

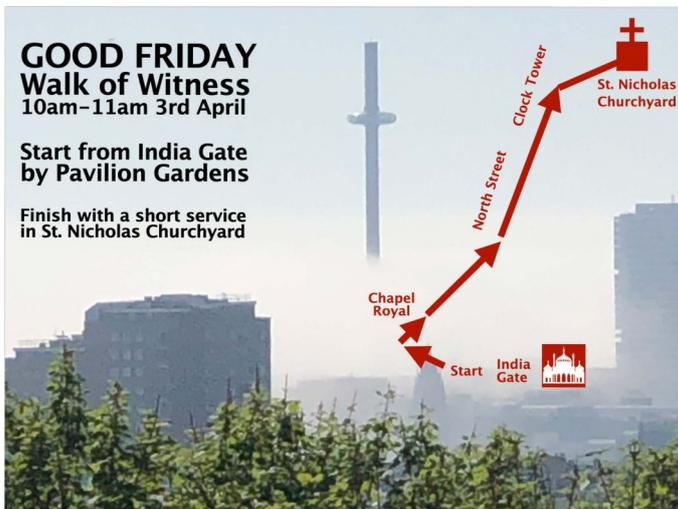
Catholic Parish of Brighton and Hove: West Hub

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 1st March 2026, Second Sunday of Lent, Year A. Weekdays: Week 8, Psalter Week 2

Fr Tony Writes...

On the second Sunday of Lent we always have a version of the story of the Transfiguration. This year we are mostly hearing from Matthew's Gospel, and so it is his account we have today. Matthew is particularly interested in showing us how the story of Jesus fits in with the Old Testament. Just the other week we hear Jesus say that he has come to 'fulfill' the Law and the Prophets (meaning the Scriptures). And today we see Moses and Elijah, representing the Law and the Prophets, appearing with Jesus and in conversation with him.

This 'conversation' is something we encounter at Mass. For in the Liturgy of the Word on Sundays the first reading is usually from the Old Testament, and the text chosen is in a kind of 'dialogue'; with the Gospel reading. This week we hear of Abraham being sent on a long and uncertain journey, but with the promise of God's blessing. The Transfiguration story also prepares the disciples for a challenging journey. Jesus indicates it will lead to his death. But he also promises the resurrection, and the Transfiguration is a kind of 'foretaste' of that, to give them courage for the journey ahead.



Good Friday Walk of Witness 3rd April at 10am

You are invited to join this event to commemorate the events of Good Friday. Christians from churches in Brighton will come together to symbolically walk behind Jesus on his way to Calvary and to the Cross. We will pause for readings and prayers in a quiet public witness of faith. The walk will conclude with a 15-minute outdoor service at St Nicholas Church at approximately 10:45am.



Monday 2nd March @ 6:30pm to 8pm Join the Ecumenical Committee of the NBCW as they explore the origins of World Day of Prayer, why you should get involved, and how this year's programme was completed. This event is not intended to replace your local service, but to add context.

3rd March @ 7:30 pm – 9 pm Book Club. We invite you to discuss our latest book club pick: **For the Good of the Church by Gabrielle Thomas.** We are up to the final chapter and conclusion.

Tuesday 24th March at 7pm Catholic Women Walking with Women: A Faith Journey Through Life's Seasons is a year-long webinar series designed to meet women where they truly are, in the real circumstances and rhythms of life, and to explore how God walks with us in every season. Please join us as we speak to Emma O'Connell as she speaks on: The spiritual significance of pregnancy and motherhood; Catholic teachings on life and parenting and Finding strength in prayer and the sacramental life. For further information please contact Sue Petritz nbcw@abdiocese.org.uk Diocesan Link for Arundel & Brighton and see <https://sueschurchpage.blogspot.com>.

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hovesacredheart@abdiocese.org.uk. All Masses at SH are 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;
www.brightondeanerywest.org.uk; westhove@abdiocese.org.uk

St Mary Magdalen's 55 Upper North Street, 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

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

Mass Schedule

Sat 28	Feb	Saturday
12noon†	SMM	Bartolini-Lambelet-Sharaf
6.00pm †	SH	Hazel Lumb RIP
6.00	SP	People of the Parish
6.30	SG	<i>Polish Mass</i>
Sun 1	Mar	2nd Sunday of Lent
8.30 am	SP	People of the Parish
9.00	ST	Phyllis & Michael Dixon RIP
9.30	SH	People of the Parish
09:30	SMM	People of the Parish
10.00	SP	Colin Grealish
11.00	SG	People of the Parish
11.00	SMM	People of the Parish
11.30	SH	Len Henley RIP
11.30	SP	Maureen Monaghan
5pm	SP	<i>Brazilian Mass</i>
6.15pm	SP	<i>Syrian Orthodox Mass</i>
5.00pm	SMM	People of the Parish
Mon 2	Mar	Monday
10.00 am †	SH	Agnes Lynch & Family
Tue 3	Mar	Tuesday
10.00 am	SG	People of the Parish
10.00 †	SH	V Rev Canon Herbert Fincham
10.00	SP	Peace in our world
6.00pm †	SMM	
7.00pm	ST	People of the Parish
Wed 4	Mar	Saint Casimir
8.00am	SH	Charles Emmanuel Osezua Int
8.00am	CNCS	
10.00	SP	People of the Parish
6.00pm †	SMM	
7.00pm	ST	People of the Parish
Thurs 5	Mar	Thursday
10.00am	SP	People of the Parish
10.00 am ‡	SG	People of the Parish
12noon †	SH	Ehianeta Osezua Int
6.00pm †	SMM	
7.00pm	ST	People of the Parish
Fri 6	Mar	World Day of Prayer
8.00 am	SH	Members of the Lambert Family
10am	SP	<i>No Mass</i>
6.00pm †	SMM	
7.00 ‡	ST	People of the Parish
Sat 7	Mar	Saturday
12noon	SH	For the election of a Bishop in our Diocese
12noon†	SMM	
6.00pm †	SH	People of the Parish
6.00	SP	Holy Souls
6.30	SG	<i>Polish Mass</i>
Sun 8	Mar	3rd Sunday of Lent
8.30 am	SP	People of the Parish
9.00	ST	Michael Dunn RIP
9.30	SH	Rev Augustine O'Leary
09:30	SMM	
10.00	SP	Ronald & Elsie Garner RIP
11.00	SG	Leonardo Iacono RIP
11.00	SMM	
11.30	SH	Mary Scherer RIP
11.30	SP	Yvonne Prendergast
5pm	SP	<i>Brazilian Mass</i>
5.00pm	SMM	

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

Regular Events

Weekly Reconciliation Times

Sacred Heart & St Peter's Saturdays at 5:15pm, before Mass.
St George's After Sunday Mass, on request.
St Mary Magdalen Fridays at 5pm, and Saturdays at 11am.
St Theresa's Fridays after the 7:00pm Mass.

Prayer Groups

Online Prayer Group – Thursdays at 8pm via video-link
westhove@abdiocese.org.uk
St Peter's: "Be still and know..." (Psalm 46:10). You are warmly invited to join an online and in person contemplative prayer group. For detail, please email James, at quietenginesprayer@gmail.com
Sacred Heart Online Rosary: Friday's 11am online Rosary, is cancelled this week but will back on Friday 12th March.

Social Groups

St George's Tea and Chat On the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month, the 10am Mass at St George's is followed by a time of socialisation and activity, in the hall, aimed at the older people in the parish. No need to book. Just turn up! Next date is Tuesday 10th March.
Sacred Heart SVP Social Group Join us after 12noon Mass. Next date is 5th March, then every two weeks.
St Peter's Social Group Fridays, 1–3pm in the parish hall. Join us for light refreshments and friendly conversation, term time only.
Sacred Heart Film Club The next Film Club will be held on 7th March after 12pm Mass. The film showing will be *Evan Almighty*, a comedy starring Steve Correll. Refreshments served, all welcome.
Faith Formation Group Thursdays, 6:45pm at St Mary Mags. For anyone interested in joining the Church or learning more about the Catholic faith. Contact the parish office for info.

Stations of the Cross During Lent will take place across our parish at the following times, all are welcome:

St Peter's Every Friday at 7pm.
St Mary Magdalen's Every Friday after 6pm Mass.
Sacred Heart During Lent and for a total of six weeks, the Prayer Group that follows the 10.00 am Mass will be replaced by Stations of the Cross to be held in the church.
St Theresa's Every Friday at 12 noon, followed by a simple austerity lunch.
St George's at 7:30pm each Friday during Lent.

Coffee and Cake After Sunday Mass each week, after the 10am and 11:30am Masses at St Peter's, after the 9:30 Mass at Sacred Heart, and after Sunday Mass at St Theresa's and St George's, thanks to our wonderful volunteers. If you would like to help with this, please contact your parish office.

Other Events/Notices

Young adults' Easter retreat at Worth Abbey! Maundy Thursday 2nd April - Easter Sunday 5th April. (Plus optional walking pilgrimage from Brighton, leaving Palm Sunday.)

Come & celebrate together the death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ, the greatest Feast of the year and climax of our faith. Talks from monks / space for personal reflection / group discussion / social time / beautiful liturgy. Retreat cost: £200 (£100 places available, please enquire at retreats@worth.org.uk).



Visitation from the World Apostolate of Fatima The Parish of Our Lady Queen of Peace, Adur Valley, has a long established First Saturday devotion, attracting people from across the Diocese for these special Fatima prayers. Join us for a special First Saturday: Saturday 7th March 2026, 09.45 until 16.45. National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, along with relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco. The day includes a procession and Mass, prayer, veneration of relics, adoration and video presentation. There will be items for sale, and you are welcome to all or part of the day. St Peter's Church, Shoreham-by-Sea, BN43 5WG. (Tea/coffee available; please bring a packed lunch) Email: adurvalley@abdiocese.org.uk for details.

Misso Red Boxes/Sacred Heart Please bring your Missio red box to church during the month of March to be counted. You can leave it in the Outer Sacristy for me. I will put it back in the Outer Sacristy after about a week, for you to collect. Many thanks, Marilyn.

Baptism Preparation at St Theresa's The next Baptism preparation sessions at St Theresa's will take place on Tues 3rd March (6:15pm–7:15pm) and Tues

10th March (6:15pm–7:15pm). Please email the parish office for further info.

New Rosary Group at St George's on Mondays. The Rosary will be prayed each week at 6pm in the Lady Chapel. All are warmly invited to come along and join in prayer.

World Day of Prayer 2026 – Fri 6 March

This is a global, ecumenical wave of prayer that begins in Samoa and travels across 146 countries before concluding in American Samoa. This year's service has been prepared by Christian women in Nigeria with the theme "I Will Give You Rest: Come", based on Matthew 11:28–30. The 2026 materials offer a powerful invitation to find rest in God at a time when many are carrying heavy burdens. Locally, services will take place at 10:30am at the Salvation Army Citadel, Sackville Road, and at 2pm at Southwick Methodist Church, Southwick Street. All welcome.

Fundraising / Giving

Special Collections 2026

1st March – CAFOD Lent Fast Day (**ALL**)
2nd Collection– SH: 22 Feb. Columbian Priests = £479.

Offertory Collection Reporting

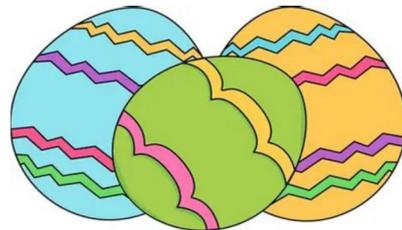
We now have figures for all churches below: this represents all donations cash or electronic. Totals are reported monthly in arrears.

SH offertory for Jan = £5,750.
SG & ST offertory for Jan = £2,400.
SMM offertory for Jan = £3,422.34.
SP offertory for Jan = £5,569.

Soup Run Each week, from Monday to Friday, 7pm at the shelter next to the Angel of Peace on the seafront. Please consider giving your time to this valuable work of charity. For more information, please contact SMM office.

SVP Easter Appeal and Sale The SVP are seeking donations to support much needed causes within our local community and beyond. They are asking for contributions of Cadbury's Creme Eggs (or similar), small, boxed chocolate Easter eggs, hollow chocolate eggs for Easter hunts, and Easter cards. These items will be sold at an Easter Sale taking place after the 9.00am Mass at St Theresa's Church on 1st and 8th March. This will be trialled at

Easter Sale & Raffle



1st March after 9.00 mass:

8th March after 9.00 mass:

@ St Theresa's Church

St Theresa's this year, with the hope of extending it to St George's Church next year if successful. Donations can be handed to Paula Tanner or Andrew Macpherson. There will also be raffle tickets on sale after the 9am Mass on 1st and 8th March for a Simnel cake, with the final draw on 29th March.

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.

St Peter's Archive Team For a baptism, or confirmation certificate contact our team of volunteers by email SaintPeterArchives@gmail.com. Please allow two weeks for documents to be processed.

Hangleton & W Blatchington Foodbank

If you would like to donate to the food bank this week, we are most in need of: **Tinned whole tomatoes, Cooking oil, Tinned meat, Veg curry/chilli, De-caff tea, Chocolate spread, Shaving foam or gel.** Donations may be brought to the hall at SG on Wed 10:30-11:45am, or the collection bins in any of the West Hub churches.

Prayer List During Lent, we are asked to pray for: Candidates for the sacraments; Women; the needy and hungry of the world; penitents; and wanderers. Please also pray for all who are sick, housebound, or in need of our prayers in our communities, including:

Annie Price; Canon Colin Wolczak; Cathy Howes; Cheryl Evans; Chris, Lucy, Matt, & Vince Neal; Clive Connor; Eileen Kipling; Elena White; Hanorah & Mat Smith; Rex Curd; Tom Piggins; and Winifred Wilde.

**Sunday 1st March 2026,
Second Sunday of Lent**

First reading Genesis 12:1-4a

In those days: The LORD said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonours you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' So Abram went, as the Lord had told him.

The word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

**May your merciful love be upon us,
as we hope in you, O Lord.**

Second reading 2 Timothy 1:8b-10

Beloved: We share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, who saved us and called us to a holy calling not because of our works, but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

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 Matthew 17:1-9

At that time: Jesus took with him Peter and James and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. And Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when, behold, a bright

cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.' When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Rise, and have no fear.' And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one, but Jesus only. And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, 'Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised 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.**

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.

The Eucharistic Prayer

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of
the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Lamb of God

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of
the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of
the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of
the world, grant us peace.**

Communion Antiphon

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

Prayer after Communion

As we receive these glorious mysteries, we make thanksgiving to you, O Lord, for allowing us while still on earth to be partakers even now of the things of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer over the People

Bless your faithful, we pray, O Lord, with a blessing that endures for ever, and keep them faithful to the Gospel of your Only Begotten Son, so that they may always desire and at last attain that glory whose beauty he showed in his own Body, to the amazement of his Apostles. Through Christ our Lord.

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