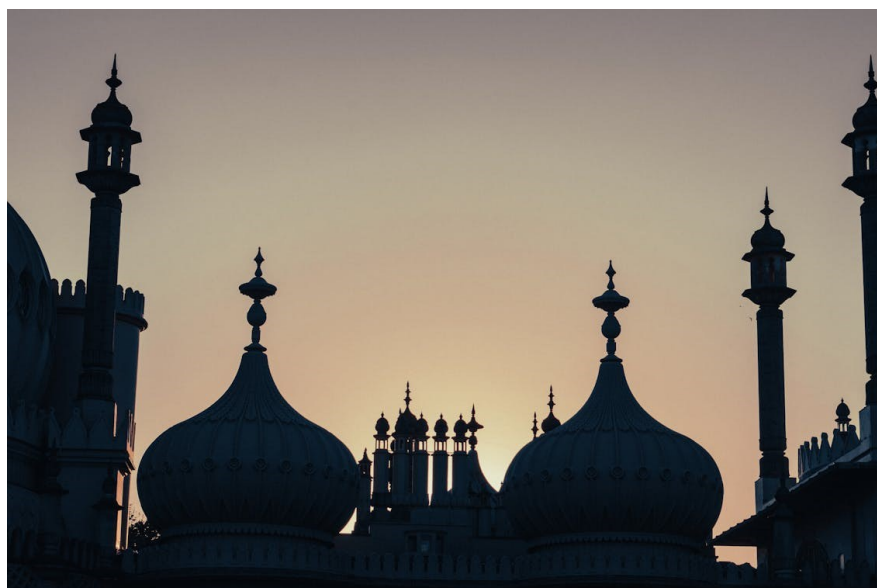


# Brighton and Hove Deanery: Western Churches

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

Canon Colin Wolczak, Dom Rod Jones OSB, Canon David Parmiter

Sunday 16th February 2025, 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C. Weekdays: Week 6, Year I



## Canon David Writes:

Supported by your prayers, the clergy of Brighton & Hove Deanery met on the 11th February to look at the steps needed to establish the new parish of Brighton & Hove, as Bishop Richard set out in the Diocesan Pastoral Plan. When we meet again on 26th February, we will be considering how to form a leadership team of clergy and lay people. This team will work with us forming the new parish through consultation with parishioners about its mission and how that mission will be carried out in each of our communities. When the basic elements of parish leadership are in place and the consultation has been carried out, we will ask the Bishop to inaugurate the new parish. I will be the Moderator of the parish clergy bringing them together to act in a collaborative manner in dialogue with the leadership team and, through them, parishioners in each of our communities. There is much to be done and the clergy are looking forward to working with you to renew the Catholic faith in our City. As prayer will be the foundation of this new endeavour, please keep the formation of the new parish in the forefront of your intentions.

Thank you.

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## Mass Schedule

Day	Time	Church	Notes
<b>Sat 15th</b>	6.00pm †	SH	People of the Parish
	6.00	SP	Wellbeing of Elizabeth Rowlands
	6.30	SG	<i>Polish Mass</i>
<b>Sun 16th</b>	8.30 am	SP	Jude Fletcher & Family
	9.00	ST	Elizabeth D. Lee RIP
	9:30	SMM	
	9.30	SH	Cecilia Shrieves RIP
	10.00	SP	Darren Maguire RIP
	11.00	SG	All Parishioners
	11.00	SMM	
	11.30	SH	Brenda Seligson RIP & David Seligson RIP
	11.30	SP	Jadwiga Mackowiak RIP
	1.30	SP	<i>Syrian Arabic Mass</i>
5.00	SP	<i>Brazilian Mass</i>	
5.00	SMM		
<b>Mon 17th</b>			
10.00 am †	SH	Anthony John Reynolds RIP	
<b>Tue 18th</b>	10.00 am	SG	Alex & Aimee Brett
	10.00 am †	SH	Mr & Mrs GW Gillow RIP & Children
10.00am	SP	No Mass	
7.00pm	ST	Lucy C.C. Hindley RIP	
<b>Wed 19th</b>	8.00am	SH	Mary Kennedy RIP
	10.00am	SP	No Mass
	7.00pm	ST	Isabella R. Horton RIP
<b>Thu 20th</b>	10.00am	SP	Louis Side RIP
	10.00am	SG	NO MASS
	12 noon †	SH	Damien John Sheerin RIP
	7.00pm	ST	Derek Evans RIP
<b>Fri 21st</b>	8.00 am	SH	Jose Nery Alvis RIP
	10.00	SP	Kathleen Smyth RIP
	7.00pm	ST	
<b>Sat 22nd</b>	6.00pm †	SH	Mrs Martha Alphonso RIP
	6.00	SP	Zorzan & Pierre Families
	6.30	SG	<i>Polish Mass</i>
<b>Sun 23rd</b>	8.30 am	SP	People of the Parish
	9.00	ST	Mary Miller RIP
	9.30	SH	Moria & Family
	9:30	SMM	
	10.00	SP	Private Intention
	11.00	SG	All Parishioners
	11.00	SMM	
	11.30	SH	People of the Parish
	11.30	SP	Vera Lucia De Abreu RIP
	5.00 pm	SP	<i>Brazilian Mass</i>
5.00	SMM		

**SH:** Sacred Heart; **SG:** St George's

**SMM:** St Mary Magdalene's

**SP:** St Peter's; **ST:** St Theresa of Lisieux

† Adoration before. ‡ Adoration after

## Coffee

**Sacred Heart** coffee is available after all 9:30am Sunday Masses, in the Parish Rooms.



Filip Marcus Adam

**St George's & St Theresa's** coffee is available after every Sunday Mass at both churches.

**St Peter's** coffee is available after the 10:00 Mass on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays; coffee after 11:30 Sunday Mass every week. Everyone is welcome. If you are new or on your own, please ask the organisers who will be happy to introduce you to some new friends.

## Weekly events

**Sacred Heart Prayer Group:** Every Tuesday after Mass at 10:30am, SH Parish Room. All Welcome.

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

**St Mary Mags: Sanctuary of Prayer:** The church will now be open from 3pm to 6:30pm each Friday afternoon. There will be a 'Holy Hour' with Adoration and Benediction between 5:30 & 6:30pm. You would be most welcome to come and spend a little time with the Lord, joining together in prayer for our deanery, our city and for our own personal intentions. Confession available during the Holy Hour.

## Online Prayer Group

### Thursdays at 8pm via video-link

A small and informal group, meeting to pray and read the scriptures together. If you'd like to join the group, or just 'come and see' you'd be very welcome. Just send an email to [westhove@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:westhove@abdiocese.org.uk) and you will receive the link for the meeting.

## Regular events

**St Peter's Social Group** meets in the Hall. Fridays at 1:30pm, you are welcome to join this friendly group for good conversation and some light refreshment.

**St Peter's Tai Chi** term time, in the hall 10:30-11:30am on Mondays.

## Tea and Chat, February 25th

This takes place on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month, after the 10am Mass at St George's, offering a time of socialisation and activity, aimed

at older people in the parish. No need to book. Just turn up!

## Sacred Heart SVP Social Group

For all parishioners, (run by the Sacred Heart SVP). Soup, sandwiches, tea, and cakes. Entertainment- quizzes etc. At 12:30pm after Mass. Next dates are 13th and 27th February. All Welcome.

## St Peter's UCM (Union of Catholic Mothers)

The Union of Catholic Mothers will not meet Tuesday 18th Feb 2pm as it stops for the half term. It will next meet Tuesday 25th Feb. at 2pm -4pm in the Hall for refreshments and catch-up. Please come., all are welcome.

## Our Lady Star of the Sea SVP Conference Meeting, 20th February, 6pm, St Theresa's

If anyone would like to get involved with our SVP, or learn more, please come to our next meeting, in the meeting room at the back of St Theresa's. All are welcome!

**Sacred Heart Film Club** The date of the next film club has changed to the 8th March 2025. The film showing will be "Quartet" starring Tom Courtenay, Pauline Collins, Maggie Smith and Billy Connolly as residents of a retirement home for musicians who plan the annual concert. Refreshments available. Contact Michael Rainbows 07368958076 or David O'Brien 07741416501.

## World Day of Prayer

**Friday 7th March 2025.** This year's service, which will be used around the world, has been prepared by an ecumenical group in the Cook Islands. The theme is, "I made you wonderful". All are welcome. Local services: St Leonard's Church, New Church Road, BN3 4ED, at 10:30am, and Southwick Christian Community Church, BN42 4TY, at 2pm.

## Special Collections 2025

This weekend our churches will be collecting for Racial Injustice Sunday.

**Newsletter by email** If you would like to receive a copy to your inbox each week, please email Lisa, SH Parish Secretary:

[hovesacredheart@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:hovesacredheart@abdiocese.org.uk) to be added to the distribution list, this list is for all our churches.

**St Peter's Archive** For baptism, or confirmation certificates, please contact the archive team by email:

[SaintPeterArchives@gmail.com](mailto:SaintPeterArchives@gmail.com).

## Please Pray For...

**Bob & Elena White, Cathy Howes, Marion Shannon, Noah Baker, Rebecca O'Brien, Rex Curd, Sally Harvey, Suzanne Grassie, and Tom Piggins.** Please tell your parish office if you would like to add someone to this list.

Please also pray for all the sick and/or housebound members of our parishes, and all who have died recently, especially:

- Jude Fletcher who's funeral takes place here at St Peter's 27 February at 11:00am.
- Michelin Kendall her funeral will be held at St Peter's on Tuesday 4 March at 11:00am.
- Susan Benyon who died on 29 January at the Martlets and was a member of this parish some time ago, please remember Sue and her family in your prayers. Her funeral will be at St Peter's at 12:00pm, Friday 21 February.
- Denis Pirie, his funeral will take place at Hove cemetery at 1pm on 6 March 2025.

## Fundraising

### Karla's Curry Evening ESSA

Karla is holding her next charity curry evening for ESSA on Saturday 1st March in the Sacred Heart Parish Rooms at 7pm. Come and join us for one of Karla's delicious Curry's whilst raising money for such a good cause which is raising money to build homes for those who were victims of the Tsunami. Tickets £15 each available at the back of the church after weekend services, at the Sacred Heart.

**Cash4Coins SVP** The SVP would like to raise more funds to support some of our projects and one way we can do so is by asking people to donate their leftover, old coins, or holiday currency to the SVP. The scheme is called Cash4Coins. So often after a holiday abroad people have leftover currency which is not used, or they may have old coins and banknotes which are no

longer legal tender. The SVP can collect :-

- All foreign coins and banknotes
  - Current UK coins and banknotes
  - Any old British and Irish money
  - Obsolete currency, i.e. pre-decimal
- Working with Cash4Coins, a currency service for charities, all the above can be converted into UK legal tender for the benefit of the SVP both locally and to support the wider work of the Society. There are collection jars at St George's and St Theresa's.

**Isabella Pyrgies CAFOD** My name is Isabella Pyrgies and I was baptised, had my first holy communion and was confirmed in St Peters Church, and I attended Cottesmore St Marys, and Cardinal Newman Catholic School. I am now working for CAFOD in their Latin America team and came to know the work of CAFOD through the Church growing up. I will be running the London Marathon on April 27th 2025, to raise funds for CAFOD and I need to raise a total of £2,000 (I have currently raised £695). As many of you know CAFOD is the international development charity which I work for, and it works internationally in Asia, Africa, the Middle East and Latin America aiming to reach those living in poverty. While CAFOD is primarily funded by the Catholic community of England and Wales, CAFOD provides help to religious and non-religious charities alike. You can find the link to my gofundme page for CAFOD here, where you can read a bit more about my story: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/isabella-pyrgies-1725275396580>

## Other News

**Gift Aid:** Please remember to only use your white envelopes in your own parish and if you wish to donate in another parish, please use the one off envelopes.

**Volunteer Cleaners:** Sacred Heart is looking for volunteer cleaners to help in the Church every other Friday at 10:30am. If you can do this, please contact the Parish Office who will put in you touch with the right person. Thank you.

## Building the civilisation of love An introduction to Catholic Social Teaching

On 9th March, Jenny Sinclair, the founder/director of the charity Together for the Common Good will be giving an introduction to Catholic Social Teaching at a conference afternoon at the Fitzherbert Community Hub, 12:45-4:15pm.

Catholic Social Teaching is a rich resource offering a framework for building a just and compassionate society. Our goal is to empower our communities with an inspiring, practical vision of Christian life and action in the world. No booking necessary, donation only, tea/coffee and cake provided.

## Have you ever been to Fatima?

Our parish has been chosen as the only church in our Diocese for a visit from the National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, along with relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco. The day includes a procession, Mass, prayer, veneration of relics, adoration & a video presentation. There will be items for sale, and you are welcome to all or part of the day. Saturday 1st March, 09.45 until 16.45 St Peter's Church, Shoreham-by-Sea, BN43 5WG. (Tea/coffee available; please bring a packed lunch). Email: [adurvalley@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:adurvalley@abdiocese.org.uk) for more information.

## Hangleton and West Blatchington Food Bank

If you would like to make a donation this week, we would be very grateful for: Marmite, Long life juice, Rice, Tinned rice pudding, Tinned custard, Mayonnaise, Table salt, We currently have plenty of pasta, soup, and baked beans so please do not buy us any

more. Donations may be brought to the hall on Wednesdays between 10.30 and 11.45 or dropped into the collection bins in the One Stop in Court Farm Road, Books Alive in Elm Drive or in Hove Waitrose, or at any of our churches. Thank you.

## Cardinal Nichols slams "deeply irresponsible" assisted suicide bill

Cardinal Nichols, President of the Bishops' Conference and Archbishop of Westminster, has called the way in which the assisted suicide bill is being handled "deeply irresponsible" and a "shambles". Speaking to Christian Fellowship, a group at News UK, the Cardinal expressed serious concern that MPs had only spent a few hours debating assisted suicide, when they spent more than a hundred times longer debating banning fox hunting in 2004. He said: "I believe it is deeply irresponsible of any government to allow a change of this magnitude to be carried out without due, proper, government-supported parliamentary process". He added: "I think what's happening, if it came to pass, would be the biggest change that this country has seen for many, many decades at least, probably more. On the back of what – five, six, seven hours' debate? "I was told that the fox hunting bill [in 2004] endured 700 hours of debate." Cardinal Nichols added that there was "something deeply lacking in a government that isn't prepared to guide and sponsor, if it wants to, this process of legal change". In October last year, Cardinal Nichols issued a pastoral letter to his diocese, encouraging Catholics to contact their MPs ahead of the debate. In it, he raised concerns "the right to die can become a duty to die". He said: "Once assisted suicide is approved by the law, a key protection of human life falls away. Pressure mounts on those who are nearing death, from others or even from themselves, to end their life in order to take away a perceived burden of care from their family, for the avoidance of pain, or for the sake of an inheritance". He added: "The radical change in the law now being proposed risks bringing about for all medical professionals a slow change from a duty to care to a duty to kill." Source: Catholic Church – Bishops' Conference of England & Wales.



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**Sunday 16th February 2025,  
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Entrance Antiphon**

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

**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.  
O God, who teach us that you abide in hearts that are just and true, grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace as to become a dwelling pleasing to you. 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: Jeremiah 17:5-8**

Thus says the Lord: 'Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the Lord. He is like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see any good come. He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. 'Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm Response**

**Blessed the man who has placed his**

**trust in the Lord.**

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20**

Brothers and Sisters: If Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Rejoice and leap for joy, says the Lord, for behold, your reward is great in heaven.**

**Alleluia.**

**Gospel: Luke 6:17, 20-26**

At that time: Jesus came down with the Twelve and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon. And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said: 'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, and revile you, and spurn your name as evil on account of the Son of Man! Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep. Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**The Creed**

**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 over the Offerings**

May this oblation, O Lord, we pray, cleanse and renew us and may it become for those who do your will the source of eternal reward. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Communion Antiphon**

**God so loved the world that he gave his Only Begotten Son, so that all who believe in him may not perish, but may have eternal life.**

**Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray.

Having fed upon these heavenly delights, we pray, O Lord, so that we may always long for that food by which we truly live. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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