

**Sunday 2nd February 2025,
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Entrance Antiphon

**Your merciful love, O God,
we have received in the midst of
your temple.
Your praise, O God, like your name,
reaches the ends of the earth;
your right hand is filled with saving justice.**

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.**

Collect

Let us pray.
Almighty ever-living God,
we humbly implore your majesty
that, just as your Only Begotten Son
was presented on this day in the Temple
in the substance of our flesh,
so, by your grace,
we may be presented to you with minds
made pure.
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: Malachi 3:1-4

Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his Temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the Lord. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.
The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm Response

The Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory!

Second Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18

Since the children share in flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia.
A light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and for glory to your people Israel.
Alleluia.**

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, 'Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord') and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves, or two young pigeons'.

Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came in the Spirit into the Temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

'Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace,
according to your word;
for my eyes have seen your salvation

that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and for glory to your people Israel.'
And his father and his mother marvelled at what was said about him. And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed — and a sword will pierce through your own soul also — so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.'

And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the Temple, worshipping with fasting and prayer night and day. And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favour of God was upon him.
The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Creed

**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,
(At the words that follow up, up to and
including 'and became man' all bow)
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 Amen.

**Communion Antiphon Look toward the
Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be
abashed.**

Prayer after Communion Amen.

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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 2nd February 2025, Presentation of the Lord, Year C. Weekdays: Ordinary Time, Week 4, Year 1

Canon Colin Writes:

Last Monday was the 80th anniversary of the liberation of The Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration/extermination camp. Over the years I have visited Auschwitz several times. It is a chilling experience; from the moment you walk through the gate with the sign above Arbeit macht frei (Work Sets You Free) you are faced with the horror of the Nazi regime. The old barracks house, the museum with piles of suit cases, shoes, spectacles and human hair. You then come to the punishment cells where St. Maximilian Kolbe died. By the time that you enter the gas chamber your emotions are numb.

I paraphrase Pastor Martin Niemoller's poem, a version is in the museum: -

When they came for the Gypsies,
I said nothing because I wasn't a Gypsy;

When they came for the Poles, I said nothing because I wasn't a Pole;
When they came for the Jews, I said nothing because I wasn't a Jew;
When they came for me, there was no one left to speak up for me.

If good people remain silent or inactive in the face of injustice, evil will have the opportunity to thrive and spread unchecked.

Coffee

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 and usually cake, is available after the 10:00 Mass on the 2nd and 4th Sundays; coffee after 11:30 Sunday Mass every week. You are all welcome.

If you are new or on your own, please ask the organisers who will be happy to introduce you to some new friends.

Dates for your diary in the Parish

Weekly events

Sacred Heart Prayer Group: Every Tuesday after Mass at 10:30am, SH Parish Room. All Welcome.

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

St Peter's Tai Chi term time in the hall 10:30-11:30am Monday's.

Sacred Heart, 39 Norton Road, BN3 3BF, 01273 732843, www.sacredheartrove.org.uk, hovesacredheart@abdiocese.org.uk, Streamed: www.sacredheartrove.org.uk/videos.html
St Georges, 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, 55 Upper North St, BN1 3FH stmarymagdalenbrighton.blogspot.com brightonstmarymag@abdiocese.org.uk
St Peter's, Portland Road, BN3 5GD, 01273 733840, 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

		Mass Schedule
Sat 1st	Feb	St Hillary
12 noon	SH	Kendall Family Intentions
6.00pm †	SH	Brenda Seligson RIP & David Seligson RIP
6.00	SP	People of the Parish
6.30	SG	<i>Polish Mass</i>
Sun 2nd	Feb	Presentation of the Lord
8.30 am	SP	Jean Margaret Henry
9.00	ST	Mary Margaret Barry RIP
9:30	SMM	
9.30	SH	People of the Parish
10.00	SP	Carmel Maguire, Louis Maguire & Dulcie Preston RIP
11.00	SG	Abina O'Brien RIP
11.00	SMM	
11.30	SH	Harry Edwards RIP
11.30	SP	Maureen Monaghan
3.30	SP	<i>Syrian Arabic Mass</i>
5.00	SP	<i>Brazilian Mass</i>
5.00	SMM	
Mon 3rd	Feb	St Blaise
10.00 am †	SH	Mary Duffy RIP
Tue 4th	Feb	
10.00 am	SG	
10.00 am †	SH	Joseph Sheerin RIP
10.00am	SP	Padraig Grealish RIP
Wed 5th	Feb	St Agatha
8.00am	SH	Gillian Mortell RIP
10.00am	SP	John Lloyd RIP
7.00pm	ST	
Thu 6th	Feb	St Paul Miki
10.00	SP	Kitty Fitzgerald RIP
10.00 am ‡	SG	Florence Davis 103rd Birthday
12 noon †	SH	Frederick Richardson RIP
7.00pm	ST	
Fri 7th	Feb	
8.00 am	SH	Pauline Mascolo Int
10.00	SP	Private Intention
7.00pm	ST	
Sat 8th	Feb	St Jerome
6.00pm †	SH	Margaret & William Sweeney RIP
6.00	SP	John Lloyd RIP
6.30	SG	<i>Polish Mass</i>
Sun 9th	Feb	5th Sunday in Ordinary time
8.30 am	SP	Jude Fletcher
9.00	ST	Sebastiana Rato RIP
9.30	SH	People of the Parish
9:30	SMM	
10.00	SP	Pietro Tortorici RIP
11.00	SG	All Parishioners
11.00	SMM	
11.30	SH	Margaret Churchill RIP
11.30	SP	Krystyna Szczerbiak RIP
5.00 pm	SP	<i>Brazilian Mass</i>
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

St Peter's Social Group meets this week in the Hall. Fridays at 1:30pm, you are welcome to join this friendly group for good conversation and some light refreshment.

Regular events

Sacred Heart Film Club

1st February from 12:30pm after Mass
Save the date for the next Film Club.

Tea and Chat, February 11th and 25th

Tea & Chat 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!

Sacred Heart SVP Social Group

13th February at 12:30pm.
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 February. All Welcome.

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.

St Peter's UCM (Union of Catholic Mothers) Tuesdays in the hall term time 2-4pm new members always welcome.

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.

One off events

Our Lady Star of the Sea

SVP Conference

20th February at 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!

Events outside of the Parish

Join Us for Vivaldi's Gloria at

Worth Abbey!

We are delighted to invite you to an afternoon of music at Worth Abbey. Please join us for a "Come and Sing" day where you can participate in the performance of Vivaldi's renowned *Gloria* with the Worth Abbey Choir and a professional orchestra. Guests who are keen to sing are invited to arrive for 1:30pm and those who wish to enjoy the concert should arrive at 3:15pm for refreshments followed by the performance. **Event Details:** Saturday, 1st March 2025, 1:30pm for those wishing to participate in the performance. 3:15pm for those wishing to enjoy refreshments followed by the concert at Worth Abbey Church.

Save The Date

Saturday 20 September 2025

Festival of Hope. Celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the Diocese and the Universal Jubilee Year with your family and friends this September. We pray that this inspirational and uplifting event will ignite a spiritual renewal in our own lives and across our communities. Put the date in your diary now, because tickets will be allocated to Parishes in the new year! The event is taking place at Ardingly South of England Event Centre, tickets will be free of charge, with talks and activities suitable for all ages.



Parish News

Masses at St Theresa & St George's

Evening Masses, Tuesday to Friday, at St Theresa's will resume on 5th Feb. There will no longer be a Friday morning Mass. For any parish business, contact the parish office as normal:

01273 708227,
westhove@abdiocese.org.uk.

Please keep Fr Tony in your prayers. He promises to keep you in his.

Thank you from Stella Maris Thanks very much to all at **Sacred Heart Hove Parish** for your kind support of the work of Stella Maris (the Apostleship of the Sea) through our Sea Sunday 2024 appeal. We are most grateful for your Parish's donation of **£390.21** (plus gift aid on some donations). The generosity shown by your parishioners will help ensure that seafarers and fishers in this country and around the world will continue to receive the care and support they need.

Fundraising at St Peter's an update

from Monica Quinn - Kids for kids:

Thank you for your generous donations of goods to sell and for buying at the coffeetime sales. This year we have shared £700 of our good fortune with very needy families in Darfur. That's a lot of goats, hens, mosquito nets, sacks of seed and drought-resistant trees to hold back the desert! In December we contributed £185 which was matched by Dame Joanna Lumley so will make a huge difference. There is information at the back of the church and on www.kidsforkids.org.uk. Please let us have any unwanted gifts and clear out your cupboards for new or nearly new items (no clothes, please). Thank you very much.

Other News

St Mary Magdalen's Catholic Primary School and Nursery

St MM's Catholic Primary School and Nursery is a vibrant, inclusive community school reflecting the beauty of our city and wider world. Our children and families come from a variety of backgrounds, faiths and abilities where everyone is celebrated, respected and nurtured. Why not join us for a tour and discover this hidden gem for yourself.



Cottesmore School, Governor vacancy – February 2025

School governors play a vital role in education. By volunteering as a governor for a school you can make a difference by shaping the future of children and young people. We are in need of a Foundation (Catholic) Governor at Cottesmore. If you are Catholic and feel that you have some time to give to helping further develop our school, please do get in touch with our joint Chairs of Governors, Katie Raymond and Thomas Medveczky katieraymond@cottesmore.brighton-hove.sch.uk thomasmedveczky@cottesmore.brighton-hove.sch.uk

St Peter's Archive

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

St Peter's Gift Aid Envelope Users

From April we are aiming to move away from envelopes to a standing order payment system only for our scheme, please could any envelope users contact the office for further information. Alternatively, offerings may be made by using our Dona machine or in the offertory plate.

Children's Liturgy at St Peter's

Is looking for more help. If you would like to volunteer, please do not hesitate to contact the office. A quick reminder that Children's liturgy takes place on a term time only basis. Children are welcome up to secondary school age, those of secondary school age are to be encouraged to stay in the Mass. Parental consent forms will be available this coming weekend for parents to complete and return to the parish office or the children's liturgy volunteer. If the ratio of adults to children are not sufficient, we will have to ask some parents to join the group at that point in the Mass before the children go out. If parents do not come forward, then the liturgy will not be able to take place.

Hangleton and West Blatchington

Food Bank If you are thinking of donating to the food bank this week we need..
Weetabix
Coco pops

Pasta bake sauces
Sugar
Small jars of coffee
Rice pudding
Custard
Orange juice
Tinned pies
Tinned vegetarian meals
Rice

Men's deodorant
Please don't give us any baked beans or pasta - we have loads of both!
Donations may be brought to the hall on Wednesdays between 10.30 and 11.45 or dropped into the collection bins in the One Stop in Court Farm Road, Books Alive in Elm Drive or in Hove Waitrose, or at any of our churches. Thank you.

SVPCash4Coins

The SVP would like to raise more funds to support some of our projects and one way we can do so is by asking people to donate their leftover, old coins, or holiday currency to the SVP. The scheme is called Cash4Coins. So often after a holiday abroad people have leftover currency which is not used, or they may have old coins and banknotes which are no longer legal tender. The SVP can collect :-
All foreign coins and banknotes;
Current UK coins and banknotes;
Any old British and Irish money;
Obsolete currency, i.e. 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 and St Theresa's.



Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Applications for this summer's Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (25-31 July by air or own transport, 24 July-1 August by coach/jumbulance) are now open on the diocesan website: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/lourdes>

Please Pray For...

Bob & Elena White, Cathy Howes, Marion Shannon, Noah Baker, Rebecca O'Brien, Rex Curd,

Sally Harvey, Suzanne Grassie, and Tom Piggins.

Please also pray for all the sick and/or housebound members of our parishes, and all who have died recently.

Please tell your parish office if you would like to add someone to this list.

Due to limitations of space the shortened version of the second reading is used & the prayers over the offerings and after communion have been removed for this week.

Monks In the City – Season 5

St John the Baptist Church 2 Bristol Rd, Brighton, BN2 1AP

Saturday Sanctuary

1st Mar, 29th Mar, 5th Apr
A morning of fellowship, reflection, prayer and silence.
10:10am – 12:10pm.

What can St Benedict's instructions to the Guest master, Infirmarian and Prior teach us?

5th April is a Lent Retreat Day,
10:10am – 4pm.

Monk Talks

18th Feb, 18th Mar
6pm Evening Prayer, 6:30pm simple supper, 7pm talk.
18th Feb - "Humility" Fr Richard Carter, Associate Vicar of St Martin in the Fields and Leader of the Nazareth Community

18th Mar - "A Spiral Staircase: the ever-deepening journey of conversion"
Abbot Mark Barrett, Abbot of Worth

Midday Stillness

From 17th Jan to 11th Apr
An hour of music, prayer and reflection
Every Friday, 12 noon to 1pm

Pray with us

Morning Prayer at 9am:
Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri, Sat
Evening Prayer at 6pm: Mon, Tue, Wed; and at 5pm on Sat & Sun

Special Vespers:

Special Vespers for the Solemnity of St Benedict Friday 21st March – 6pm.
For more details, visit our website <https://www.monksinthecity.uk/> or phone: 07444 802368.

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