

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 26th October 2025, 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C. Weekdays: Week 30, Psalter Week 2

Canon Colin Writes:

In today's Gospel we hear Jesus telling the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector, and it forces us to question our own attitude. Most of us know people who constantly bore us with talk of their achievements often ignoring the success of others. The key is self-awareness having the courage to see ourselves as others see us. I am reminded of an article I once read.

A news reporter asked St Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa) if she had ever been tempted to be proud. Mother Teresa retorted with a smile, "Proud about what?" The reporter replied, "Why, about the wonderful things you have been doing for the poorest of the poor!" Then came her answer, "I never knew I had done anything, because it was God who worked in and through my sisters and volunteers."

True humility differentiates a saint from a sinner. If we are proud of our talents, our family connections, our reputation, or our achievements in life, today's Gospel tells us that we need Jesus to rid us of our pride and make us truly humble.

SVP report, "The Hidden Crisis of In-Work Poverty – A Frontline Perspective"

Members and supporters of the Catholic Union joined a "Pub Talk" earlier this month given by Kate Nightingale, CEO of St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP). Chaired by journalist Catherine Pepinster, Kate's talk highlighted the challenges and complexities of invisible poverty.

The discussion focused on several interrelated issues including in-work poverty, refugees and asylum seekers, mental health and loneliness. Much debate centred on a recent SVP report, "The Hidden Crisis of In-Work Poverty – A Frontline Perspective", which draws on first-hand accounts from more than 200 SVP frontline workers and volunteers who support individuals and families facing in-work poverty.

The report shines a light on how many people, despite being in work, remain trapped in poverty and must choose between essentials such as fuel or food. Related issues were also discussed, such as instances of workers being exploited and being unable, or too afraid to, access support services and the impact of loneliness and disenfranchisement - particularly amongst young adults.

The SVP supports communities across England and Wales, with more than 30 groups (called Conferences) active in churches across our Diocese. Speaking during the Catholic Union event, Kate Nightingale said: "The SVP is about turning concern into action, our staff and members are committed to seeking those in need and tackling poverty and hardship in all its forms. Invisible poverty can be difficult to detect, but through our networks we can take practical steps to help alleviate it. We must not lose heart but instead act wherever we see need."

To find out more about the SVP, [click here](#) and visit the charity's website.

Sources: SVP & The Catholic Union.

Are you interested in becoming a School Governor?

St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Portslade

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.

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, hovestpeters@abdiocese.org.uk

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

Mass Schedule		
Sat 25	Oct	
12noon†	SMM	People of the Parish
6.00pm †	SH	People of the Parish
6.00	SP	People of the Parish
6.30	SG	<i>Polish Mass</i>
Sun 26	Oct	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8.30 am	SP	People of the Parish
9.00	ST	Mat & Hanorah's Intentions
9.30	SH	Henryka Dziecielska RIP
9.30	SMM	People of the Parish
10.00	SP	Tom & Lily Cloherty RIP
11.00	SG	Mahendra Fernando RIP
11.00	SMM	People of the Parish
11.30	SH	Maureen Clegg RIP
11.30	SP	Lucy Coade
5.00 pm	SP	<i>Brazilian Mass</i>
5.00	SMM	People of the Parish
Mon 27	Oct	
10.00 am †	SH	
Tue 28	Oct	Sts Simon and Jude
10.00 am	SG	Trish Law RIP
10.00 †	SH	Connie Cross RIP
10.00	SP	<i>No Mass</i>
6.00pm †	SMM	
7.00pm	ST	Margaret McGuigan RIP
Wed 29	Oct	
8.00am	SH	Deacon Eric Kilminster RIP
10.00am	SP	<i>No Mass</i>
6.00pm †	SMM	People of the Parish
7.00pm	ST	Elizabeth Strahan RIP
Thurs 30	Oct	
10.00am	SP	Kenneth & Margot Brown
10.00 ‡	SG	All Parishioners
12 noon †	SH	Bob White RIP Funeral Mass
6.00pm †	SMM	People of the Parish
7.00pm	ST	All Parishioners
Fri 31	Oct	
8.00 am	SH	Theresa Maye RIP
10:00 AM	SP	Desmond Fitzgerald RIP
6.00pm †	SMM	People of the Parish
7.00	ST	Martin Woolley RIP
Sat 1	Nov	
12noon	SH	Bereavement Mass
12noon†	SMM	People of the Parish
6.00pm †	SH	People of the Parish
6.00	SP	People of the Parish
6.30	SG	<i>Polish Mass</i>
Sun 2	Nov	All Saints
8.30 am	SP	People of the Parish
9.00	ST	Eileen M.D. Iacono RIP
9.30	SH	Daniel Adam RIP
9.30	SMM	People of the Parish
10.00	SP	Vera Jordan RIP
11.00	SG	Fr David Weston RIP
11.00	SMM	People of the Parish
11.30	SH	Martina Edem Offiong RIP
11.30	SP	Kathleen Yates RIP
5.00 pm	SP	<i>Brazilian Mass</i>
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 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.

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 of St Theresa's church.

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

Sacred Heart SVP Social Group For all parishioners. Soup, sandwiches, tea, and cakes. Entertainment, quizzes, etc. The next date will be 6th November, and every two weeks thereafter. All Welcome.

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 is 'The Scarlet and the Black' which is based on the work of a Vatican official helping PoW's and Resistance workers to escape. Starring Gregory Peck. Refreshments will be served. All welcome.

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

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

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

Other Events / Notices

All Souls Day Monday 3 November Mass will be celebrated at St Peter's at 10am.

Holy Souls Candles Candle envelopes are now available at the back of St Theresa's church. Please include the name(s) of those you wish to remember and, if you wish, a short message.

Bereavement Mass The Annual Bereavement mass will be held on Saturday 1st November at 12noon, at the Sacred Heart. This is to remember all those who we have loved who have returned to Christ, especially those who have died this year and whose Funerals have taken place at the Sacred Heart. All welcome.

Bereavement Book/Book of Remembrance – Sacred Heart

The Bereavement Book will be displayed in front of the altar, from next week, and will have the names of those who have recently died and whose Funerals have been held at the Sacred Heart. Please add the names of your friends and relatives who you want to be remembered during this month.

Blessing of the Graves The Annual Blessing of the Graves will take place on Sunday 9th November at 2:30pm at Hove Cemetery (North, left hand side). All welcome.

November Lauds and Vespers for the Holy Souls During November at St Theresa's, we will pray Lauds and Vespers for the Holy Souls, including St Theresa's Necrology, on Wednesdays at 5:30pm and Sundays at 8:30am. Prayer books will be available.

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

Cottesmore St Mary Catholic Primary School – Open Days Are you looking for a Reception place for September 2026? Cottesmore St Mary warmly invites prospective parents to visit the school during one of our Open Days this November. Visits take place at 9am on the following dates: 4th–6th, 10th–12th,

and 17th–19th November 2025. To book, please email office@cottesmore.brighton-hove.sch.uk with your preferred date, contact details, and your child's name, and nursery. We look forward to welcoming you!

2025-2026 Confirmation Programmes Application Forms – For All Churches

Application Forms for the 2025-2026 programmes are now available please complete and return to your parish office. All forms are available from your churches and parish websites. Deadline for application is 9th December 2025.

St Peter's Confirmation Certificates

from June 2025 please collect your certificates from the Sacristy after Mass.

Financial Controller, part-time (three days a week) permanent position

Salary: £42,000 to £48,000 for 0.6FTE (£70,000 to £80,000 FTE)

Reporting to: Chief Operating Officer

Location: The St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley (on site)

Application deadline: 31 October, 5pm

Interviews: 5 Nov in Crawley (in person)

The Diocese of Arundel & Brighton is a registered charity with care of 250 staff, 180 members of clergy, and many hundreds of volunteers. Reporting to the Chief Operating Officer, the successful applicant will oversee a finance team of five, including a qualified management accountant and two colleagues engaged in studies.

The finance team supports cloud-based accounting for 80 parishes; overseeing a significant number of transactions, submitting the monthly payroll to the outsourced payroll bureau, and providing the finance function for central operations based at The St Philip Howard Centre in Crawley.

The Financial Controller will be responsible for producing statutory audited accounts and acting as the principal contact for external auditors.

To apply, please email a CV and Covering Letter to the Chief Operating Officer, Sarah Kilmartin, by 5pm on 31 October;

E; coo@abdiocese.org.uk

Please note that CVs without a covering letter will not be reviewed.

St John the Baptist Catholic Church, 2 Bristol Road, Brighton BN2 1AP

Saturday 8th November 3:00pm

Imperial College Chamber Choir

Patrick Allies Director
Featuring works by Britten, Pärt, and Howells

Free entry, donations welcome
<https://icchamberchoir.org>
@icchamberchoir

Afternoon Concert

Fundraising / Giving

Special Collections 2025

9th November; Aid to the Church in Need (Sacred Heart)

16th November; Retired Priests Fund

23rd November; Arundel Cathedral Maintenance Fund

Misso 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, leave in the Sacristy for Sally Benham at St Peter's, or leave in the outer sacristy at Sacred Heart for Marilyn. Please remember to make sure your name is on it. Thank you.

St Peter's Offertory Collection:

Sunday 19th October - £1483.30

Second Collection (World Missions Sunday) - £236.52.

Please pray for...

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

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.

**Sunday 26th October 2025,
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,
increase our faith, hope and charity,
and make us love what you command,
so that we may merit what you promise.
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.

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: Sirach 35:15b-17, 20-22b

The Lord is the judge, and with him is no
partiality. He will not show partiality in
the case of a poor man; and he will
listen to the prayer of one who is
wronged. He will not ignore the
supplication of the orphan or the widow
when she pours out her story. He whose
service is pleasing to the Lord will be
accepted, and his prayer will reach to
the clouds. The prayer of the humble
pierces the clouds, and he will not be
consoled until it reaches the Lord; he
will not desist until the Most High visits
him and does justice for the righteous
and executes judgement. And the Lord
will not delay.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms Response

**The lowly one called, and the Lord
heard him.**

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Beloved: I am already being poured out
as a drink offering, and the time of my
departure has come. I have fought the
good fight, I have finished the race, I
have kept the faith. Henceforth there is
laid up for me the crown of
righteousness, which the Lord, the
righteous judge, will award to me on
that day, and not only to me, but also to
all who have loved his appearing.

At my first defence no one came to
stand by me, but all deserted me. May it
not be charged against them! But the
Lord stood by me and strengthened me,
so that through me the message might
be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles
might hear it. So I was rescued from the
lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me
from every evil deed and bring me safely
into his heavenly kingdom. To him be
the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

**God was in Christ reconciling the world
to himself, and entrusting to us the
message of reconciliation.
Alleluia.**

Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

At that time: Jesus told this parable to
some who trusted in themselves that
they were righteous, and treated others
with contempt: 'Two men went up into
the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee and
the other a tax collector. The Pharisee,
standing by himself, prayed thus: "God, I
thank you that I am not like other men,
extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even
like this tax collector. I fast twice a
week; I give tithes of all that I get." But
the tax collector, standing far off, would
not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but
beat his breast, saying, "God, be
merciful to me, a sinner!" I tell you, this
man went down to his house justified,
rather than the other. For everyone who
exalts himself will be humbled, but the
one who humbles himself will be
exalted.'

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

May your Sacraments, O Lord, we pray,
perfect in us what lies within them,
that what we now celebrate in signs
we may one day possess in truth.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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