

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 March 2025, 2nd Sunday in Lent, Year C. Weekdays: Lent Week 2

Canon Colin Writes :

About a week after Jesus plainly told His disciples that He would suffer, be killed, and be raised to life, He took Peter, James, and John up a mountain to pray. While praying, His personal appearance was changed into a glorified form, and His clothing became dazzling white. Moses and Elijah appeared and talked with Jesus about His death, that would soon take place. Peter, not knowing what he was saying and being very fearful, offered to put up three shelters for them. This is undoubtedly a reference to the booths that were used to celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles, when the Israelites dwelt in booths for seven days. Peter was expressing a wish to stay in that place. Then a cloud enveloped them, and a voice spoke from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!".

Undoubtedly, the purpose of the transfiguration of Christ into at least a part of His heavenly glory was so that the "inner circle" of His disciples could gain a greater understanding of who Jesus was. Christ underwent a dramatic change in appearance in order that the disciples could behold Him in His glory. The disciples, who had only known Him in His human body, now had a greater realization of the deity of Christ, though they could not fully comprehend it. That gave them the reassurance they needed after hearing the shocking news of His coming death.

The disciples never forgot what happened that day on the mountain and no doubt this was intended. John wrote in his gospel, "We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only". Peter also wrote of it, "We did not follow cleverly invented stories when we told you about the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty. For He received honour and glory from God the Father when the voice came to Him from the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased.' We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with Him on the sacred mountain". Those who witnessed the transfiguration bore witness to it to the other disciples and to countless millions down through the centuries. Now it is our turn!

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www.sacredheartrove.org.uk; hovesacredheart@abdiocese.org.uk.

All Masses Live Streamed: www.sacredheartrove.org.uk/videos.html

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

Mass Schedule

Sat 15	March	
6.00pm †	SH	People of the Parish
6.00	SP	People of the Parish
6.30	SG	<i>Polish Mass</i>
Sun 16	March Transfiguration	
8.30 am	SP	Olive Taylor RIP
9.00	ST	Martin Grennan RIP
9.30	SH	Terence Melville Shrieves RIP
9:30	SMM	
10.00	SP	People of the Parish
11.00	SG	Darius Hariri RIP
11.00	SMM	
11.30	SH	Felicity Stewart RIP
11.30	SP	Bridget Flaherty RIP
3.30 pm	SP	Syrian Arabic Mass
5.00 pm	SP	Brazilian Mass
5.00	SMM	
Mon 17	March St Patrick	
10.00 am †	SH	Anthony Reynolds RIP
Tue 18	March	
10.00 am	SG	
10.00 am †	SH	Ben Cuning RIP
10.00	SP	No Mass
7.00pm	ST	
Wed 19	March	
8.00am	SH	Daniela Kuzoma Senior RP
10.00am	SP	People of the Parish
7.00pm	ST	Veronica Lloyd RIP
Thu 20	March	
10.00am	SP	
10.00am ‡	SG	<i>NO MASS</i>
12 noon †	SH	Iwona Renata RIP
7.00pm	ST	
Fri 21	March	
8.00 am	SH	Jose Nery Alvis RIP
10.00	SP	People of the Parish
7.00pm	ST	
Sat 22	March	
6.00pm †	SH	Mr & Mrs GW Gillow & Family
6.00	SP	People of the Parish
6.30	SG	<i>Polish Mass</i>
Sun 23	March Third Sunday of Lent	
8.30 am	SP	Oliver Neary RIP
9.00	ST	All Parishioners
9.30	SH	Anna Domagala RIP
9:30	SMM	
10.00	SP	People of the Parish
11.00	SG	All Parishioners
11.00	SMM	
11.30	SH	People of the Parish
11.30	SP	People of the Parish
5.00 pm	SP	Brazilian Mass
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

Lenten Holy Hour at St Peter's

You are invited to spend time in prayer, face to face with Jesus in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: each Saturday (beginning 8th March) in Lent from 5pm, concluding with Benediction at 5:45 (Mass at 6pm as usual). Jesus is really present in the consecrated host, which is displayed on the altar throughout this time. You can pray with Scripture, the rosary, or simply in your own words as you enjoy His presence. Please pray especially for the pastoral plan and for our collaboration with other communities of faith across Brighton & Hove. The time of prayer concludes with a special blessing called 'Benediction'. Times of Adoration in other Churches are in the newsletter and on their websites.

Brighton & Hove Wide Reconciliation Service

Thursday 27th March at 7pm, St Mary Magdalen's, Upper North Street, Brighton BN1 3FH (parking available on school playground off Spring Street) led by **Bishop Richard**. There will be a short service followed by the opportunity to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation.

Stations of the Cross at each church

St Peter's: from Friday 14th March at 7pm during Lent.

St Theresa's & St George's: Fridays during lent. Starting at St Theresa's on Friday 14th March at 6:15pm (before Mass at 7pm) and then alternating between St George's (at 7:30pm) and St Theresa's (at 6:15pm) thereafter.

Sacred Heart: Every Tuesday up to including 15th April the SH Prayer Group will lead the Stations of the Cross, immediately after the 10am Tuesday Mass.

St Mary Magdalen's after holy hour at 6:30pm on Fridays during Lent. All are welcome to join.

Second collections this week:

St Peters—Our Lady of Walsingham

Sacred Heart, St Theresa's & St Georges—CAFOD Fast Day

Changes to Mass times at St Peter's

There will be no Mass on Tuesday 18th March as Canon David will be attending a Clergy Day of Recollection.

Cleaning the Churches for Holy Week and Easter

St Theresa's, Palm Sunday 13th April, 6pm. Please come along and help to make the churches spick and span in preparation for Easter! We will be focussing on some of the things like polishing, which the regular cleaning teams do not always get time to do. Refreshments will be provided!

Welcomers

We are in need of a few more welcomers at the **9am Mass at St Theresa's** please. We are more than happy for families to do it together, so if you have little ones, don't let that put you off! Equally, if you would like to put yourself forward to be paired up with another volunteer, that would be great too! Please speak to Gill or Pauline or email the parish office.

Weekly Events

Weekly Reconciliation

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

Sacred Heart Rosary Group

Every **Monday** after 10am Mass (in person) in the Lady Chapel, and on **Fridays** at 11am (livestreamed only).

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 and 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 and you will receive the link for the meeting.

Regular Events

Coffee and Cake

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



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

St Peter's coffee after 10 o'clock Mass on 2nd and 4th Sundays 9th and 23rd March; after 1130 Mass every Sunday. Everyone welcome. The organisers will be happy to introduce you to some new friends.

St Peter's Social Group

meets in the Hall. Fridays at 1:30pm term time only. You are welcome to join this friendly group for good conversation and some light refreshments.

St George's Tea and Chat 25th March

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!

St Peter's Tai Chi

Term time, in the hall 10:30-11:30am on Mondays.

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 date is 27th March. All are welcome.

St Peter's Union of Catholic Mothers

Is cancelled next week

Our Lady Star of the Sea SVP

Conference Meeting

27th March, 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!

Other Events/Notices

Eucharistic Healing Service

Sunday 6th April, 3pm – 4:15pm, St Mary Mags

A time of prayer, reflection and music. Praying for the healing of our families, for those we know in need and for ourselves. All are welcome. (Parking available on the school playground off Spring Street).

Canonization of Blessed Carlo Acutis

Sunday 27th April, 11am, St Peter's
Canon David has invited Bishop Richard to celebrate Mass at 11:00am, and we

will have a reception in the hall following Mass. That weekend there will be Mass celebrated at 6pm on Saturday evening, and at 8:30am on Sunday morning. Our usual 10:00am and 11:30am Masses will be combined at 11:00am, and we are delighted that the two choirs will join together with students from Cardinal Newman and Cottesmore.

Young Adult Jubilee Pilgrimage to Rome

28th July – 4th August 2025

Join our pilgrimage for young adults aged 18-30 to celebrate the special Jubilee year. Celebrate with other like-minded people, as we travel to the beautiful city of Rome for opportunities to hear from, and pray with, Pope Francis on the theme of Hope. Email: lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk for information. CLOSING DATE 31 MARCH.

St Peter's Archive

For a baptism, or confirmation certificate contact the archive team by email: SaintPeterArchives@gmail.com.

Fundraising

St Peter's 200 Club Winners

congratulations to Natalie McCarthy wins £50, Gabriel Conroy £90 and Christopher Davies £200 in our November '24 draw. Winners for our December '24 draw are, Maureen Armson £50, Ivor O'Mahony £90 and Chris Jones £200. Apologies for the delayed announcements we are slowly catching up on the 200 Club.

ESSA

Karla's Curry Evening raised £1,120 for the Charity. Thank you for all your support. God bless you and see you all next time. **Karla**

St Peter's HCPT Collection Thank you for your generosity we raised £1349.88 HCPT is a registered charity offering pilgrimage holidays, to Lourdes in the south of France, for disabled and disadvantaged people from around the UK and further afield. The letters "HCPT" stand for the Hosanna House and Children's Pilgrimage Trust. Many thanks to Jane Noble and Meghan Royds-Jones for their informative presentation after each Mass last week.

Hangleton and West Blatchington Food Bank

If you would like to donate to the foodbank we would be grateful for:

- Mayonnaise
- Tinned vegetarian meals (e.g. veg chilli or curry)
- Shampoo and conditioner

We currently have plenty of pasta, soup, and a mountain of 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, One Stop in Court Farm Road, Books Alive in Elm Drive, Hove Waitrose, or at any of our churches. Thank you.



Newsletter by email

If you would like to receive a copy of the newsletter to your inbox each week, please email Lisa, SH Parish Secretary: hovesacredheart@abdiocese.org.uk to be added to the distribution list, this list is for all our churches.

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Taizé Service

Cardinal Newman Catholic School and Sixth Form College, The Upper Drive, Hove, BN3 6ND

Wednesday 19th March at 3:30pm



Please Pray For...

Bob & Elena White, Tom Piggins, Cathy Howes, Margaret Guy, Marion Shannon, Noah Baker, Rebecca O'Brien, Rex Curd, Sally Harvey, and Suzanne Grassie.

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

Please pray for all who have died recently, especially:

Rev Canon William Oliver Heaney RIP

Who died on the 1st March 2025, he served the Diocese for many years. His funeral will take place at St Mary's Preston Park, on Tuesday 25th March at 12noon.

John Butcher RIP (Sacred Heart)

Who died on Sunday 9th February. Funeral arrangements will be shared in due course.

Win Pilkington RIP (Sacred Heart)

Who died recently.

Sylvie Najour RIP (St Peters)

Mother of Mireille Farran who arranges our floral displays.

Mufid Shamas RIP (St Peters)

Father of Basil Shamas who also died recently.

Shirley Burrows RIP (St Theresa's)

Requiem Mass Monday, 31st March 2025 at 11am, St Theresa of Lisieux, Old Shoreham Road, Southwick, BN42 4RY, followed by cremation at The Downs Crematorium, Bear Road, Brighton, BN2 3PL. Those not attending the committal at the crematorium are welcome for refreshments at Hangleton Manor, Hangleton Valley Drive, Hove, BN3 8AN. Those who wish to attend the wake, can you advise the parish office of your name and any dietary requirements asap please westhove@abdiocese.org.uk. Thank you.



**Sunday 16th March 2025,
2nd Sunday in Lent**

Entrance Antiphon

Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

Collect

Let us pray.

O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory. 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: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

In those days: God brought Abram outside and said, 'Look towards heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your offspring be.' And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

And he said to him, 'I am the Lord who brought you out from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' And he brought him all these, cut them in half, and laid each half over against the other. But he did not cut the birds in half. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell on Abram. And behold, dreadful and great darkness fell upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, behold, a smoking firepot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your offspring I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm Response

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Second Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved. The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, O Christ, Wisdom of God the Father.

From a bright cloud, the Father's voice was heard:

**'This is my beloved Son, listen to him'.
Glory to you, O Christ, Wisdom of God the Father.**

Gospel: Luke 9:28b-36

At that time: Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. And as the men were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah' — not knowing what he said. As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, 'This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!' And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no

one in those days anything of what they had seen.

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 over the Offerings

May this sacrifice, O Lord, we pray, cleanse us of our faults and sanctify your faithful in body and mind for the celebration of the paschal festivities.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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