

Catholic Parish of Brighton and Hove: West Hub

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

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Sunday 19th April 2026, Third Sunday of Easter, Year A Weekdays: Week 15

Canon Colin Writes...

Today's Gospel is the wonderful passage from Luke's Gospel, The road to Emmaus. The two disciples were escaping Jerusalem for fear of persecution by the Jews, having heard that the tomb was empty and the probability was that they would be accused of stealing it. Jesus comes and walks with them and gradually reveals the scriptures to them. We too can follow Jesus' example and walk with others beginning from where they are and perhaps we may lead them to know Jesus.

Some time ago I heard this story about Karl Barth, the famous Swiss theologian. It may be a true story or an evangelized version. Karl Barth was riding the bus in his home city of Basel, Switzerland. He took a seat next to a tourist, and the two men started chatting with one another. "Are you new to the city?" Barth inquired. "Yes," said the tourist. "Is there anything you would particularly like to see in the city?" asked Barth. "Yes," replied the tourist, "I would like to meet the famous Swiss theologian, Karl Barth; do you know him?" Barth answered, "As a matter of fact, I do know him. I give him a shave every morning!" The tourist got off the bus at the next stop, quite delighted with himself. He went back to his hotel and told everyone, "I met Karl Barth's barber today!" The purpose of this story is to make the point that we, like the disciples who were on the way to Emmaus, often fail to recognize Jesus when he is among us. It's about recognition (or the lack of it). We meet people who know him, who love him and revel in his grace. We read their books and listen to their podcasts. Sometimes we even get to meet them. We are content to say, "I met a holy person!" The crazy irony is that we miss the opportunity for meeting Jesus living who is already dwelling with us and within us.

Easter Offering A heartfelt thank you for all your Easter Gifts and donations to your Parish Priest.

RCIA (The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) – St Peter's Congratulations to Catherine, Devon, Sara and Adam who were baptised, received into Full Communion and Confirmed at this year's Easter Vigil. We also congratulate Andrew who was received into full communion and confirmed. And congratulations to Tom, Rosie, Mia and Marialisa who were also Confirmed at the Easter Vigil.

RCIA—St Mary Magdalen's Welcome to Peter received into the Church at Easter.

RCIA candidates—Sacred Heart Huge Congratulations to Jamie, Evie, Ope, Iain, Luke, Camila, and Monica who were Baptised, Received into Full Communion, and Confirmed at the Easter Vigil Mass at the Sacred Heart. We also remember, and congratulate, Jen, Naomi, and our organist, Jurgen who were Baptised, Received into Full Communion, and Confirmed earlier in the year.

Welcome to our church family!



Gift Aid Members

Please collect your envelopes from the porch in St Peter's.

Any donors from St George's & St Theresa's who have not received a tax statement please email ga.westhove@abdiocese.org.uk.

Thank you all for your continued support.

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Mass Schedule

Sat 18	Apr	
12noon †	SMM	Alisha and Anselm
6.00 pm	SP	People of the Parish
6.00pm †	SH	Anthony John Reynolds RIP
6.30 pm	SG	<i>Polish Mass</i>
Sun 19	Apr	Third Sunday of Easter
8.30 am	SP	Steve & Lilian Conroy RIP
9.00am	ST	Brigid Hanon RIP
9.30am	SH	Holy Souls
9:30am	SMM	<i>Polish Mass</i>
10.00a,	SP	People of the Parish
11.00am	SG	Anna Zambito RIP
11.00am	SMM	People of the Parish
11.30am	SH	People of the Parish
11.30am	SP	People of the Parish
1.30pm	SP	<i>Syrian Community Mass</i>
5.00pm	SMM	
5.00pm	SP	<i>Brazilian Mass</i>
Mon 20	Apr	
10.00 am †	SH	Mathilde le Maitre RIP
Tue 21	Apr	Saint Anselm of Canterbury
10.00 am	SG	People of the Parish
10.00am †	SH	Jose Nery Alvis RIP
10.00am	SP	People of the Parish
6.00pm †	SMM	
7.00pm	ST	Lily Nulty RIP
Wed 22	Apr	
8.00am	SH	Mr & Mrs GW Gillow RIP & Relations
8.00am	CNCS	
10.00am	SP	People of the Parish
6.00pm †	SMM	
7.00pm	ST	Christine Roe RIP
Thurs 23	Apr	Saint George
10.00am	SP	Olga Tomasevskaja RIP
12noon	SH	Relatives & Friends of the Wilson Family
6.00pm †	SMM	
7.00pm	SG	<i>Followed by refreshments</i>
Fri 24	Apr	St Fidelis of Sigmaringen & St Adalbert of Prague
8.00am	SH	Audrey Yates Int
10.00am	SP	People of the Parish
7.00pm	ST	Ada McNaught RIP
6.00pm †	SMM	
Sat 25	Apr	St Mark
12 noon †	SMM	
6.30pm	SG	<i>Polish Mass</i>
6.00pm †	SH	Michael Brennan RIP
6.00 pm	SP	People of the Parish
Sun 26	Apr	Fourth 'Good Shepherd' Sunday of Easter
8.30 am	SP	People of the Parish
9.00am	ST	Vera Allen RIP
9.30am	SH	People of the Parish
9:30am	SMM	<i>Polish Mass</i>
10.00am	SP	Hedieh Ramezani RIP
11.00am	SG	For all the sick
11.00am	SMM	
11.30am	SH	Elena White Int
11.30am	SP	Margaret Gilligan
5.00pm	SMM	
5pm	SP	<i>Brazilian Mass</i>
6.15pm	SP	<i>Syriac Orthodox Holy Mass</i>

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

Regular Events

Weekly Reconciliation Times

Sacred Heart & St Peter's 5:15-5:45pm before Mass.

St George's After Sunday Mass, on request.

St Mary Magdalen Fridays at 5pm, and Saturdays at 11am.

St Theresa's Fridays after the 7:00pm Mass.

Prayer Groups

Sacred Heart Prayer Group Every Tuesday at 10:30am, SH Parish Room. You may leave prayer requests in the box at the back of the church. All are welcome.

Sacred Heart Online Rosary Friday's 11am Rosary, available **online only**. Please join via our livestream.

St Theresa's – New Weekly Devotions (from 3rd May)

Rosary: Wednesday at 6:30pm and Sunday at 8:30am.

Morning Prayer & Breakfast: Saturday at 9.00am.

Adoration (Holy Hour): Monday at 7.00pm.

West Hove 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. You may leave prayer requests in the box at the back on St Theresa's, or in the basket at St George's church.

St Peter's "You are warmly invited to attend a 7 week series of Holy Spirit evenings, at St Peter's church hall. This is from an initiative created by Pope Francis. It will be an introduction and exploration of the Holy Spirit. There is a daytime meeting and an evening meeting per week. The daytime meeting starts Monday at 3:30 p.m. and the evening meeting starts on Thursday at 8:00 p.m. If you would like to attend, or like to help co-ordinate, please do get in contact here, faithenginesprayer@gmail.com Or you are welcome to just drop in. Thank you. James." The 7:30pm Friday group continues in person and online contemplative prayer group. Enquiries. James, at quietenginesprayer@gmail.com

Social Groups

Sacred Heart SVP Social Group Soup, sandwiches, tea, and cakes. Entertainment, quizzes, etc. after 12noon Mass. The next date is 30th April and every 2 weeks thereafter.

Sacred Heart Film Club The next Film Club will be held on **2nd May** after 12pm Mass. The film showing will be 'The Little World of Don Camillo' stars Fernandel as a priest in a small town in post-war Italy. He is in constant rivalry with the communist mayor (Peppone). The firm provides Light entertainment with meaning.

St George's Tea and Chat After 10am Mass there's a time of socialisation and activity, in the hall, aimed at the older

people in the parish. No need to book. Just turn up on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, join us in the hall, next on 28th April.

SMM Faith Formation Group Thursdays, 6:45pm at St Mary Mags, during term time. For anyone interested in joining the Church or learning more about the Catholic faith.

St Peter's Social group Fridays, 1–3pm drop into the parish hall. Join us for light refreshments and friendly conversation.

Other Notices

Table Church at St Mary Magdalen's!

A young adults group who meet after the 11am Mass refreshments in the community hall! We meet informally to discuss life and share our faith and experiences. We look forward to meeting you!

Sacred Heart Car Park

Now that Hova Villas has reopened, we have access to the car park again. Please ensure you remove your car promptly after mass so that it is not locked in the car park. Thank you.

Parking on Court Farm Road

Double yellow lines have been proposed outside St George's Catholic Church between the entrance & exit, as vision to enter & exit is impeded. Should you wish to comment, you can click on the councils traffic regulation order link or contact us. <https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/traffic-regulation-order-tro-proposals-give-feedback>

Musicians Wanted at St Theresa's

we are looking for a drummer/ percussionist for high days and holidays, namely Midnight Mass at Christmas, Easter Sunday, Pentecost, and similar celebrations. Other singers and musicians are always very welcome too. If interested, please see Nancy, Charlotte, Paula, or James.

Golden Wedding Anniversary Thanks

Pauline and Keith Kendall would like to thank the parish for the gift of the Papal Blessing, and for all the messages of congratulations and prayers offered on their Golden Wedding anniversary.

Solemnity of St George

On Thursday 23rd April there will be a Mass to celebrate our patron at 7pm at St George's, West Blatchington, followed by light refreshments in the hall. All are welcome. This replaces the 7pm Mass at ST.

New Mass Setting at St Theresa's

We will be learning Mass of Renewal by Curtis Stephan. You can listen and become familiar with the setting here: https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLfQebkBFuCuGGmqAnKxDXl0wAEwIUkO&si=BCh9D_IrRufu_8cS

Fundraising / Giving

Martlet's Hospice – Sale at St Peter's

Thank you for your continued support for our fundraising for this important local provision. As many of you know, the Martlets supports families as well as those in need of medical care. The next big sale will be on Sunday May 10th after 1000 and 1130 Masses, but there is almost always a Sale Table of goodies in the hall after 10 o'clock Mass – along with coffee and biscuits.

Missio Red Box Thank You

In 2025, the parishes of St Theresa's and St George's raised £1,023.00 through our Red Boxes and donations to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Thank you! Our missionary community here is part of a worldwide network supporting missionaries overseas through prayer and financial assistance. Communities around the world, supported by missionaries such as the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, featured on this year's Red Box Thank You poster, rely on your generosity so they can continue to flourish. Visit missio.org.uk.

Offertory Collection Reporting

These figures include standing orders, DONA payments, Gift Aid envelopes, and cash given at Mass. Totals are reported monthly, in arrears.

SH offertory for March = £5,358.70
Holy Places = £639.61

SG & ST offertory for March = £3,457.93

SMM offertory for March = £4,607.97

SP offertory for March = £6,579
Flowers = £158
Holy Places = £241

All churches Second Collections

26 April – Education of Priests (Gift Aid).

Soup Run Each week, from Monday to Friday, 7pm at the shelter next to the Angel of Peace on the seafront. For more info, please contact SMM office.

Please pray for the recently deceased:

Catherine Howes RIP who died on Monday 13th April her funeral will be held on Thursday 30 April at 11:30am there will be no 10am Mass at St Peter's that day.

John Sheppard and John Mackay whose funerals took place at St Peter's this week, may they rest in peace.

Vince Neal RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Vince Neal, who died on 8th April. His funeral will be held at St George's; the date is to be confirmed.

Marion Shannon RIP Please pray for the repose of the soul of Marion Shannon, who died on 4th April. Her funeral will take place at St Theresa's on Tuesday 19th May at 11am, followed by committal at Southwick Cemetery.

Paddy Dixon RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Paddy Dixon, who died on Thursday 9th April. Fr Rags, a friend of hers, is being asked if he will celebrate the funeral, which will take place at St George's; the date is to be confirmed.

Please also pray for: Annie Price; Canon Colin Wolczak; Mario Noah; Cheryl Evans; Chris, Lucy & Matt Neal; Clive Connor; Eileen Kipling; Elena White; Hanorah & Mat Smith; Jean Goatcher; Julia Fleming; Rex Curd; Tom Piggins and Winifred Wilde.

St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Please join us for



The Celebration of the Crowning of Mary

Tuesday 5th May 2026
2.15pm on the school playground

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 Acts 1 Peter 1:17-21

On the day of Pentecost Peter, standing with the Eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed the crowd: 'Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst — as you yourselves know — this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.

'For David says concerning him, "I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence."

'Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this which you yourselves are seeing and hearing.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

O Lord, you will show me the path of life.

Second Reading 1 Peter 1:17-21

Beloved: If you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us; make our hearts burn within us when you speak to us. Alleluia.

Gospel Luke 24:13-35

On the first day of the week, two of the disciples of Jesus were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognising him. And he said to them, 'What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?' And they stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?' And he said to them, 'What things?' And they said to him, 'Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.' And he said to them, 'O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?' And

beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, but they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, for it is towards evening and the day is now far spent.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at table with them, he took the bread, and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they recognised him. And he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?' And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the Eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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.