

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; Fr Alphonse Kabore; Canon David Parmiter

Sunday 28th June 2026, Saints Peter and Paul, Year A, Weekdays: Week 25, Psalter Week 1

Fr Paul Writes...

In Great Yarmouth, in Norfolk, in 1379 a group of men and women formed a gild to fund the burning of a candle during Mass every day in St Nicholas's Church in honour of St Peter. In other places special honour was given to St Paul. The lives of these two apostles have inspired Christians throughout the Church's history. The feast of Saints Peter and Paul has been celebrated throughout the Church, in both in the East, where in some places it marks the end of a period of fasting, and the West since early times. In the region of Apulia, in southeastern Italy, the feast has for centuries been celebrated with dancing. In Malta there are festivals and in parts of the Philippines the festivities include parades, pageants and bazaars.

In Rome, on the feast of Peter and Paul, the Pope confers the pallium, the symbol of their office, on new metropolitan archbishops, this year including Archbishop Richard Moth. This circle of material woven from lambswool and worn over the shoulders, is a sign that they are to be good shepherds to their flock, as Christ the Good Shepherd is often portrayed carrying a lamb around his shoulders.

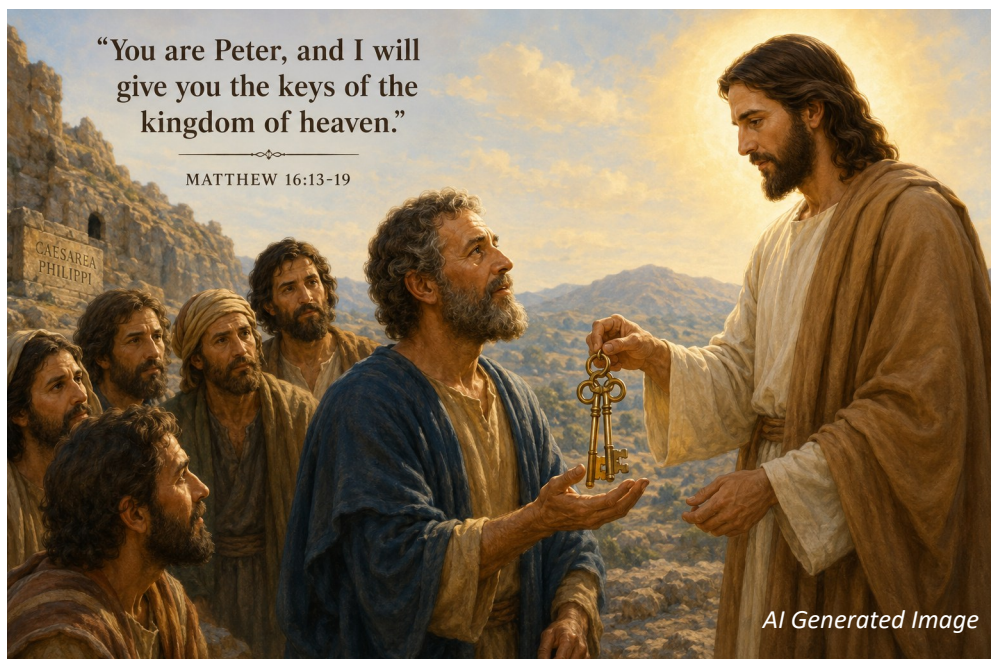
Peter and Paul set the model for shepherds of Christ's flock, the Church. Peter undertook the ministry given to him by Christ to lead the disciples and to hold them together in the unity that Jesus prayed for. When major decisions needed to be made the disciples came together under the leadership of Peter to seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit, as they did in the Council of Jerusalem around AD 48-50. Peter showed that he was, like Christ, a shepherd who was prepared to lay down his life for his sheep in martyrdom, as many of his successors were to do.

Like Peter, Paul accepted Christ's commission to be a teacher of the faith, travelling widely, founding new communities of believers and shepherding and guiding them through the process of sharing the good news of the Gospel, often in very hostile circumstances. He, too, was to be required to lay down his life.

Pope Leo and all the bishops continue to fulfil the roles given to them by Christ, modelled on the example of trust in God exemplified by Peter and Paul. We pray for them and pray that we too may soon have a wise and holy bishop to lead our own community of disciples.

Congratulations to Our Confirmation

Candidates Today, 55 young people from the Parish of Brighton & Hove will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at Arundel Cathedral. We offer our warmest congratulations to them and ask the parish community to keep them, their families, sponsors, and catechists in your prayers as they take this important step in their journey of faith.



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

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

St Mary Magdalen's, 55 Upper North Street, BN1 3FH; 01273 326793; brightonstmarymag@abdiocese.org.uk

St Peter's, Portland Road, BN3 5GD, 01273 733840, <https://www.stpeters-hove.org.uk/>; hovestpeters@abdiocese.org.uk

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

Mass Schedule

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Sat 27	June	Saint Cyril of Alexandria
12noon †	SMM	Madeleine Mary Pratt RIP
6pm	SH	Oshone Ikazoboh Int
6.00pm	SP	Jimmy O'Meara RIP
6.30pm	SG	<i>NO Polish Mass</i>
Sun 28	June	Saints Peter and Paul
8.30am	SP	
9.00am	ST	Cheryl Evans RIP
9.30am	SH	Ehianeta & Charles-Emmanuel Osezua Int
9.30am	SMM	<i>Polish Mass</i>
10.00am	SP	Garry Hearn's Jnr
11.00am	SG	Joseph Parente's recovery
11.00am	SMM	People of the Parish
11.30am	SH	People of the Parish
11.30am	SP	Stanislaw Szczerbiak RIP
5.00pm	SMM	People of the Parish
Mon 29	June	Monday
10.00am †	SH	Robin Bloy RIP
Tue 30	June	The First Martyrs of the See of Rome
10.00am	SG	People of the Parish
10.00am †	SH	Michael Pye RIP
10.00am	SP	Members of Hove Foundation UCM
6.00pm †	SMM	Rev Oscar Leake RIP
7.00pm	ST	People of the Parish
Wed 1	July	Dedication of Arundel Cathedral
8.00am	SH	Keith Simpson RIP
8.00am	CNCS	
10.00am	SP	Holy souls
6.00pm †	SMM	Walter and Karoline RIP
7.00pm	ST	People of the Parish
Thurs 2	July	St Oliver Plunkett
10.00am ‡	SG	People of the Parish
10.00am †	SP	<i>No Mass today</i>
12noon †	SH	Laura Donovan's Int
6.00pm †	SMM	People of the Parish
7.00pm	ST	People of the Parish
Fri 3	July	St Thomas
8.00am	SH	Simone & Sarah Riordan RIP
10.00am	SP	Andrew Black RIP
7.00pm ‡	ST	Sebastiana Rato RIP
6.00pm †	SMM	Fr Ray Blake RIP - 1 year anniversary
Sat 4	July	St Elizabeth of Portugal
12noon	SH	Mrs Julie Parks Recovery
12noon †	SMM	Ernest Anthony Barrett RIP
6pm	SH	Brenda Marchant & Family Int
6.00pm	SP	People of the Parish
6.30pm	SG	<i>Polish Mass</i>
Sun 5	July	14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8.30am	SP	Mary Rogers RIP
9.00am	ST	Cheryl Evans RIP
9.30am	SH	Colette Melling RIP
9.30am	SMM	<i>Polish Mass</i>
10.00am	SP	Clare Vinall RIP 2nd anniversary
11.00am	SG	Deceased members of the Fernando family RIP
11.00am	SMM	People of the Parish
11.30am	SH	People of the Parish
11.30am	SP	Tom W Fitzgerald RIP
5.00pm	SMM	People of the Parish

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

Weekly Reconciliation Times

Sacred Heart & St Peter's Saturdays from 5:15–5:45pm.

St George's After Sunday Mass, on request.

St Mary Magdalen Fridays at 5pm, and Saturdays at 11am, and during every Holy Hour at SMM.

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

Prayer Groups & Devotions

Sacred Heart

Prayer Group: Tuesdays at 10:30am, Parish Room. You may leave prayer requests in the box at the back of the church.

Online Rosary: Fridays at 11am via livestream.

St George's

Rosary Group: Mondays, 6.00–7.00pm in the Lady Chapel. *The Rosary Group does not meet on Bank Holiday Mondays.*

St Mary Magdalen's

Faith Formation: Thursdays, 6:45pm in the presbytery, during term time. We are now taking a break for the summer.

Women's Rosary: takes place every Friday in the Presbytery at 10am. Tea and refreshments are shared afterwards.

West Hove Online Prayer Group

Thursdays at 8pm on Zoom, exploring the Bible and aspects of the faith together. Please contact the Parish Office for the Zoom link.

St Peter's

Contemplative Prayer Group: Fridays, 7:30pm - 9pm, in person and online. Contact James at: quietenginesprayer@gmail.com.

St Theresa's

Lauds (Morning Prayer): Sundays at 8:30am.

Vespers (Evening Prayer): Wednesdays at 6:30pm

Social Groups

Sacred Heart

SVP Social Group: meets after the 12noon Mass. Soup, sandwiches, tea, and cakes. Entertainment, quizzes, etc. The next date is 9th July and every two weeks thereafter.

St Mary Magdalen's

Table Church: a young adults' group meeting after the 11am Mass for refreshments in the community hall to share faith and life experiences. We look forward to meeting you!

St George's

Tea and Chat: takes place after the 10am Mass on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month, with next gathering on Tuesday 14th July.

St Peter's

Social Group (drop in): meets every Friday from 1–3pm in the parish hall. Please do join us for light refreshments and friendly conversation.

Sacred Heart Choir We are looking for new members for our choir at the 11:30am Mass on Sunday's. If you are interested in joining this group please contact 01273 735371 for further information. We look forward to hearing from you.

Could You Help Our Community Thrive?

Yellow volunteer forms are available at both St Theresa's and St George's. We would be grateful if all parishioners, including current volunteers, could complete one. This helps us keep our records up to date and identify the gifts and talents within our community. You can also express an interest in new opportunities, with no commitment required. Please return completed forms to the trays at the back of each church.

St Mary Magdalene's Healing Service

will take place on first Sunday of every month at 3pm, with Fr Rod and Fr Alphonse. The next Healing Service will be Sunday, 5th July. All are most welcome. The car park will remain open until 6pm.

St Peter's Tai Chi term time in the hall 10.30-11:30am Mondays.

Ecumenical Men's Breakfast Club Men from all Christian churches and denominations are warmly invited to the Ecumenical Men's Breakfast Club, which meets on Mondays at 10.00am at the Royal George Pub, Stoney Lane, Shoreham. The next meeting will take place on Monday 13th July. Come along for friendship, conversation, and fellowship in an informal setting. For further information, please contact Andrew Macpherson on 07500 587107.

Sacred Heart Film Club will be taking a break for July & August and will resume on 5th September.

SMM Summer Concert Series 2026

St Mary Magdalen's Church is delighted to present a new recital series, which will take place on Saturdays, 1pm, over the summer. The first concert is on 11th July. Please see the flyers at the back of the church or email brightonstmarymag@abdiocese.org.uk for more information. Free admission with retiring collection. All are welcome!

Catenian Association a monthly meeting of Catholic men at The Hove Club. For more info cateniansprovince18.org.uk.

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 This list is for all our churches.

St Peter's Archive: for all documents contact saintpeterarchives@gmail.com

Monks in the City – Saturday Sanctuary

Take some time out for prayer, reflection and fellowship at the next Saturday Sanctuary with the Monks in the City on Saturday 4th July, from 11am to 12:45pm at the Fitzherbert Community Hub. The morning will include guided reflection, prayer, silence and the opportunity to spend time with the monks in a peaceful and welcoming environment. All are welcome.

Online Week of Guided Prayer for Those Affected by Clergy Abuse 18–23 October 2026

The Jesuit Institute is offering a free online retreat for anyone affected by clergy abuse, whether directly or indirectly. Participants are invited to spend 30 minutes in personal prayer each day and meet online with an experienced spiritual director for up to 45 minutes daily at a convenient time. The retreat provides a safe and supportive space to explore your relationship with God through prayer and reflection. Further information and registration details are available from the Jesuit Institute.

Fundraising / Giving

Special Collections 2026

28th June – Peter's Pence

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

MAY 2026

SH offertory = £ 5,460.35

SG & ST offertory = £3,612.70

SMM offertory = £4,083.98

SP offertory £7,496.17

Thank you! Karla would like to thank all the Parishioners and friends of the Parish for coming to the Curry Evening.

She raised an amazing £1,600 for her Charity which will be put towards building more houses.

Sea Sunday – Volunteer Needed

Stella Maris is seeking volunteers for SG, SMM, SP, & ST, to assist with Sea Sunday, which falls on 12th July. The volunteer would be asked to read a short appeal at the end of Mass. If you can help, contact:

roland.hayes@stellamarismail.org.

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.

Support Hangleton & West Blatchington Food Bank

Following the serious fire at Waitrose in Hove last week, the store remains closed and the food bank has been unable to access the generous donations normally collected through the in-store donation baskets. At the same time, food costs continue to rise, meaning the food bank is having to spend more each week to meet demand. If you are able to make a financial contribution or donate food items, your support would be greatly appreciated during this challenging time www.hangletonfoodbank.org/donations

Cycle of Prayer

During Ordinary Time, we are asked to pray for these intentions: a deeper understanding between Christians and Jews; human life; those who suffer persecution, oppression and denial of human rights; Europe; and seafarers.

Please pray for the recently deceased:

Ivor O'Mahony RIP Please pray for the repose of the soul of Ivor O'Mahony who passed away on Thursday 4 June. Ivor's funeral will be held on Monday 29th June at 11:30am at Sacred Heart Church, Norton Road, Hove, followed by a wake at the Hove Club. All welcome.

Please also pray for:

Canon Colin Wolczak; Chris, Lucy, & Matt Neal; Clive Connor; Eileen Kipling; Elena White; Hanorah & Mat Smith; Julia Fleming; Liz Perkins; Mario Noah; Melvin Shirkie; Peter Cochlin; Rex Curd; Robert (Bob) Selwood; Tom Piggins & Winifred Wilde.

Sunday 28th June 2026
Saints Peter and Paul

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 12:1-11

In those days: Herod the king laid violent hands on some who belonged to the church. He killed James the brother of John with the sword, and when he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread. And when he had seized him, he put him in prison, delivering him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending after the Passover to bring him out to the people. So Peter was kept in prison, but earnest prayer for him was made to God by the church.

Now when Herod was about to bring him out, on that very night, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries before the door were guarding the prison. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood next to him, and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him, saying, 'Get up quickly.' And the chains fell off his hands. And the angel said to him, 'Dress yourself and put on your sandals.' And he did so. And he said to him, 'Wrap your cloak round you and follow me.' And he went out and followed him. He did not know that what was being done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision.

When they had passed the first and the second guard, they came to the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went out and went along one street, and immediately the angel left him. When Peter came to himself, he said, 'Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hand of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

From all my terrors the Lord set me free.

Second Reading — Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18

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.

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.

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Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Alleluia.

Gospel — Matthew 16:13-19

At that time: When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter replied, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but

my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.'

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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