "as it reflects increasing tensions". On President Trump's decision to rename the US department from "Defence" to "War," the Holy Father added: "We hope it is just rhetoric" noting that it demonstrates a style of government, "that uses force to exert pressure. We hope it works" he said, "but that there is no war; we must work for peace." **Source:** Vatican News

Sacred Heart, 39 Norton Road, BN3 3BF, 01273 732843, www.sacredheartrove.org.uk;
hovesacredheart@abdiocese.org.uk. All Masses 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;
westhove@abdiocese.org.uk.

St Mary Magdalen's, 55 Upper North St, BN1 3FH; brightonstmarymag@abdiocese.org.uk.

St Peter's, Portland Road, BN3 5GD, 01273 733840, <https://www.stpeters-hove.org.uk/>; hovestpeters@abdiocese.org.uk.

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

Mass Schedule

Sat 11	Oct	St John XXII
12noon†	SMM	People of the Parish
6.00pm †	SH	Hazel Lumb RIP
6.00	SP	John Lloyd RIP
6.30	SG	Polish Mass
Sun 12	Oct	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8.30 am	SP	People of the Parish
9.00	ST	All Parishioners
9.30	SH	People of the Parish
09:30	SMM	People of the Parish
10.00	SP	Tony Fernandes
11.00	SG	All Parishioners
11.00	SMM	People of the Parish
11.30	SH	Ann-Marie Bevington RIP & Bridget Langlands RIP
11.30	SP	James Doyle
5.00 pm	SP	Brazilian Mass
5.00	SMM	People of the Parish
Mon 13	Oct	St Edward the Confessor
10.00 am †	SH	Bernard Lynch RIP
Tue 14	Oct	St Callistus I
10.00 am	SG	The Brett Family
10.00 †	SH	Santos Alphonso RIP
10.00	SP	No Mass
6.00pm †	SMM	People of the Parish
7.00pm	ST	Mary Baker RIP
Wed 15	Oct	St Teresa of Ávila
8.00am	SH	Elizabeth Overeds Int
10.00am	SP	People of the Parish
6.00pm †	SMM	People of the Parish
7.00pm	ST	Miss K Nelson RIP
Thurs 16	Oct	St Hedwig
10.00am	SP	No Mass
10.00 ‡	SG	All Parishioners
12 noon †	SH	Anthony John Reynolds RIP
6.00pm †	SMM	People of the Parish
7.00pm	ST	Norah Frances Smith RIP
Fri 17	Oct	St Ignatius of Antioch
8.00 am	SH	Santos Alphonso RIP
10:00 AM	SP	People of the Parish
6.00pm †	SMM	People of the Parish
7.00	ST	All Parishioners
Sat 18	Oct	St Luke
12noon†	SMM	People of the Parish
6.00pm †	SH	People of the Parish
6.00	SP	People of the Parish
6.30	SG	Polish Mass
Sun 19	Oct	St Philip Howard, Co-principal Patron of the Diocese
8.30 am	SP	People of the Parish
9.00	ST	All Parishioners
9.30	SH	Cecilia Shrieves RIP
09:30	SMM	People of the Parish
10.00	SP	People of the Parish
11.00	SG	All Parishioners
11.00	SMM	People of the Parish
11.30	SH	James Kendall RIP
11.30	SP	Jadwiga Maćkowiak RIP
5.00 pm	SP	Brazilian Mass
5.00	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

Regular Events

Sycamore at St Peter's Wednesday at 7:30pm Sycamore Plus is a wonderful new series of Sycamore films presented by Father Stephen Wang – all twelve focused on prayer 'Ways of Praying'. We will gather on Wednesday for a drink and a chat from 7:30pm until 8pm then enjoy our usual film and discussion from 8pm to 9pm finish. All are most welcome especially if you haven't been able to join us on Mondays.

Sacred Heart Prayer Group The group will take a break during October and resume from Tuesday 4th November.

Weekly Reconciliation 5:15-5:45pm before Mass every Saturday at Sacred Heart, and also at St Peter's.

UCM at St Peter's Tuesdays in the hall, 2-4pm during term time, new members always welcome to join us.

Sacred Heart SVP Social Group For all parishioners. Soup, sandwiches, tea, and cakes. Entertainment, quizzes, etc. The next date will be 9th October and every 2 weeks thereafter. All Welcome.

St Peter's Social group Fridays at 1:30pm in our parish hall please do join us for some light refreshment and good conversation.

Sacred Heart Film Club Save the date for the next Sacred Heart Film Club which is booked for 1st November from 12:30pm after Mass. The film to be shown will be announced in the coming weeks. Refreshments will be served. All welcome.

Eucharistic Adoration at St Mary Mags Every Tuesday to Friday, the Church opens 5pm with Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament followed by Mass 6pm. Every Saturday, Holy Hour 11am followed by Mass 12noon. Spend time in prayer with us, interceding for our city, our parish, and our loved ones. Confession available during Holy Hour Fridays and Saturdays and on request.

St Peter's Tai Chi term time only, from Monday in the parish hall at 10:30am, please do join us.

Other Events / Notices

Communications Officer, part-time, permanent

Salary: £17,500 for 0.5 FTE (Based on a full-time salary of £35,000). **Location:** Based in Crawley, with hybrid working & travel across the Diocese required.

Application deadline: 16 October

Interviews: 22 October in Crawley. The successful candidate will support the Head of Communications in managing the digital and print presence of the diocese. To find out more and to apply, go to the Diocesan website: abdiocese.org.uk/careers/p-tcomms

Are you interested in becoming a School Governor at St Mary's Catholic Primary School? We'd like to share an exciting opportunity to get involved in the life of our school community. St Mary's currently has a Governor Associate Member vacancy, and we thought it might be of interest to the Parish. This is an exciting opportunity to contribute to the life of our school and help us continue to grow and thrive. Please see below for further details. Do you have specific knowledge and skills in health and safety or finance? Associate Members are not full governors but play an important part in the work of the governing body, offering expertise and guidance to support decision-making. If you or someone you know has the relevant experience and would like to make a positive difference to our school community, please speak with Mrs Clayton or Mrs Ryan.



St Theresa of Lisieux Church – 70 Years of Faith & Community Our heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed to our celebration last Sunday. The day was a true reflection of our vibrant parish community, and it simply would not have been possible without so many generous hands and hearts. We are especially grateful to: our Sacristan, Welcomers, Readers, Extraordinary Ministers, Children's Liturgy Leaders, Counters, and Church Cleaners; those who decorated the church so beautifully with colourful flowers; the Refreshments Team, the Cake Maker, and all who brought food to share; St Mary's Catholic Primary School for the wonderful paper flowers and the impressive display about St Theresa; the Choir, Musicians, and Servers; those who prepared the display board on the history of the church and the order of service booklet; and of course, Fr Paul and Fr Celestine for leading us in such a joyful and faith-filled celebration. Finally, thank you to everyone who

stayed behind to clear and tidy the church afterwards, your help was greatly appreciated!

Online Prayer Group Thursdays at 8pm via video-link. A small and informal group, meeting to pray and read the scriptures together. If you would like to join the group, or just 'come and see' you are very welcome. Just send an email to westhove@abdiocese.org.uk and you will receive the link for the meeting.

TASTE & SEE

31st October 2025

Friday 7pm - 10pm

An evening of powerful praise and worship, adoration, prayer ministry, and encounter with the **Living God**.

Come expecting miracles, healings, and breakthrough as we lift up the **name of Jesus**.

On this halloween night, we gather to shine His light and declare **victory over darkness**.

St Mary Magdalen's Church Brighton
55 Upper North Street, BN1 3FH

2025-2026 Confirmation Programmes Application Forms – For All Churches Forms are available from your churches and parish websites, please return completed forms to your parish office by 9 December 2025.

St Peter's Confirmation Certificates from June 2025 please collect your certificates from the Sacristy after Mass.

St Peter's - Defibrillator our fully automatic AED Unit is now back and fully operational. It has been fitted with new pads and batteries. It is located in the outer sacristy behind the left hand door. Anybody wishing to be a Responder ideally should know how to carry out Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR). The operation of the AED Unit is simple, you can access a tutorial on DVD by contacting the Parish Office.

St Peter's Archive For baptism, or confirmation certificates, please email: SaintPeterArchives@gmail.com.

Marriage support - Does your relationship need some TLC? Need help with deeper issues? Next programme starts 17th October
www.retrouvaille.org.uk
Tel: 07887 296 983.

Fundraising / Giving

Special Collections 2025

12th October; Prisons Sunday

19th October; World Mission Sunday

St Peter's Offertory Collection: The offertory total for 5.10.2025 was £1,622.

Red box collection time If you have a red box that has not been emptied recently or you would like it emptied, please could you bring it to Moira at St Theresa's, Patricia at St George's, or leave in the outer sacristy at Sacred Heart for Marilyn, or the Sacristy for Sally Benham at St Peter's. Please remember to make sure your name is on it. Thank you.

Please pray for...

Canon Colin Wolczak, Caroline Lamb, Cathy Howes, Cheryl Evans, Clive Holding, Denise Lavaud, Eileen Kipling, Elena White, Rex Curd, Tom Piggins, and Winifred Wilde.

Please tell your parish office if you would like to add someone to the prayer list above. Please pray for all the sick and/or housebound members of our parishes.

Please also pray for all those who have died recently, especially:

Stella Grinham RIP – we are sad to announce the death of Stella Grinham and we give thanks to God for her service to the St Peter's parish over many years. Her Memorial Mass will take place on Thursday 16 October at 2:15pm here at St Peter's with a reception in the hall afterwards.

Bob White RIP - It's with deep sadness that we announce the passing of long-time Parishioner Bob White. During his time at the Sacred Heart, he fulfilled many duties such as Altar Server, Sacristan & Finance Chair. He leaves behind his beloved wife Elena and their family. His Funeral will take place on Thursday 30th October at 12noon at the Sacred Heart.

**Sunday 12th October 2025,
28th Sunday in Ordinary time**

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.

Collect

Let us pray.

May your grace, O Lord, we pray, at all times go before us and follow after

and make us always determined to carry out good works.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Amen

First Reading: 2 Kings 5:14-17

In those days: Naaman the Syrian went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of Elisha, the man of God, and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean. Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and he came and stood before him. And he said, 'Behold, I know that there is no God in all the earth but in Israel; so accept now a present from your servant.' But Elisha said, 'As the Lord lives, before whom I stand, I will receive none.' And Naaman urged Elisha to take it, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'If not, please let there be given to your servant two mule-loads of earth, for from now on your servant will not offer burnt offering or sacrifice to any god but the Lord.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm Response

The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 2:8-13

Beloved: Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful — for he cannot deny himself.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

In everything give thanks;

for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Alleluia.

Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.' When he saw them he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus answered, 'Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' And he said to him, 'Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.'

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, (all bow during the next three lines) 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.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

We entreat your majesty most humbly, O Lord, that, as you feed us with the nourishment which comes from the most holy Body and Blood of your Son, so you may make us sharers of his divine nature. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Amen.

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