

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 13th April 2025, Palm Sunday / Passion Sunday, Year C. Weekdays: Holy Week

Canon David Writes:

As we commemorate the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem at our Palm Sunday Mass this weekend we ourselves enter Holy Week. We know that the week will conclude with the triumph of Jesus over sin and death and our redemption and salvation. This is the high point of our Christian faith and beginning this week a time commences to think about the events we are celebrating, and how we connect with them, more deeply. One way of doing this is to take part in what unfolds, not only on this Sunday but throughout Holy Week and Easter. We don't have to rush things and pack all thoughts, prayers and celebrations into one week or even one weekend – the Easter season will last until Pentecost Sunday on 8th June this year.

During the week someone asked me this question: "what does Jesus save us from?" There is a lot in this question and much more in the answer! The answer I gave was couched in the framework of a friendship. If a close friendship breaks down because we have become closed in on ourselves, unable to reach out, our friend is heartbroken. They reach out to us with messages of love seeking to reestablish communion. We are unable to respond, our heart has become hardened. Finally, they send someone who gives their life to us to show us how much our friend loves us and this breaks through to us and we respond to our friend. God the Father is our friend reaching out to us through his Jesus his Son, who restores our friendship with God and thereby saves us from isolation, separation and hardness of heart, which could, if we want it to, last forever. What do you think? What does Jesus save us from?

Easter Offerings: Your Easter Offering is your personal gift to your Priest. Please use the envelopes provided in your Church.

Triduum & Easter Sunday

Maundy Thursday 17th April (No morning Mass) Mass of the Lord's Supper

St Peter's: 7:30pm

Sacred Heart: 8:00pm

St Theresa: 8:00pm

Good Friday 18th April (No Mass) Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

Sacred Heart: 3:00pm

St Peter's: 3:00pm

St Theresa: 3:00pm

Holy Saturday 19th April (No morning Mass) The Easter Vigil

St Peter's: 8:00pm

Sacred Heart: 8:30pm

St Theresa: 9pm

Easter Sunday 20th April: Mass normal times all Churches

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www.sacredheartrove.org.uk; hovesacredheart@abdiocese.org.uk.

All Masses Live 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; 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

Sat 12	April		
12.00	SP		
6.00pm †	SH	People of the Parish	
6.00	SP		
6.30	SG	<i>Polish Mass</i>	
Sun 13	April	Palm Sunday / Passion Sunday	
8.30am	SP	Kieran Cashman RIP	
9.00	ST	Eva Dunn RIP	
9.30	SH	Katy Joucebrand 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	
5.00pm	SP	<i>Brazilian Mass</i>	
5.00	SMM		
6.00pm	SP	<i>Syrian Orthodox Mass</i>	
Mon 14	April	Monday of Holy Week	
10.00am †	SH	Caroline Banks & Mathilde le Maitre	
Tues 15	April	Tuesday of Holy Week	
10.00am	SG	<i>NO MASS</i>	
10.00am †	SH	Karuna Mayi Gallagher RIP	
10.00	SP	People of the Parish	
7.00pm	ST	All Parishioners	
Wed 16	April	Wednesday of Holy Week	
8.00am	SH	Anthony Reynolds RIP	
10.00am	SP	People of the Parish	
7.00pm	ST	All Parishioners	
Thu 17	April	Maundy Thursday	
7.30pm	SP	<i>Mass of the Lord's Supper</i>	
10.00am †	SG	<i>NO MASS</i>	
8:00pm	SH	Fay O'Neil	
8:00pm	SMM	Adoration	
8.00pm	ST	<i>Mass of the Lord's Supper</i>	
Fri 18	April	Good Friday	
3.00pm	SP	<i>Commemoration of the Lord's Passion</i>	
3.00pm	SH	<i>The Lord's Passion</i>	
3.00pm	ST	<i>Celebration of the Lord's Passion</i>	
5:30pm	SG	<i>Polish Celebration of the Lord's Passion</i>	
Sat 19	April	Holy Saturday	
8.00pm	SP	<i>The Easter Vigil - Sylvie Najour</i>	
7.30pm	SG	<i>Polish Easter Vigil</i>	
8:00pm	SMM		
8.30pm	SH	Wiktor & Yvonne Wolczak RIP	
9:00pm	ST	<i>Easter Vigil</i>	
Sun 20	April	Easter Sunday	
8.30am	SP	Jude Fletcher RIP	
9.00	ST	Anna Zambito RIP	
9.30	SH	People of the Parish	
9:30	SMM	<i>Polish Mass</i>	
10.00	SP	People of the Parish	
11.00	SG	Ada McNaught RIP	
11.00	SMM		
11.30	SH	John & Brenda Daly RIP	
11.30	SP	Padraig Grealish RIP	
5.00pm	SP	<i>Brazilian Mass</i>	
5.00	SMM		
6.00pm	SP	<i>Syrian Orthodox Mass</i>	

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

Stations of the Cross at each church

St Peter's: Good Friday at 7pm

St George's: Good Friday at 7:30pm

Sacred Heart: Tuesday 15th April after 10am Mass

Weekly Events

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

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 and you will receive the link for the meeting.

Regular Events

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!

Southwick Churches Together : Walk of Witness Good Friday 18th April. Process from St Theresa's to the Methodist church, or meet at the Methodist church, Southwick Street, for 11:30am, or meet at the square, for a short service. All are welcome!

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

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 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 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!

Sycamore: 'Prayer for Pilgrims'

We are delighted to invite you to six informal gatherings running weekly from Monday 7th 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 or 07990 988160.

SYCAMORE

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

Other Events/Notices

The Chrism Mass, 16th April, 6pm, Arundel Cathedral. People from across our diocesan family of faith are invited to join Bishop Richard and members of clergy at the annual Chrism Mass – one of the most beautiful Masses of the year, celebrated in Catholic cathedrals across the world in Holy Week. All are welcome.

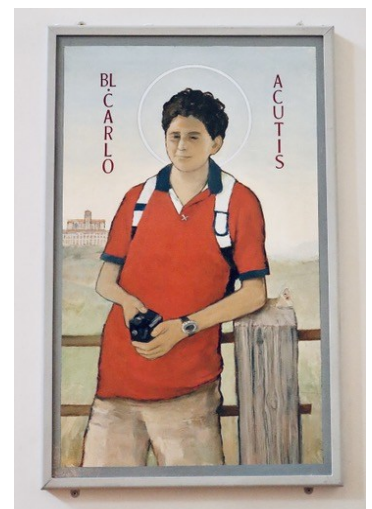
St Theresa's Children's Singing Group Sunday 20th April, 9am, St Theresa's. We will be performing at Easter Sunday Mass at St Theresa's. Contact Nancy or Charlotte if interested in joining: nddequilla@yahoo.com. Rehearsals start in April.

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



Children's Liturgy of the Word: Leaders' Event, 26th April, 10am-1.30pm, St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley. A wonderful morning looking at how to deliver Children's Liturgy, led by Lucy Hall. Explore new ways to prepare children to be fully immersed in the gift that is the Eucharist.

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.



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.

Mass for Migrants celebrated by Bishop Richard, 11th May, 5:30pm, St Joseph's Catholic Church, Brighton. A special Mass celebrating how our diocesan community has been enriched by migration, and the difference and contribution that migrants make to wider society. All are very welcome.

Corpus Christi Carpet of Flowers, Arundel Cathedral, 17-19th June. Experience Arundel's beautiful Carpet of Flowers in celebration of the Feast of Corpus Christi. View the carpet 9:30am-7pm (Weds) and 9:30am-5:30pm (Thurs). Mass, followed by a procession to Arundel Castle, will begin at 5:30pm (Thurs). All are welcome.

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.

Gift Aid Boxes for 2025/2026 Tax Year for Sacred Heart These boxes will be available for collection from the Outer Sacristy from Saturday 12th April. Please collect your box marked with the relevant number.

Second Collections

Sacred Heart:

On Good Friday there will be a collection for Holy Places of Palestine

St Theresa's & St Georges:

Sunday 13th April: Easter flowers.

Good Friday 18th April: Holy Places of Palestine.

Easter Vigil & Easter Sunday - Easter Offering (Your gift to Fr Tony), this can be gift-aided.

St Peter's Offertory Collection for Sunday 6th April - £1,223.75.

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. If parents do not come forward, then the liturgy will not be able to take place.

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

Fundraising

St Peter's 200 Club

Congratulations to our March winners:

Rita O' Regan wins £50, Phil Harris wins £90, and Therese Rutherford wins £200.

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: **Chicken Soup, Orange 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 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.

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, Tom Piggins and Winifred Wilde.

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



13th April 2025, Palm Sunday

Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem

Dear Brothers and sisters, since the beginning of Lent until now, we have prepared our hearts by penance and charitable works.

Today we gather together to herald with the whole Church the beginning of the celebration of our Lord's Paschal Mystery, that is to say, of his Passion and Resurrection for it was to accomplish this mystery that he entered his own city of Jerusalem.

Therefore, with all faith and devotion let us commemorate the Lord's entry into the city for our Salvation, following in his footsteps, so that, being made by his grace partakers of the Cross, we may have a share also in his Resurrection and in his life.

Let us Pray.

Almighty ever-living God, sanctify these branches with your blessing, that we, who follow Christ the King in exultation, may reach the eternal Jerusalem through him.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.

Gospel: Luke 19:28-40

Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two disciples, saying, 'Go into the village opposite, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat; untie it and bring it here. If any one asks you, Why are you untying it?' you shall say this, "The Lord has need of it." So those who were sent went away and found it as he had told them. And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' And they said, 'The Lord has need of it,' And they brought it to Jesus, and then throwing their garments on the colt they set Jesus upon it.

And as he rode along, they spread their garments on the road.

As he was drawing near, at the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had

seen, saying, 'Blessed us the King who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!' And some of the Pharisees in the multitude said to him, 'Teacher, rebuke your disciples.' He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Collect

Let us pray.

Almighty ever-living God, who as an example of humility for the human race to follow caused our Saviour to take flesh and submit to the Cross, graciously grant that we may heed his lesson of patient suffering and so merit a share in his Resurrection.

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord God has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary.

Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught.

The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backwards.

I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting.

But the Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm Response

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient

to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ,

King of eternal glory.

Christ became for us obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name.

Praise to you, O Christ,

King of eternal glory.

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
(see separate booklet)

Prayer over the Offerings

Through the Passion of your Only Begotten Son, O Lord, may our reconciliation with you be near at hand, so that, though we do not merit it by our own deeds, yet by this sacrifice made once for all, we may feel already the effects of your mercy.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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