

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 5th October 2025, 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C. Weekdays: Week 27

Canon David Writes...

The Gospel this Sunday begins with the Apostles saying to the Lord 'Increase our faith!' These are words that each one of us could turn into a prayer. We could also reflect if this cry reflects the deepest desire of our hearts. Perhaps this is what the reply of Jesus is asking us to consider. He says: 'If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you'. A mustard seed is small, but it is active, and it grows, so even if we think we have a small amount of faith in our hearts it will grow, and through this God will be active in our lives and in our world. For our part we are called to nourish our faith through prayer and action.

So, we can cooperate with the gift of faith, which comes from God, by our active Christian service both within the Church and outside its institutional boundaries. The words used in the gospel can seem demanding and ungrateful. But we can also hear them as words of encouragement to make our service of God a priority in our lives. This is not about forgetting to take proper care of ourselves, but to regard our Christian service as important and a call from God. In the words of the Gospel: '...we have only done our duty.' This to me is the key point, that we are all called to be active in service according to vocational state and considering our circumstances in life such as health and ability.

As we enter the month of October, we bring to the Lord the needs of those around the world, with CAFOD Family Fast day this weekend and World Mission Sunday on 19th October. Also, next Sunday is Prisoners' Sunday which is an opportunity to pray for those in prison and to support their families. October is also a month to remember Our Lady, praying for her intercession so that our faith and action may increase!

Regular Events



Sycamore at St Peter's is moving to Wednesdays Sycamore Plus is a wonderful new series of Sycamore films presented by Father Stephen Wang – all twelve focused on prayer 'Ways of Praying'. For reasons of hall availability, we are moving from Monday to Wednesday evenings from 8th October. We will gather 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.

Coffee at St Peter's Every week again after 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.

Sacred Heart Prayer Group The group will take a break during October and resume from Tuesday 4th November.

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 2 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, 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, <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 4	Oct	St Francis of Assisi
12noon†	SMM	People of the Parish
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	<i>Mass at 10am today</i>
9.30	SH	People of the Parish
9.30	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
Mon 6	Oct	
10.00 am †	SH	Charles Sana RIP
Tue 7	Oct	Our Lady of the Rosary
10.00 am	SG	<i>NO MASS</i>
10.00 †	SH	Michelle Henley RIP
10.00	SP	Patrick Peyton RIP
6.00pm †	SMM	People of the Parish
7.00pm	ST	All Parishioners
Wed 8	Oct	
8.00am	SH	Fr Alan Sharpe RIP
10.00am	SP	People of the Parish
6.00pm †	SMM	People of the Parish
7.00pm	ST	Ester & Giuseppe Cincinelli RIP
Thurs 9	Oct	St John Henry Newman
10.00am	SP	People of the Parish
10.00 ‡	SG	<i>NO MASS</i>
12 noon †	SH	Andrew Kennedy Bickford RIP
6.00pm †	SMM	People of the Parish
7.00pm	ST	All Parishioners
Fri 10	Oct	
8.00 am	SH	Fr Gerald Coates RIP
10:00 AM	SP	Private Intention - Thanksgiving
6.00pm †	SMM	People of the Parish
7.00	ST	All Parishioners
Sat 11	Oct	St John XXII, Pope
12noon†	SMM	People of the Parish
6.00pm †	SH	Hazel Lumb RIP
6.00	SP	John Lloyd RIP
6.30	SG	<i>Polish Mass</i>
Sun 12	Oct	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8.30 am	SP	People of the Parish
9.00	ST	All Parishioners
9.30	SH	People of the Parish
9.30	SMM	People of the Parish
10.00	SP	People of the Parish
11.00	SG	All Parishioners
11.00	SMM	People of the Parish
11.30	SH	Ann-Marie Bevington RIP & Bridget Langlands RIP
11.30	SP	People of the Parish
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

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

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

Other Events / Notices

Are you interested in becoming a School Governor?

St Mary's Catholic Primary School. 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.

St Mary Magdalen's Catholic Primary School and Nursery.

There are currently vacancies on the Governing Board for one Parent Governor and two Foundation Governors. Foundation Governors do not need to be education experts. The most effective governors listen, think, and ask questions. There is no magic formula about what makes a perfect Foundation Governor, they come from all occupations and all ages. Foundation Governors play an especially key role in Catholic Schools; the role is diverse, rewarding, challenging, and fulfilling allowing post holders to share their time, skills, and talents within a school setting. You will be encouraged to attend training sessions and will be supported in your role. The average Foundation Governor position will take up about 10-12 hours per month though this can vary depending on the school calendar or events, such as Ofsted inspections. The time commitment includes the minimum requirement of attending three full governor meetings per year. If you are interested in becoming a school governor, please contact Michelle McCann, Clerk to Governors, for more information via:

michellemccann@stmarymags.brighton-hove.sch.uk

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.

St Peter's Parish Office Please note the parish office is open for enquiries from 9am -1pm Tuesday – Thursday.

St Peter's Parish Website We have a live website again, www.stpeters-hove.org.uk please visit it for all the parish information as before and you can now access the parish newsletter online along with sacramental programme registration forms.

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.

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, 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 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 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.

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.

Fundraising / Giving

Special Collections 2025

5th October; CAFOD Family Fast Day
12th October; Prisons Sunday
19th October; World Mission Sunday

CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection to share God's abundant gifts with our global neighbours as they find lasting solutions to poverty and climate challenges. Your generosity offers "signs of hope" in this Jubilee Year, helping build more water tanks in communities like Waré's in Ethiopia where women must walk for hours to get water. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, or donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope



Fundraising at St Peter's 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: The offertory total for this week is £1,410.

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: **Pasta sauce, Tinned kidney beans, Tinned custard, Tinned rice pudding, Tinned tomatoes, Sweet snacks, Washing up liquid, Single toothbrushes.** 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...

Canon Colin Wolczak, Caroline Lamb, Cathy Howes, Cheryl Evans, Clive Holding, Denise Lavaud, Elena White, 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.

Please also pray for all those who have died recently, especially:

Bob White RIP - It's with deep sadness that we announce the passing of long-time Parishioner Bob White. During his time at the Sacred Heart, he fulfilled many duties such as Altar Server, Sacristan & Finance Chair. He leaves behind his beloved wife Elena and their family. His Funeral will take place on Thursday 30th October at 12noon at the Sacred Heart.

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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.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God, who in the abundance of your kindness surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you, pour out your mercy upon us to pardon what conscience dreads and to give what prayer does not dare to ask. 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: Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not hear? Or cry to you 'Violence!' and you will not save? Why do you make me see iniquity, and why do you idly look at wrong? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. And the Lord answered me: 'Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it. For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end — it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay. 'Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous shall live by his faith.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms Response

O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts.'

Second Reading: Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

Beloved: I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, for God gave us a spirit not of fear, but of power and love and self-control. Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

The word of the Lord remains for ever and this word is the good news that was preached to you.

Alleluia.

Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

At that time: The Apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!' And the Lord said, 'If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you. 'Will any one of you who has a servant ploughing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, "Come at once and recline at table"? Will he not rather say to him, "Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterwards you will eat and drink"? Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, "We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty."'

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

Grant us, almighty God, that we may be refreshed and nourished by the Sacrament which we have received, so as to be transformed into what we consume. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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