

# Brighton and Hove Deanery: Western Churches

Sacred Heart; St George's & St Theresa's; St Mary Magdalen's; St Peter's  
Canon Colin Wolczak; Fr Tony Milner (on sabbatical); Fr Rod Jones; Canon David Parmiter  
Sunday 6th April 2025, 5th Sunday in Lent, Year C. Weekdays: Lent Week 5

## Canon Colin Writes:

Traditionally the final two weeks of Lent, in the Roman Rite, are used as an immediate preparation for the sorrowful events of the Easter drama. It is a period of time to focus more and more on the Passion and death of Jesus and so accompany him on his way to Calvary.

For several centuries the Fifth Sunday of Lent was known as "Passion Sunday" and marked the beginning of a special sub-season called Passiontide, which extended up until Holy Saturday. During this time the Church's liturgy became more sombre and a sorrowful mood was reflected in the various practices that occurred in the liturgy. Palm Sunday was seen as the "Second Sunday in Passiontide," After Vatican II, the Church decided to combine the two Sundays, removing Passion Sunday from the calendar and adding its name to Palm Sunday and is currently listed in the liturgical calendar as "Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion." After Palm Sunday, Passion Week gives way to Holy Week and the Church follows Jesus during his final days in Jerusalem.

The most obvious example of a more sombre mood was the veiling of statues and images, which remains an optional practice in the current Roman Missal. Crosses remain covered until the end of the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the Easter Vigil begins.

## Stations of the Cross at each church

**St Peter's:** Fridays at 7pm, during Lent.

**St Theresa's & St George's:** Fridays during lent. Alternating between St George's (at 7:30pm) and St Theresa's (at 6:15pm).

**Sacred Heart:** Every Tuesday up to and including 15th April, the SH Prayer Group will lead the Stations of the Cross, immediately after the 10am Tuesday Mass. All are welcome to join.

**St Mary Magdalen's** after holy hour at 6:30pm on Fridays during Lent.

**Lenten Holy Hour at St Peter's** You are invited to spend time in prayer, face to face with Jesus in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: each Saturday in Lent from 5pm, concluding with Benediction at 5:45 (Mass at 6pm as usual). Jesus is really present in the consecrated host, which is displayed on the altar throughout this time. You can pray with Scripture, the rosary, or simply in your own words as you enjoy His presence. Please pray especially for the pastoral plan and for our collaboration with other communities of faith across Brighton & Hove. The time of prayer concludes with a special blessing called 'Benediction'. Times of Adoration in other Churches are in the newsletter and on their websites.

## Weekly Events

**Coffee and Cake** after Mass, please see your parish church noticeboards.

**Sacred Heart**, 39 Norton Road, BN3 3BF, 01273 732843,

[www.sacredheartrove.org.uk](http://www.sacredheartrove.org.uk); [hovesacredheart@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:hovesacredheart@abdiocese.org.uk).

All Masses Live Streamed: [www.sacredheartrove.org.uk/videos.html](http://www.sacredheartrove.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](mailto:westhove@abdiocese.org.uk).

**St Mary Magdalen**, 55 Upper North St, BN1 3FH;

[stmarymagdalenbrighton.blogspot.com](http://stmarymagdalenbrighton.blogspot.com); [brightonstmarymag@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:brightonstmarymag@abdiocese.org.uk).

**St Peter's**, Portland Road, BN3 5GD, 01273 733840, [www.stpeters-hove.org.uk](http://www.stpeters-hove.org.uk); [hovestpeters@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:hovestpeters@abdiocese.org.uk).

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

## Mass Schedule

Sat 5	April	St Vincent Ferrer
12noon	SH	Edward Thompson RIP
12.00	SP	UCM Mass
6.00pm †	SH	Mansueta & Ernest Quider RIP
6.00	SP	People of the Parish
6.30	SG	Polish Mass
Sun 6	April	5th Sunday in Lent
8.30 am	SP	Jude Fletcher RIP
9.00	ST	Shirley Burrows RIP
9.30	SH	People of the Parish
9:30	SMM	
10.00	SP	People of the Parish
11.00	SG	William Barwick RIP
11.00	SMM	
11.30	SH	Pat & Anne Kane RIP
11.30	SP	Maria McCarthy RIP
5.00 pm	SP	Brazilian Mass
5.00	SMM	
Mon 7	April	
10.00 am †	SH	Mary Scherer RIP
Tues 8	April	
10.00 am	SG	All Parishioners
10.00 am †	SH	Roger Chapman RIP
10.00	SP	Bill Murphy RIP
7.00pm	ST	Helen Hooper RIP
Wed 9	April	
8.00am	SH	Keith Simpson RIP
10.00am	SP	
7.00pm	ST	All Parishioners
Thu 10	April	
10.00am	SP	
10.00am ‡	SG	
12 noon †	SH	Pam Waugh RIP
7.00pm	ST	All Parishioners
Fri 11	April	
8.00 am	SH	Denis Flynn RIP
9.30	SP	
7.00pm	ST	All Parishioners
Sat 12	April	
12.00	SP	
6.00pm †	SH	People of the Parish
6.00	SP	
6.30	SG	Polish Mass
Sun 13	April	Palm Sunday
8.30 am	SP	Kieran Cashman RIP
9.00	ST	Eva Dunn RIP
9.30	SH	Katy Jouceand RIP
9:30	SMM	
10.00	SP	People of the Parish
11.00	SG	All Parishioners
11.00	SMM	
11.30	SH	Gladys Sheerin RIP
11.30	SP	People of the Parish
5.00 pm	SP	Brazilian Mass
5.00	SMM	
6.00pm	SP	Syrian Orthodox Mass

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

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

**Sacred Heart Rosary Group** Every **Monday** after 10am Mass (in person) in the Lady Chapel, and on **Fridays** at 11am (livestreamed only). All 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 would like to join the group, or just 'come and see' you would be very welcome. Email: [westhove@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:westhove@abdiocese.org.uk) and you will receive the link for the meeting.

### Regular Events

**St Peter's Friday Social Club** Meets in the Hall, Fridays at 1:30pm, term time only. You are welcome to join this friendly group for good conversation and some light refreshments. Tea and cake always provided.

**St George's Tea and Chat 8th & 22nd April.** This 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!

**St Peter's Tai Chi** Term time, in the hall 10:30-11:30am on Mondays.

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

**Our Lady Star of the Sea SVP Conference Meeting Thursday 24th April, 5:45pm, 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!

**Sacred Heart SVP Social Group** For all parishioners. Soup, sandwiches, tea, and cakes. Entertainment- quizzes etc. At 12:30pm after Mass. The next dates are **10th and 24th April**. All Welcome.

**Sacred Heart Film Club** The next Film Club will be held on 12th April at 13:00 in the Parish rooms. The film showing will be 'Conclave' with Ralph Fiennes and Stanley Tucci. Refreshments will be available from 12:30pm. Contact Michael Rainbows 07368 958076 or David O'Brien 07741 416501.

### Other Events/Notices

**Children's Stations of the Cross and Activity Day St Theresa's, 10am -12pm, Good Friday 18th April.** One adult per family must stay.

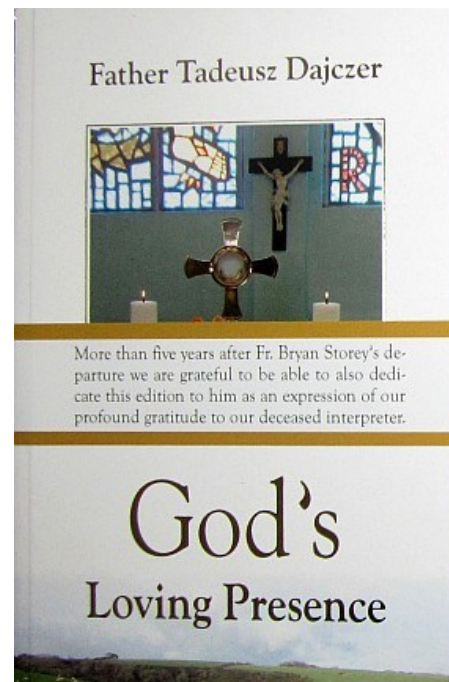


**St Theresa's Children's Singing Group** **Sunday 20th April, 9am, St Theresa's**. We will be performing at Easter Sunday Mass at St Theresa's. Contact Nancy or Charlotte if interested in joining: [nddequilla@yahoo.com](mailto:nddequilla@yahoo.com). Rehearsals start in April.

**SVP Tower House Community Centre** are looking for volunteer drivers from Hove, Hangleton, Portslade and Southwick areas, to take the elderly and vulnerable people to and from Tower House. If anyone is interested in helping, please contact Nicki Freeman, Manager Tower House on 01273549604 or email; [towerhouse@svp.org.uk](mailto:towerhouse@svp.org.uk).

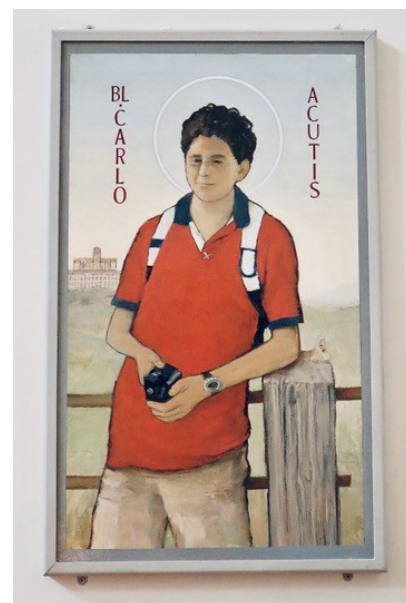
**Books by Fr Tadeusz Dajczer** Fr Bryan Storey was a Priest of the A&B Diocese and served 11 years in St Peter's, Hove, and St George's, West Blatchington, before moving to Cornwall, where he spent 47 years before his death in 2018. One of the last things he did before his death was to help translate six books by Polish Priest, Fr Tadeusz Dajczer, about Jesus in the Eucharist and our relationship with him, into English. For the first time in the UK all six books are available in a set of two books called, "Amazed By This Love" and "God's Loving Presence". The books include an interview with Fr Bryan, and also reminiscences from those who knew

him. They are available exclusively at <https://eucharisticrenewal.org/>.



**Southwick Churches Together** We meet at 9:30 every Wednesday morning, at St Michael's Church in Southwick, for a short service, led by people from churches in the local area. There are refreshments afterwards. **All are welcome!**

**Canonization of Blessed Carlo Acutis** **Sunday 27th April, 11am, St Peter's.** Canon David has invited Bishop Richard to celebrate Mass at 11:00, and we will have a reception in the hall following Mass. That weekend there will be Mass celebrated at 6pm on Saturday evening, and at 8:30am on Sunday morning. Our usual 10:00am and 11:30am Masses will be combined at 11:00am, and we are delighted that the two choirs will join together with students from Cardinal Newman and Cottesmore.



**Special Collections 2025 St George's & St Theresa's, Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April**, there will be an appeal from HCPT (Hosanna House and Children's Pilgrimage Trust) who organise pilgrimage holidays to Lourdes, for disabled and disadvantaged people. Please give what you can to this worthy cause.

**St Peter's Offertory Collection** for Sunday 30 March - £1,376.

### **Cleaning the Churches for Holy Week and Easter**

**St George's, Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April at 4pm, St Theresa's, Palm Sun 13<sup>th</sup> April, 6pm**

Please come along and help to make the churches spick and span in preparation for Easter! We will be focussing on some of the things like polishing, which the regular cleaning teams do not always get time to do. Refreshments will be provided!

**Welcomers at St Theresa's** We are in need of a few more welcomers at the **9am Mass at St Theresa's** please. Please speak to Gill or Pauline, or email the parish office.

**Sacred Heart Car Park** Many of you will know that the car park is often used by people who do not have permission to park here, and they take up spaces which should be available to you as parishioners. Recently this has got a bit out of control with some people persistently parking here, despite us asking them to remove their car. To try and solve this problem and to make sure all spaces are available for parishioners use during Mass times, we have installed a post on the driveway, which will be locked at random times outside of Mass times and office hours, and when there are no functions in the Parish room. If you tend to leave your car in the carpark outside of these times, please be aware that you may come back to find the post is locked. Notices will be put up in the car park to reinforce this message and practice of locking the post will commence after these are in place.

**Children's Liturgy at St Peter's** is looking for more help. If you would like to volunteer, please to contact the office. Children's liturgy takes place during term time only. 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.

**St Peter's Archive** For a baptism, or confirmation certificate contact the archive team by email: [SaintPeterArchives@gmail.com](mailto:SaintPeterArchives@gmail.com).

### **Sycamore: 'Prayer for Pilgrims'**

We are delighted to invite you to six informal gatherings running weekly from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm in St Peter's Church Hall. Each evening we will begin by enjoying a bite to eat together, watch a short Sycamore film and consider questions that will inspire relaxed and friendly discussions. We will reflect on what prayer is, share what is most fruitful and ponder in our hearts how we might go deeper.

The first week will begin with the film 'Who is Jesus?'. Perfect for Pilgrims of Hope. All are welcome, including fellow pilgrims from our sister parishes. Howard is happy for you to contact him for further details, [howard109@icloud.com](mailto:howard109@icloud.com) or 07990 988160.

# SYCAMORE

### **Fundraising**

**St Peter's 200 Club** The 200 Club supports two charities selected by our parishioners, namely:

**Reaching the Unreached** <https://www.rtu.org.uk/>, and

**Sussex Nightstop** [www.sussexnightstop.org.uk](http://www.sussexnightstop.org.uk)

Information about these charities is available at the back of the church.

**How the 200 Club works.** Sign up for £52 per year for a chance to win a bi-monthly draw payable annually. The 1st prize is £200, the 2nd prize is £90, and 3rd prize is £50. All the while your money is helping others. We are looking for new members, so please do get in touch with the Parish office if you wish

to join or collect a registration form from the back of the church.

**Congratulations to our March winners:** Rita O' Regan wins £50, Phil Harris wins £90, and Therese Rutherford wins £200.

**St Peter's Spring Sale** After 10:00 and 11:30 Masses on 6<sup>th</sup> April. Gifts, bric a brac, Easter goodies all at very low prices, in aid of farming projects in Sudan (kids for kids).

**SVP Cash4Coins** 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 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 now also at St Peter's.**

### **Hangleton and West Blatchington Food Bank**

If you would like to donate this week, we would be very grateful for: **Bolognese sauce; Blackcurrant squash; Custard.** We still have plenty of pasta, rice, soup, and a mountain of baked beans so please do not buy us more. Donations may be brought to the hall on Wednesdays between 10:30 and 11:45, or left at any of our churches.

**Newsletter by email** Please email Lisa, SH Parish Secretary: [hovesacredheart@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:hovesacredheart@abdiocese.org.uk) to be added to the distribution list, this list is for all our churches.

**Who to contact in Fr Tony's absence** Re school admissions, marriages, funerals etc? In the first instance people can contact **Juliette (parish secretary)** via the parish office, Juliette will forward the enquiry to the relevant person. St George's and St Theresa's Parish Office, 01273 708227, [westhove@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:westhove@abdiocese.org.uk). **Canon David at St Peter's** is the main clergy contact in place of a parish priest.

### **Please Pray For...**

**Bob & Elena White, Cathy Howes, Cheryl Evans, 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 those who have died recently.

## 6th April 2025, 5th Sunday in Lent

### Entrance Antiphon

**Give me justice, O God,  
and plead my cause against a nation  
that is faithless.**

**From the deceitful and cunning rescue  
me, for you, O God, are my strength.**

### Collect

Let us pray.

By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God, may we walk eagerly in that same charity with which, out of love for the world, your Son handed himself over to death. 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: Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the Lord,  
who makes a way in the sea,  
a path in the mighty waters,  
who brings forth chariot and horse,  
army and warrior;  
they lie down, they cannot rise,  
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: 'Remember not the former things,  
nor consider the things of old.  
Behold, I am doing a new thing;  
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

I will make a way in the wilderness  
and rivers in the desert.

The wild beasts will honour me,  
the jackals and the ostriches,  
for I give water in the wilderness,  
rivers in the desert,  
to give drink to my chosen people,  
the people whom I formed for myself  
that they might declare my praise.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm Response

**What great deeds the Lord worked for  
us! Indeed, we were glad.**

### Second Reading: Philippians 3:8-14

Brothers and Sisters: I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends

on faith — that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation

**Glory to you, O Christ,  
Son of the living God.**

**Even now, says the Lord,  
return to me with all your heart,  
for I am gracious and merciful.**

**Glory to you, O Christ,  
Son of the living God.**

### Gospel: Luke John 8:1-11

At that time: Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him, and he sat down and taught them. The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery, and placing her in the midst they said to him, 'Teacher, this woman has been caught in the act of adultery. Now in the Law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?' This they said to test him, that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. And as they continued to ask him, he stood up and said to them, 'Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her.' And once more he bent down and wrote on the ground. But when they heard it, they went away one by one, beginning with the older ones, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. Jesus stood up and said to her, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' She said, 'No one, Lord.' And Jesus said, 'Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more.'

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

Hear us, almighty God,  
and, having instilled in your servants  
the teachings of the Christian faith,  
graciously purify them  
by the working of this sacrifice.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

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