

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 (on sabbatical); Fr Alphonse Kabore; Canon David Parmiter

Sunday 23rd November 2025, Christ the King, Year C. Weekdays: Week 34, Psalter Week 2

Youth Sunday

Canon Colin Writes...

The Church's liturgical year concludes with the feast of Christ the King, instituted (one hundred years ago this year), by Pope Pius XI in 1925, in order to celebrate the Jubilee Year. Instituting this feast, Pope Pius XI proclaimed: "Pax Christi in regno Christi" ("The peace of Christ in the reign of Christ"). This feast was established and proclaimed by the Pope to reassert the sovereignty of Christ and the Church over all forms of government, and to remind Christians of the personal fidelity and loyalty they owed to Christ, who by his Incarnation and sacrificial death on the cross had made them both adopted children of God and future citizens and heirs of the Kingdom of Heaven. The Feast was also a reminder to the totalitarian governments of Mussolini, Hitler, and Stalin that Jesus Christ is the only Sovereign King. Christ is our spiritual King and Ruler who rules by truth and love. We declare our loyalty to him by the quality of our Christian commitment, expressed in our humble service of others with sacrificial and forgiving love, and by our solidarity with the poor. Although emperors and kings with real ruling power exist today only in history books, we nevertheless honour Christ as the King of the Universe and the King of our hearts by allowing him to take control of our lives. In thousands of human hearts all over the world, Jesus still reigns as King. The Cross is his throne and the Sermon on the Mount, his rule of law. His citizens need obey only one major law: "Love God with all your being, and love others as I have loved you." His love is selfless, compassionate, forgiving, and unconditional. He is a King with a saving and liberating mission: to free us from all types of bondage, enabling us to live peacefully and happily on earth, and promising us an inheritance in the eternal life of heaven.

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SUNDAY 7TH DECEMBER | DOORS 5.30PM CONCERT 6PM | MINCE PIES MULLED WINE

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OLD SHOREHAM RD, SOUTHWICK, BN42 4RY

Adults £15, Under 16s free

Regular Events

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

Prayer Groups

Tuesday Prayer Group – Sacred Heart Tuesdays at 10:30am in the Sacred Heart Parish Room. All welcome. Prayer requests may be left in the box at the back of the church.

Thursday Online Prayer Group Thursdays at 8pm via video link. A small and informal group praying and reflecting on Scripture together. To join or to 'come and see', please email westhove@abdiocese.org.uk for the meeting link. Prayer requests may be left in the box at the back of St Theresa's.

Friday Online Contemplative Prayer Group Fridays from 7:30–8:30pm. All welcome. For more information, please email quietenginesprayer@gmail.com.

Sacred Heart Online Rosary Fridays at 11am, Rosary available online only. Please join via our livestream.

Sycamore at St Peter's Sycamore Plus is a wonderful new series of Sycamore films presented by Fr Stephen Wang – all twelve focused on prayer 'Ways of Praying'. We will gather on Wednesday for a drink and a chat from 7:30pm until 8pm then enjoy our usual film and discussion from 8pm to 9pm finish. All are most welcome.

Sacred Heart, 39 Norton Road, BN3 3BF, 01273 732843, www.sacredheartrove.org.uk; hovesacredheart@abdiocese.org.uk. All Masses 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 St, 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

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

Mass Schedule		
Sat 22	Nov	St Cecilia
12noon†	SMM	People of the Parish
6.00pm †	SH	People of the Parish
6.00	SP	Well-being of Ben Lloyd
6.30	SG	<i>Polish Mass</i>
Sun 23	Nov	Christ the King
8.30 am	SP	People of the Parish
9.00	ST	Leonardo Iacono RIP
9.30	SH	Mr & Mr GW Gillow & Family
9:30	SMM	People of the Parish
10.00	SP	Siobhan McDonald RIP
11.00	SG	Jeanne Brett ints
11.00	SMM	People of the Parish
11.30	SH	Alice Hodgson RIP
11.30	SP	Holy Souls
5.00 pm	SP	<i>Brazilian Mass</i>
5.00	SMM	People of the Parish
Mon 24	Nov	St Andrew Dung-Lac
10.00 am †	SH	Anna Domagala RIP
Tue 25	Nov	St Catherine of Alexandria
10.00 am	SG	People of the Parish
10.00 †	SH	Jessie C Enriques RIP
10.00	SP	Holy Souls
6.00pm †	SMM	People of the Parish
7.00pm	ST	People of the Parish
Wed 26	Nov	
8.00am	SH	Billy Lineham RIP
10.00am	SP	Holy Souls
6.00pm †	SMM	People of the Parish
7.00pm	ST	People of the Parish
Thurs 27	Nov	
10.00am	SP	<i>No Mass</i>
10.00 ‡	SG	People of the Parish
12 noon †	SH	Gil B Enriques RIP
6.00pm †	SMM	People of the Parish
7.00pm	ST	People of the Parish
Fri 28	Nov	
8.00 am	SH	Bob White RIP
10:00 AM	SP	Holy Souls
6.00pm †	SMM	People of the Parish
7.00	ST	People of the Parish
Sat 29	Nov	
12noon†	SMM	People of the Parish
6.00pm †	SH	Ruby Finley RIP
6.00	SP	In thanksgiving
6.30	SG	<i>Polish Mass</i>
Sun 30	Nov	First Sunday of Advent
8.30 am	SP	Jude Fletcher RIP
9.00	ST	Shirley Carroll RIP
9.30	SH	People of the Parish
9:30	SMM	Mass in Polish
10.00	SP	Zoran & Pierre Families
11.00	SG	People of the Parish
11.00	SMM	People of the Parish
11.30	SH	Peter Francis RIP
11.30	SP	Deceased members of Reynauld family
5.00 pm	SP	<i>Brazilian Mass</i>
5.00	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

Social Groups

St George's Tea and Chat Held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. After the 10am Mass at St George's, all (especially older parishioners) are invited to the hall for refreshments, activities, and friendly conversation. No need to book, just come along. Next meeting Tuesday 25th Nov.

Sacred Heart SVP Social Group Open to all parishioners. Enjoy soup, sandwiches, tea, cakes, entertainment, quizzes, and more after the 12 noon Mass. Next meeting: 4th Dec, and every two weeks thereafter. All welcome.

St Peter's Social Group Fridays at 1:30pm in the parish hall. Join us for light refreshments and good conversation. All welcome.

Children's Liturgy at St Peter's We are looking for more help. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the office. 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. 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.

Sacred Heart Film Club Saturday 6th December, after 12pm Mass in the Parish Rooms. We will be showing 'Fr Brown' starring Sir Alec Guinness. Refreshments served, all welcome.

Other Events / Notices

Community building at St Peter's During Advent at St Peter's at the beginning of Mass, I will be asking parishioners to turn to the person next to them and offer to pray for them during that Mass. If you don't know them it's also an opportunity to exchange first names and if you do know them, I am sure they will appreciate the support for our pilgrim journey. I hope you feel you will be able to take part in this preparation for the birth of Christ who came to walk alongside us each day and especially when we are at Mass. Canon David.

SMM Healing Service Sunday 7th December, 3pm-4:15pm, at St Mary Mags. All are welcome.

Holy Souls Candles Candle envelopes are now available at the back of **St Theresa's** church. Please include the name(s) of those you wish to remember and, a short message. Please use the WHITE envelopes for candles. The brown envelopes are for prayers only.

Annual Blessing of the Graves The Annual Blessing of the Graves will take place on Sunday 23rd November at 2:30pm. All are warmly welcome. Fr David will be at **Southwick Cemetery**, and Fr Paul will be at **Portslade Cemetery**.

November Lauds & Vespers we will pray Lauds and Vespers for the Holy Souls, including St Theresa's Necrology, on Wednesdays at 6:30pm and Sundays at 8:30am, at **St Theresa's**. Prayer books will be available.

Bereavement Book / Book of

Remembrance The Bereavement Book is displayed in front of the altar at **Sacred Heart & St Theresa's**, and church entrance at **St Peter's**, throughout November. Please add the names of your friends and relatives who you want to be remembered during this month.

Polish Mass at St George's – Time

Change On Saturday 6th December, the Polish Mass will take place at 5:30pm (instead of the usual 6:30pm). After the Mass, there will be a 60th birthday celebration for Fr Tadeusz in the hall.

Carlo Acutis Celebration at **St Peter's** is now postponed until further notice.

Request for a Large Print Jerusalem

Bible We are looking for a Large Print Jerusalem Bible for one of our elderly parishioners. If you happen to have one that you no longer need and would be happy to donate, please contact Juliette in the parish office, 01273 708227 or westhove@abdiocese.org.uk.

2025-2026 Confirmation Programme

Application Forms – For West Hub

Application Forms for the 2025-2026 programme are now available please complete and return to your parish office. Deadline is 9th December 2025.

Confirmation Programme – Call for

New Catechists The Confirmation programme, for the all the Churches in the West Hub, is currently run at the Sacred Heart. Our Catechist will be stepping down after the 2026 programme, and we are looking for some new Catechists to run the programme from 2027. Ideally the person will have skills such as the ability to communicate with young people and a passion for passing on the Catholic faith. It would be great if we have several people helping out so that we are not reliant on one person/parish and it would be the perfect opportunity to get involved and shadow our current Catechist during the 2026 programme which starts in February 2026 and runs on a Monday evening from 6-7pm. Support for this programme is offered by the Parish Office, with all of the learning materials provided, so you will not be expected to do everything yourself. Please contact your local Parish Office if you feel you might be interested in finding out more.

Newsletter by email If you would like to receive a copy of the newsletter to your inbox each week, email Lisa at, hovesa-credheart@abdiocese.org.uk.

St Peter's Parish Office Please note the parish office is open for enquiries from 9am—12pm, Tuesday—Thursday.

St Peter's Archive For baptism, or confirmation certificates, contact the archive team SaintPeterArchives@gmail.com.

Walk with Me A journey of prayer for the advent jubilee 2025. These prayer books are now available at **St George's and St Theresa's**, for a suggested donation of £1.50.

Hospital Chaplaincy If you are in hospital at the Royal Sussex County, please contact the Hospital Chaplain Fr Celestine Nnolim who is available for visits on request, T. 01273 696955 Ext. 64122, email celestine.nnolim@nhs.net.

Fundraising / Giving

Special Collections 2025

23rd November; Arundel Cathedral Maintenance Fund.

St Mary's PTA will be selling raffle tickets after Mass, at the back of **St Theresa's** on **Sundays 23rd** and 30th November. Cash or card welcome.

Christmas Wreath Workshop Hosted by Our Lady Star of the Sea SVP at St Theresa's Church, Southwick. Saturday 6th December, 10am–1pm. Cost £20, includes all materials plus tea, coffee and mince pies. Booking required via westhove@abdiocese.org.uk or call 01273 708227. Limited spaces available.

St Peter's Offertory Collection

1st Collection 16th November = £1,384.
2nd Collection Retired Priests = £168.

Sacred Heart Offertory Collection

2nd Collection for Aid to the Church in Need = £631.34.

Sacred Heart Repository Christmas Cards are available in the Repository after weekend Masses. We also have Aid to the Church in Need items for sale too including rosaries and prayer books.

Card sale for Lewes Prison Chaplaincy

Paul Hebdon will be offering his Greetings Cards for sale after all Masses

at **Sacred Heart** on 29th/30th November in aid of the Chaplaincy at Lewes Prison. Your past generosity to this cause has been greatly appreciated.

Karla's Curry Evening Karla is running a curry evening for ESSA, a Sri Lankan Charity, on the 13th December at 7:00pm in Sacred Heart Parish Rooms. Please come and enjoy yourself. Tickets are priced at £15 and are available after weekend Masses at the Sacred Heart or call 07523 954494 to buy a ticket.

Hangleton and West Blatchington Food

Bank If you would like to donate this week, we would be grateful for: **Long life semi skimmed milk; Squash; Tinned mince and onions; Orange juice; Rice pudding; Tinned custard; Children's toothbrushes.** Donations may be brought to the hall on Wednesdays 10:30-11:45am, Books Alive in Elm Drive, One Stop in Court Farm Road or any of our churches.

Carrier bags for Foodbank We could use some carrier bags at St Theresa's, please, to help transport items to the foodbank. If you have any spare bags, kindly leave them in the porch, with the foodbank donations. Thank you.

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.

Please pray for...

Canon Colin Wolczak, Caroline Lamb, Cathy Howes, Cheryl Evans, Clive Holding, Eileen Kipling, Elena White, Hanorah & Mat Smith, Matt & Vince Neal, Rex Curd, Tom Piggins, & Winifred Wilde

Please tell your parish office if you would like to add someone to the prayer list above. Please pray for all the sick and/or housebound members of our parishes. Please pray for all those who have died recently, especially:

Dave Smith RIP Dave died peacefully on 6th November 2025, at the Royal Sussex County Hospital, surrounded by his family. Please remember him and his loved ones in your prayers.

**Sunday 23rd November 2025,
Christ the King**

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: 2 Samuel 5:1-3

In those days: All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and said, 'Behold, we are your bone and flesh. In times past, when Saul was king over us, it was you who led out and brought in Israel. And the LORD said to you, "You shall be shepherd of my people Israel, and you shall be prince over Israel." ' So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD, and they anointed David king over Israel.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm Response

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Second Reading: Colossians 1:12-20

Brothers and Sisters: Let us give thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether

thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities — all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the Church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be pre-eminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 23:35-43

At that time: The rulers scoffed at Jesus, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals who were hanged there railed at Jesus, saying, 'Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.' And he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' And he said to him, 'Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.'

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.

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