

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

Sunday 28th September 2025, 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C. Weekdays: Week 26

Canon David writes...

As this is the season of conferences and meetings, I thought Pope Leo should have a bit of 'airtime', done in our own small way - through the newsletter. He gave a speech to the participants in the 3rd world meeting on human fraternity, held in the Vatican on 12th September. As we approach CAFOD Fast Day on Friday and World Mission Sunday on 19th October, here are a couple of quotes from his speech to reflect on -

"According to Scripture, the first fraternal relationship between Cain and Abel immediately and tragically became conflictual. However, that first murder should not lead us to conclude that "it has always been this way." No matter how ancient or widespread, Cain's violence cannot be tolerated as "normal." On the contrary, the norm is revealed in God's question to the guilty party: "Where is your brother?" (*Gen 4:9*). It is in this question that we find our vocation, the rule and measure of justice. God does not take revenge on Cain for Abel, but asks him a question that echoes throughout the course of history.

Recognizing that the other person is a brother or sister means freeing ourselves from the pretence of believing that we are isolated individuals or from the logic of forming relationships only out of self-interest. It is not only self-interest that makes us enter into relationships. Great spiritual traditions and the maturation of critical thinking enable us to go beyond blood or ethnic ties, beyond those kinships that recognize only those who are similar and reject those who are different. It is interesting that in the Bible, as revealed by scientific exegesis, it is the most recent and mature texts that narrate a fraternity that transcends the ethnic boundaries of God's people and is founded on a common humanity. The stories of creation and the genealogies bear witness that all peoples, even enemies, have the same origin, and the Earth, with its goods, is for everyone, not just for some."

You can read the whole speech on the Vatican website under the heading of Pope Leo's speeches. There are no easy answers to the difficulties of our world, but prayer for policy makers is vital. But also that question 'where is your brother or sister?' is an important one for us to wrestle with.

Regular Events

Sycamore Monday 29th September we will watch and discuss the film on 'Catholic Social Teaching' from 7pm, please come and join us at St Peter's.

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

Sacred Heart, 39 Norton Road, BN3 3BF, 01273 732843,
www.sacredheartove.org.uk; hovesacredheart@abdiocese.org.uk.
All Masses Live Streamed: www.sacredheartove.org.uk/videos.html

St Georges, Court Farm Road, BN3 7QR and **St Theresa's**, Old Shoreham Road, BN42 4RY, 01273 708227; westhove@abdiocese.org.uk.

St Mary Magdalen, 55 Upper North St, BN1 3FH;
brighonstmarymag@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 27	Sept St Vincent de Paul
12 noon †	SMM People of the Parish
6.00pm †	SH People of the Parish
6.00	SP Mrs Cathy (Bona) Kelly RIP
6.30	SG <i>Polish Mass</i>
Sun 28	Sept 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8.30 am	SP People of the Parish
9.00	ST All members of the SVP
9.30	SH Henrietta Sophie Heller RIP
09:30	SMM Polish Mass
10.00	SP People of the Parish
11.00	SG Anthony Moonjappilly RIP
11.00	SMM People of the Parish (Sung)
11.30	SH Noeleen Brennan RIP
11.30	SP Maria McCarthy RIP
5.00	SMM People of the Parish
Mon 29	Sept Sts Michael, Gabriel and Raphael
10.00 am †	SH Indu Gwyer RIP
Tue 30	Sept St Jerome
10.00 am	SG All Parishioners
10.00 †	SH Zarcon Pullin RIP
10.00	SP People of the Parish
6.00pm †	SMM People of the Parish
7.00pm	ST Kathleen Natali RIP
Wed 1	Oct Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus
8.00am	SH Jeanette Hill RIP
10.00am	SP People of the Parish
6.00pm †	SMM People of the Parish
7.00pm	ST Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus
Thurs 2	Oct The Holy Guardian Angels
10.00am	SP No Mass
10.00 ‡	SG All Parishioners
12 noon †	SH Catherine Helen Caperun RIP
6.00pm †	SMM People of the Parish
7.00pm	ST All Parishioners
Fri 3	Oct CAFOD Harvest Family Fast Day
8.00 am	SH Keith Simpson RIP
10:00 AM	SP People of the Parish
6.00pm †	SMM People of the Parish
7.00	ST All Parishioners
Sat 4	Oct St Francis of Assisi
12noon	SH Anna Domagala RIP
6.00pm †	SH Marcus Smith Ints
6.00	SP People of the Parish
6.30	SG <i>Polish Mass</i>
Sun 5	Oct 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8.30 am	SP People of the Parish
9.00	ST Mass at 10am today
9.30	SH People of the Parish
09:30	SMM Polish Mass
10.00	SP Mary Nolan
10.00	ST Patrick Atkinson RIP and Shirley Burrows RIP
11.00	SG <i>NO MASS</i>
11.00	SMM People of the Parish (Sung)
11.30	SH Fr Colin's Int
11.30	SP James Doyle RIP
5.00	SMM People of the Parish

News from St Mary Mags

We welcome Fr Alphonse Kabore to St Mary Magdalen's! From now on, Tuesday—Friday, there will be 5pm Holy Hour, and 6pm Mass. Starting Saturday 27th September, there will be 11am Holy Hour, and 12noon Mass, every Saturday. Confession will be offered during Holy Hour on Fridays and Saturdays, and on request. Sunday Mass times remain the same: 9:30am Polish Mass, 11am and 5pm.



St Mary Mags Healing Service 3pm, Sunday 5th October

There will be a Healing Service at St Mary Magdalen's. Please encourage friends and family to come and experience the healing power of Jesus.

Sacred Heart Prayer Group

Every Tuesday after Mass at 10:30am, SH Parish Room All Welcome. You may leave prayer requests in the box at the back of the church.

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 two 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

The Sacred Heart Film Club restarts on 4th October from 12:30pm after Mass. In memory of Robert Redford, we will be showing 'The Sting,' All welcome.

Eucharistic Adoration

Fridays, 5:30pm, SMM The Church opens 4pm, with Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament from 5:30-6:30pm. Come and spend time in prayer with us, interceding for our city, our parish, and our loved ones, now with confession.

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

Coffee at St Peter's This has resumed on a weekly basis after both the 10am and 11:30am Masses thanks to our wonderful volunteers. Please do contact the office if you feel you would like to help covering the odd the week.

Other Events / Notices

St Theresa's 70th Anniversary Celebration



Join us on Sunday 5th October, 10am at St Theresa's, Southwick, for a special Mass marking 70 years since the church opened in 1955. This will be a joint celebration with St George's (please note: no 9am Mass at St Theresa's, or 11am Mass at St George's that day). After Mass, all are invited for a cream tea – *offers of, scones, cream, jam, and help with set-up/clear-up are most welcome*. Children's activities will follow Mass, with parish-made paper flowers decorating the statue of St Theresa (as she was known as 'The Little flower of Jesus').

St Peter's Parish Office

Please note the parish office is open for enquiries from 9am -1pm Tuesday – Thursday.

St Peter's RCIA course is starting up on Monday 29 September at 7:15pm

please contact the office if you wish to join them.

Sacred Heart RCIA

Our RCIA programme for adults who wish to join the Catholic Church begins on Monday 6th October. Classes are held on Monday evenings from 7-9pm in the parish room beside the church and there are 16 sessions in the course. Each session comprises a lecture, film and discussion, with refreshments. Application forms can be downloaded from our website and printed copies are also available from the church porch or from the parish office. Parishioners are also welcome to join the course from the second session on 3rd November; please book in with our Pastoral Assistant on 01273 732 843.

2025-2026 Confirmation Programmes

Application Forms –For All Churches

Application Forms for the 2025-2026 programme is now available please complete and return to your parish office. All forms are available from your churches and parish websites.

Hospital Chaplaincy

If you are going into hospital for a period of time at the Royal Sussex County, please let Fr Celestine know as soon as you can, and likewise if you get taken to hospital as an urgent case, ask a friend or relative to inform Fr Celestine as soon as you can. He will then arrange for a visit. Call 01273 696955 Ext. 64122, or email celestine.nnolim@nhs.net.

Appeal for transport to & from Mass

We have a parishioner from Southwick who needs help getting to St Theresa's for Mass on Sundays. Please let the office know if you can help.

St Peter's Repository has a wide range of religious cards and gifts available to purchase including various Carlo Acutis items please do pop in to see what's on offer. Available to purchase are Carlo Acutis items, 3rd class relics, silver plated necklaces with different religious icons and saints, statues and candles. Opening times are before and after Mass every day, apart from Monday, please use our dona machine in the porch to pay for any purchases.

St Peter's Money Counters

We really need more people to volunteer and join the three teams we have. If we have four more people, each team would only need to count every six weeks. It's a simple enough job, you work in pairs, training will be provided, with a cup of coffee thrown in. Please contact the office if you can help.

Readers required at Sacred Heart

We need Readers for the Saturday 6pm Mass at the Sacred Heart. Please contact Cassie on 01273 732843, or speak to one of the Readers after the Saturday Mass. Thank you.

St Peter's Church Opening Times

We have taken the decision to close the church after 10am Mass during the week due to safeguarding reasons. We have always tried to remain open until late afternoon, but this is proving difficult of late. If anyone has any questions, please feel free to ask Canon David or speak to the office.

Photography at Sacred Heart 28th September, 9:30am Mass

There will be a photographer attending Mass at the Sacred Heart on Sunday 28th September, 9:30am to capture imagery for use on our new parish website and parish and diocesan digital and print channels. If you would prefer not to be photographed, please let the priest know beforehand, so that we can ensure you are not pictured by the photographer. All photos will be captured on behalf of The Diocese of Arundel & Brighton in accordance with their privacy policy which can be found on the diocesan website: www.abdiocese.org.uk.

St Peter's Archive

For baptism, or confirmation certificates, please email: SaintPeterArchives@gmail.com.

Newsletter by email

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

Eucharistic Adoration

The Diocese of A&B is renewing and developing its Adoration Lay Committee in order to increase the practice of

Eucharistic Adoration in parishes throughout the diocese. You are welcome to attend an information meeting on Thursday 2nd October, 8pm, for one hour. Registration from 7pm, includes light refreshments, St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley, RH10 6RP.

Fr David is away this weekend celebrating the 90th birthday of his mother, please keep her in your prayers. Thank you!

Fundraising / Giving

UCM Bring and Buy Sale

Tuesday 30th September 2025, 2–4pm, St Peter's Parish Hall

Everyone is very welcome – come along for a browse and a chat, and help support a good cause!

St Peter's Fundraising Thanks to the generosity of parishioners, we have raised almost £1,200 for Kids for Kids over the last year or so. The charity is continuing to support farming projects in Darfur, Sudan and this has made a real difference. Future activities will be to support the Martlets Hospice, which many of you will have visited or have had other contact. There is usually a small sale after 10 o'clock Mass most Sundays.

St Peter's Offertory Collection:

Offertory total 21/09/2025 = £1,356.
2nd Collection (Home Mission Sunday) = £151.

Special Collections 2025

28th September; SVP; at SG & ST
5th Oct; CAFOD Harvest Family Fast Day
12th October; Prisons Sunday
19th October; World Mission Sunday

Missio 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, or Patricia at St George's, or leave in the outer sacristy at Sacred Heart for Marilyn. Please remember to make sure your name is on it. Thank you.

Easyfundraising

Sign up and shop via the easyfundraising website when you are shopping with over 7,500 brands including eBay, Tesco, M&S, & more!

Our Lady Star of the Sea

easyfundraising.org.uk/the-catholic-parish-of-our-lady-star-of-the-sea/

Sacred Heart:

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/sacred-heart-church-hove/

Please also download the donation reminder www.easyfundraising.org.uk/donation-reminder/ which can be installed on your device and will alert you when a website provides donations when you shop online.

SVP Cash4Coins

We can collect: **All foreign coins and banknotes; Current UK coins and banknotes; Any old British and Irish money; and Obsolete currency, such as 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, St Theresa's, and St Peter's.

Hangleton and West Blatchington Food Bank

If you would like to donate this week, we would be grateful for:

Chocolate; Cooking oil; Crisps; Deodorant; Long life semi skimmed milk; Pasta sauce; Shampoo with matching conditioner; Single toothbrushes (we don't split multi-packs for hygiene reasons); Tinned spaghetti; and Washing up liquid.

Donations may be brought to the hall on Wednesdays 10:30-11:45am, Books Alive in Elm Drive, One Stop in Court Farm Road or any of our churches.

Please pray for...

Bob & Elena White; Canon Colin Wolczak; Caroline Lamb; Cathy Howes; Cheryl Evans; Denise Lavaud; 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.

Fr Alan Sharpe RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Fr Alan Sharpe who died on the 25th September. We give thanks to God for his ministry, in particular, here, in Brighton & Hove.

**Sunday 28th September 2025,
26th 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.

First Reading: Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Thus says the Lord, the God of hosts: 'Woe to those who are at ease in Sion, and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria. 'Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and stretch themselves out on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the midst of the stall, who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David invent for themselves instruments of music, who drink wine in bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go into exile, and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms Response

My soul, give praise to the Lord.

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 6:11-16

O man of God, pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, to keep the commandment unstained and

free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will display at the proper time — he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen.

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Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

**Jesus Christ, though he was rich,
yet for your sake he became poor,
so that you by his poverty might
become rich.**

Alleluia

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

'You received good things, and Lazarus bad things; now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish.' At that time: Jesus said to the Pharisees, 'There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. And he called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame." But Abraham said, "Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not do so, and none may cross from there to us." And he said, "Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house — for I have five brothers — so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment." But Abraham said, "They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them." And he said, "No, father

Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent." He said to him, "If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead." '

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.****

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