

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 March 2025, 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C. Weekdays: Week 8, Year I

Day for the Unemployed

Canon David Writes

This Wednesday we change Church seasons with Ash Wednesday the beginning of the season of Lent. We can also sense a change of seasons in the natural world as our late afternoons brighten. The Gospel for Ash Wednesday invites us to take up three spiritual practices to help us strengthen our faith for the celebration of Easter and our discipleship of Christ thereafter. These three are prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Devoting more time to prayer during this season is an opportunity to be led by God. Listening to his Word more attentively through Lectio Divina, for example, we can be strengthened in our belief in his love for us and perhaps hear his invitation to help us change those parts of our lives where we are hurting ourselves or others. Above all we can know he is close to us with his love and healing presence. This is particularly the case when we spend time in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

When we fast and 'give up' something, we acknowledge that all our desires are a desire for God and he is the one in which we will be at peace when we reach heaven. Fasting is connected to prayer because when the temptation arises to reach for that bit of chocolate, drink or whatever it is, we could instead reach for our bible or prayerbook and pray instead. We could also reach out to others, especially those who might enjoy a bit of company. Fasting helps us to make space for God and for others.

We are always reminded by various charities of those in need. We may feel that we have selected our charities to support and there is not much scope for adding more. CAFOD Fast Day this coming Friday is an opportunity to do a little more, so don't forget to pick up an envelope or bring a little cash with you to Church for the collection. As well as the financial aspect there is always the possibility of learning more about the lives of those in need and/or donating some volunteer time to your community of faith or local charity.

The Gospel Acclamation for Ash Wednesday sets the tone quite nicely for this season, "Glory and praise to you, O Christ. Harden not your hearts today, but listen to the voice of the Lord. Glory and praise to you, O Christ.

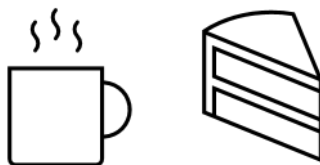
Coffee and Cake

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 is available after the 10:00 Mass on the 2nd and 4th Sundays; coffee after 11:30 Sunday Mass every week.

Everyone is welcome.



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St Georges, Court Farm Road, BN3 7QR and **St Theresa's**, Old Shoreham Road, BN42 4RY, 01273 708227; westhove@abdiocese.org.uk.

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

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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

Sat 1st	March	St David
12noon	SH	Len Henley RIP
6.00pm †	SH	People of the Parish
6.00	SP	People of the Parish
6.30	SG	Polish Mass
Sun 2nd	March	Day for the Unemployed
8.30 am	SP	People of the Parish
9.00	ST	Bridgette Flaherty RIP
9.30	SH	Bob & Elena's Intentions
9:30	SMM	
10.00	SP	Leonidas Christides RIP
11.00	SG	All Parishioners
11.00	SMM	
11.30	SH	Pierette Barbara Atallah RIP
11.30	SP	Audrey Fitzgerald RIP
5.00 pm	SP	
5.00	SMM	
Mon 3rd	March	
10.00 am †	SH	V. Rev. Canon Herbert Fincham RIP
Tue 4th	March	Shrove Tuesday
10.00 am	SG	
10.00 am †	SH	Agnes Lynch & Family RIP
11.00am	SP	Funeral of Michelin Kendall
7.00pm	ST	
Wed 5th	March	Ash Wednesday
8.00am	SH	Members of the Lambert Family
10.00am	SH	For all students taking mock exams
10.00am	SP	People of the Parish
7.00pm	ST	Mr & Mrs Lloyd RIP
Thu 6th	March	
10.00am	SP	People of the Parish
10.00am	SG	
12 noon †	SH	Rev Augustine O'Leary RIP
7.00pm	ST	
Fri 7th	March	Sts Perpetua & Felicity
8.00 am	SH	Keith Simpson RIP
10.00	SP	People of the Parish
7.00pm	ST	
Sat 8th	March	St John of God
6.00pm †	SH	Clement Evers RIP
6.00	SP	Holy Souls
6.30	SG	Polish Mass
Sun 9th	March	1st Sunday in Lent
8.30 am	SP	People of the Parish
9.00	ST	
9.30	SH	People of the Parish
9:30	SMM	
10.00	SP	People of the Parish
11.00	SG	
11.00	SMM	
11.30	SH	Martin Costello RIP
11.30	SP	Tony Harvey RIP
5.00 pm	SP	Brazilian Mass
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

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/or 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.

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.

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.

Regular Events

St Peter's Social Group: 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 Chat, 11th & 25th March: 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.

Sacred Heart SVP Social Group: For all parishioners, (run by the Sacred Heart SVP). Soup, sandwiches, tea, and cakes. Entertainment- quizzes etc. At 12:30pm after Mass. Next dates are 13th & 27th March. All are welcome.

St Peter's Union of Catholic Mothers: Tuesdays in the hall, term time, 2-4pm, new members welcome.

Our Lady Star of the Sea SVP Conference Meeting, 27th March, 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!

Sacred Heart Film Club: The date of the next film club has changed to the 8th March 2025. The film showing will be "Quartet" starring Tom Courtenay, Pauline Collins, Maggie Smith and Billy Connolly as residents of a retirement home for musicians who plan the annual concert. Refreshments available. Contact Michael Rainbows 07368958076 or David O'Brien 07741416501.

Other Events

World Day of Prayer: Friday 7th March 2025. This year's service, which will be used around the world, has been prepared by an ecumenical group in the Cook Islands. The theme is, "I made you wonderful". All are welcome. Local services: St Leonard's Church, New Church Road, BN3 4ED, at 10:30am, and Southwick Christian Community Church, BN42 4TY, at 2pm.

Eucharistic Healing Service, Sunday 2nd March, 3pm – 4:15pm, St Mary Mags: A time of prayer, reflection and music. Praying for the healing of our families, for those we know in need and for ourselves. All are welcome. (Parking available on the school playground off Spring Street).

Canonization of Blessed Carlo Acutis, Sunday 27th April, 11am, St Peter's: Canon David has invited Bishop Richard to celebrate Mass at 11:00am, 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.

Changes to Mass times at St Peter's: Please note there is no 10am Mass at St Peter's on Tuesday 4th March, as the funeral Mass of Michelin Kendall takes place at 11am. There will be no Mass on Tuesday 18th March as Canon David will be attending a Clergy Day of Recollection.

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 (beginning 8th March) 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.

Young Adult Jubilee Pilgrimage to Rome 28th July – 4th August 2025: Join our pilgrimage for young adults aged 18-30 to celebrate the special Jubilee year. Celebrate with other like-minded people, as we travel to the beautiful city of Rome for opportunities to hear from, and pray with, Pope Francis on the theme of Hope. Email: lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk for information. CLOSING DATE 31 MARCH.



**YOUNG ADULT
PILGRIMAGE (18-30)**

28 Jul—4 Aug 2025

£995 (including flights, half board, access to Jubilee events and pilgrim pack)



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Fundraising

SPRING SALE: after Mass at St Peter's on Sunday 9th March. There will be gifts for Mother's Day, cards, pretty things, and all sorts of bargains, in aid of farming projects in Darfur. Last year your generosity raised over £700. That's a lot of goats, hens, sacks of seed, mosquito nets, and drought-resistant trees to make a real difference. www.kidsforkids.org.uk. Please give any suitable goods (no clothing) to Mary or Monica.

Cash4Coins SVP: 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.

Hangleton and West Blatchington Food Bank

If you would like to donate to the foodbank we would be grateful for:

- Tinned ham
- Whole tinned tomatoes
- Kidney Beans
- Tinned vegetarian meals (e.g. veg chilli or curry)

We currently have plenty of pasta, soup, and a mountain of baked beans so please do not buy us any more. Donations may be brought to the hall on Wednesdays between 10:30 and 11:45 or dropped into the collection bins in, One Stop in Court Farm Road, Books Alive in Elm Drive, Hove Waitrose, or at any of our churches. Thank you.

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, this list is for all our churches.

St Peter's Archive

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

Volunteer Cleaners

Sacred Heart is looking for volunteer cleaners to help in the Church every other Friday at 8:30am. If you can do this, please contact the Parish Office who will put in you touch with the right person. Thank you.

Celebrate 2025

For those who may have missed the Celebrate festivals in recent years, see celebratetrust.org for the 'Witness of Hope' family-friendly residential festival in August 2025, at Worth School, and give thanks that the Holy Spirit will continue to move hearts and guide minds in Sussex and beyond.

Thank You

A message from The Bethlehem Nativity Group (TBNG) to the Sacred Heart - We would love to thank you for allowing our group to come to your church and sell the olive wood religious articles, the result of which was very beneficial and rewarding for our Christian families in need, which raised £2,078. Your help is a great support for us, and for our Christian families in the Holy Land. We don't have enough words to thank you and your parishioners, but make sure that you are always in our prayers. If anyone has missed the carvings display, you can place an order online directly from them at www.tbng.co.uk.



St Mary Magdalen's Catholic Primary School and Nursery

StMM'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.

Age and Dementia Friendly Alliance

Music and Memory Café at The Bevy, opening on Wednesday 5th March.

A poster for 'Music & Memories' at the Dementia & Age friendly Café. The title 'Music & Memories' is in large, bold, dark blue letters. Below it is a circular illustration of a green coffee cup on a saucer, surrounded by musical notes and flowers. A red starburst in the top right corner says 'Starting March 5th 2025 1-3pm'. Below the illustration, the text reads 'Dementia & Age friendly Café'. A small paragraph describes the café as a safe, welcoming space for those living with dementia and their loved ones. At the bottom, it provides contact information for Laurie on 07973 482 964 and states that the event is held every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at The Bevy, 50 Hillside, Brighton and Hove, Brighton BN2 4TF.

Music & Memories

Starting March 5th 2025 1-3pm

Dementia & Age friendly Café

The Music and Memory Café is a safe, welcoming space for those living with dementia and their loved ones. With live entertainment to stir happy memories and a warm, supportive atmosphere, it's a place where everyone can relax, enjoy themselves, and connect.

Contact Laurie on 07973 482 964 for more information

Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month

The Bevy, 50 Hillside, Brighton and Hove, Brighton BN2 4TF

Please Pray For...

Bob & Elena White, Tom Piggins, Cathy Howes, Margaret Guy, Marion Shannon, Noah Baker, Rebecca O'Brien, Rex Curd, Sally Harvey, Shirley Burrows, and Suzanne Grassie.

Please pray for all the sick and/or housebound members of our parishes. Please tell your parish office if you would like to add someone to the list above.

Please pray for all who have died recently, especially:

Sarah Casey RIP (Sacred Heart): The Funeral of Sarah Casey will be held on Tuesday 4th March at 12noon at Sacred Heart Church, all are welcome.



**Sunday 2nd March 2025,
8th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Entrance Antiphon

**The Lord became my protector.
He brought me out to a place of
freedom; he saved me because he
delighted in me.**

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

Grant us, O Lord, we pray,
that the course of our world
may be directed by your peaceful rule
and that your Church may rejoice,
untroubled in her devotion.
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: Sirach 27:4-7

When a sieve is shaken, the refuse
appears; so a person's filth in his
thoughts. The kiln tests the potter's
vessels; likewise the test of a person is in
his reasoning. The fruit discloses the
cultivation of a tree; so the expression of
a thought discloses the cultivation of a
person's mind.

Do not praise a man before you hear him
reason, for this is the test of people.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm Response

It is good to give thanks to you, O LORD.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Brothers and Sisters: When the perishable
puts on the imperishable, and the mortal
puts on immortality, then shall come to
pass the saying that is written: 'Death is
swallowed up in victory.' 'O death, where
is your victory? O death, where is your
sting?' The sting of death is sin, and the

power of sin is the law. But thanks be to
God, who gives us the victory through our
Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved
brothers and sisters, be steadfast,
immovable, always abounding in the work
of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your
labour is not in vain.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

**Shine as lights in the world,
holding fast to the word of life.**

Alleluia.

Gospel: Luke 6:39-45

At that time: Jesus told his disciples a
parable: 'Can a blind man lead a blind
man? Will they not both fall into a pit? A
disciple is not above his teacher, but
everyone when he is fully trained will be
like his teacher. Why do you see the
speck that is in your brother's eye, but do
not notice the log that is in your own eye?
How can you say to your brother,
"Brother, let me take out the speck that is
in your eye", when you yourself do not
see the log that is in your own eye? You
hypocrite! First take the log out of your
own eye, and then you will see clearly to
take out the speck that is in your
brother's eye.

'For no good tree bears bad fruit, nor
again does a bad tree bear good fruit, for
each tree is known by its own fruit. For
figs are not gathered from thorn bushes,
nor are grapes picked from a bramble
bush. The good person out of the good
treasure of his heart produces good, and
the evil person out of his evil treasure
produces evil, for out of the abundance of
the heart his mouth speaks.'

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

O God, who provide gifts to be offered to
your name
and count our oblations as signs
of our desire to serve you with devotion,
we ask of your mercy
that what you grant as the source of
merit
may also help us to attain merit's reward.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Communion Antiphon

**I will sing to the Lord who has been
bountiful with me,
sing psalms to the name of the Lord
Most High.**

Or:

**Behold, I am with you always,
even to the end of the age, says the Lord.**

Prayer after Communion

Nourished by your saving gifts,
we beseech your mercy, Lord,
that by this same Sacrament
with which you feed us in the present
age, you may make us partakers of
life eternal.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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