

Catholic Parish of Brighton and Hove: West Group

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 9th August 2026, 19th Sunday of the Year, Year A, Weekdays: Week 31, Psalter Week 3

Canon David writes...

There are often several 'beginnings' during the year and during the holiday season we maybe looking forward such a time. Perhaps it is a new school year, maybe moving on to 'big' school or leaving home for university? But could this also be a beginning of a deeper faith commitment when you sign up for the RCIA, or prepare to receive Holy Communion for the first time or decide to be confirmed or get married in the Church? Who knows? That 'low whisper' or 'still small voice' written about in our first reading maybe be prompting you to take that next step in your journey with God through the Church. Whatever the next steps towards Jesus for you, it may seem very big, a bit like being on a small boat battling the headwind. Jesus says to us: 'Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid'

Doing something, rather than thinking about it, can be even scarier still! Peter wants to get out of the boat walk across the water towards Jesus and his faith almost carries him there. At the last minute he notices the wind, gets afraid and begins to sink, but Jesus rescues him. We can take the wind as a symbol for many things that may seem to be obstacles on our path. It could be low self-confidence, the criticism of other people, fear of commitment or failure. Jesus says to Peter, 'O you of little faith, why did you doubt?' I don't think this question is meant to make Peter feel bad, but to give him encouragement that his faith could have got him there. Peter will have to go through several other moments like this in the Gospel story to get him 'over the line'. We all have the same lessons to learn, which are available to strengthen us when we 'step out' towards Jesus in faith. Truly he is the Son of God.

Welcoming Our New Bishop



Fr Stephen Wang will be installed as the sixth Bishop of Arundel & Brighton on Monday 19 October at 12 noon. The Mass of Episcopal Ordination, which takes place on the Feast of St Philip Howard, will include invited representatives from across our community of faith and will be livestreamed from Arundel Cathedral.

His Holiness Pope Leo XIV appointed Fr Stephen as the Bishop of Arundel & Brighton on Thursday 2 July. Speaking shortly after the announcement, Fr Stephen said: "I feel a mixture of gratitude and trepidation; an excitement and curiosity about all that lies ahead; and above all, a sense of peace. I'm grateful to Pope Leo for calling me and putting his trust in me, and to Archbishop Moth for all his care for the Diocese over these years... I am overjoyed at the thought of coming to Arundel & Brighton, getting to know the people, and working together to build God's Kingdom."

Bishop Stephen will celebrate a special Mass of Welcome for people across our Diocese at Worth Abbey near Crawley on Saturday 24 October at 11:30am. Further details will be announced soon.

Sacred Heart, 39 Norton Road, BN3 3BF, 01273 732843, www.sacredheartrove.org.uk;
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; 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

Hospital Chaplain, Royal Sussex County Hospital, T. 01273 696955 Ext. 64122, email celestine.nnolim@nhs.net

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

Mass Schedule		
Sat 8th	August	Saint Dominic
12noon †	SMM	<i>No Mass or Holy Hour</i>
6pm	SH	Thomas Forrest Garvin RIP
6.00pm	SP	Mgr Michael Jackson - 50th anniversary
6.30pm	SG	<i>Polish Mass</i>
Sun 9th	August	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8.30am	SP	Jim Green RIP
9.00am	ST	Int of Paulina Podsiadly
9.30am	SH	People of the Parish
9:30am	SMM	<i>Polish Mass</i>
10.00am	SP	People of the Parish
11.00am	SG	People of the Parish
11.00am	SMM	People of the Parish
11.30am	SH	Barrie Woodard RIP
11.30am	SP	Eira & John Crichton
5.00pm	SMM	Gabriella Bartolini-Lambelet
Mon 10th	August	Saint Laurence
10.00am †	SH	Ada Mitchell RIP
Tue 11th	August	Saint Clare
10.00am	SG	People of the Parish
10.00am †	SH	Canon Peter Turbitt RIP
10.00am	SP	The Parish of Brighton & Hove
6.00pm †	SMM	People of the Parish
7.00pm	ST	Marie Berry RIP
Wed 12th	August	Saint Jane Frances de Chantal
8.00am	SH	The Harrington Family
10.00am	SP	The clergy & staff of our Diocese
6.00pm †	SMM	People of the Parish
7.00pm	ST	People of the Parish
Thurs 13th	August	Saints Pontian
10.00am ‡	SG	People of the Parish
10.00am †	SP	Staff & students of our Catholic schools
12noon †	SH	Fr Jon Bielawski RIP
6.00pm †	SMM	People of the Parish
7.00pm	ST	People of the Parish
Fri 14th	August	Saint Maximilian Kolbe
8.00am	SH	Yvonne Kendall-Rosenberg
10.00am	SP	The sick & housebound of our Parish
7.00pm ‡	ST	People of the Parish
6.00pm †	SMM	Flora Noel RIP
Sat 15th	August	Saturday
12noon †	SMM	Guilu and Vanessa Pires RIP
6pm	SH	People of the Parish
6.00pm	SP	Peace in our world
6.30pm	SG	<i>Polish Mass</i>
Sun 16th	August	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Principal Patron of the Diocese
8.30am	SP	Francis Parmiter RIP
9.00am	ST	People of the Parish
9.30am	SH	Mr Ivan D'Souza RIP
9:30am	SMM	<i>Polish Mass</i>
10.00am	SP	People of the Parish
11.00am	SG	People of the Parish
11.00am	SMM	Ethel's daughter's graduation
11.30am	SH	In Thanksgiving for Jeanne Lyons
11.30am	SP	Holy Souls
5.00pm	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

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: will resume on Tuesday, 1st September, and then every Tuesday 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, 6–7pm in the Lady Chapel.

The Rosary Group does not meet on Bank Holiday Mondays.

St Mary Magdalen's

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

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: Please note the group will break for August, returning on 3rd September.

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

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 11th August.

St Peter's

Social Group (drop in): is now taking a break and will be back in September. Please check the newsletter for our next session. (Fridays, 1–3pm in the parish hall. Please do join us for light refreshments and friendly conversation.)

2026-2027 Sacramental Programmes

Application Forms for First Holy Communion, Confirmation, and RCIA are now available from the Church (at the front entrance) or from the Sacred Heart website. Please return your forms before the deadline date (indicated on the forms) to avoid disappointment, to the office. Many thanks.

Marriage Preparation Course begins on 5 October 2026. Couples wishing to take part should apply by 11 September 2026. For further details or to register, bh.marriage.prep@gmail.com

Catenian Association a monthly meeting of Catholic men at The Hove Club <https://cateniansprovince18.org.uk>

Cottesmore St Mary Catholic Primary School, Hove currently has two spaces for children in Year 2, moving to Year 3 in September. Please contact the school if you are interested in one of the places. For more information, you may wish to visit their Admissions page www.cottesmore.brighton-hove.sch.uk/page/admissions/

St Mary Magdalen's Catholic Primary School and Nursery, Brighton
APPLICATIONS OPEN! Why not join us for a tour and discover this hidden gem for yourself? stmarymags-brighton-hove.secure-dbprimary.com/brighton-hove/primary/stmarymags

St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Portslade Come and see how at St Mary's we do it differently! We warmly invite you to come and visit our school so you are able to get a true sense of how we encourage our children to 'Achieve their Ambitions.' Please call the school to book a tour 01273 418416. <https://www.stmarys.brighton-hove.sch.uk/>

St Peter's Archive Team If you require a copy of a Baptism or Confirmation Certificate, please contact our team of volunteers. Please allow up to two weeks for your request to be processed. saintpeterarchives@gmail.com

Newsletter by Email If you would like to receive a copy of the weekly newsletter in your inbox, please contact us. This service is available for all churches in the West Group. hovesacredheart@abdiocese.org.uk

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 on Sunday, 6th September. The car park will remain open until 6pm. All are most welcome!

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 10th August. Come along for friendship, conversation, and fellowship in an informal setting. For further information, please contact Andrew Macpherson on 07500 587107.

ST MARY MAGDALENE CHURCH

LUNCHTIME CONCERT SERIES 2026

Brighton • Saturdays 1:00 PM • Free Admission



18 JUL
Ventus Duo
Horn, Tuba & Organ



8 AUG
4:00 PM
Matilde Freiria
Guitar



22 AUG
Kairos Winds
Woodwind Trio



5 SEP
Cathy Tsang & Bethany Caswell
Flute & Harp

For more information: brightonstmarymag@abdiocese.org.uk

Fundraising / Giving

Martlets Hospice Sale – 23rd August

Come along to our Martlets Sale on Sunday 23rd August in St Peter's Hall, where there will be a wonderful selection of fancy goods, cakes, plants and bric-a-brac. If you are having a summer clear-out, donations of good-quality saleable items would be greatly appreciated. Please bring them to Monica or Mary in St Peter's Hall after the 10.00am or 11:30am Mass next Sunday. The Martlets Hospice Café is also open to everyone Monday to Friday, 9am–4pm, and throughout August there will be a Sunflower Memories Display with a quiet space for reflection. Everyone is warmly welcome.

Cash4Coins – Supporting the SVP

The SVP would like to raise more funds to support our projects, and one way we can do this is by asking people to donate their leftover coins, old currency, or holiday money through the Cash4Coins scheme. The SVP can collect all foreign coins and banknotes, current UK coins and banknotes, old British and Irish money, and obsolete currency including pre-decimal coins. Working with Cash4Coins, a currency service for charities, these donations are converted into UK legal tender to support the work of the SVP, both locally and through the wider Society. Collection jars are available at St George's, St Peter's and St Theresa's churches. Thank you for helping the SVP continue its valuable work.

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.

The Hangleton & West Blatchington Food Bank is currently in need of donations. If you are able to add an extra item to your shopping, the following items would be especially appreciated: **curry cooking sauces, shaving gel, tinned tuna, plain noodles, 1-litre bottles of squash, single toothbrushes and flavoured noodles.** Thank you for supporting local families in need.

Offertory Collection Reporting July 2026

SH offertory = TBC
SG & ST offertory = £2,842.98
SMM offertory = £3,578.53
SP offertory = £5,754.43

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 also pray for:

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

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 — 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a

In those days: Elijah reached Horeb, the mount of God. There he came to a cave and lodged in it. And behold, the word of the LORD came to him. And he said, 'Go out and stand on the mount before the LORD.' And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. And after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Show us, O Lord, your mercy, and grant us your salvation.

Second Reading — Romans 9:1-5

Brothers and Sisters: I am speaking the truth in Christ. I am not lying. My conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit — that I have great sorrow and

unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers and sisters, my kinsmen according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed for ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

I long for you, O LORD, my soul longs for his word.

Alleluia.

Gospel — Matthew 14:22-33

After the crowd had eaten and were satisfied: Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, 'It is a ghost!' and they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, 'Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.' And Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, 'Lord, save me.' Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, 'O you of little faith, why did you doubt?' And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

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, (at the words that follow, 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.

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