

Catholic Parish of Brighton and Hove: West Hub

Sacred Heart; St George's & St Theresa's; St Mary Magdalen's; St Peter's

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Sunday 21st June 2026, Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A, Weekdays: Week 24, Psalter Week 4

Fr Tony Writes...

One quotation in Pope Leo's encyclical *Magnifica Humanitas* has surprised (and, at least in my case, delighted) a few people. It is from J.R.R. Tolkien. Here is the quote:

"It is not our part to master all the tides of the world, but to do what is in us for the succour of those years wherein we are set, uprooting the evil in the fields that we know, so that those who live after may have clean earth to till." (MH 213).

The words are those of Gandalf. The context is a meeting after the battle of the Pelennor Fields (*The Lord of the Rings* "The last Debate", Book five chapter IX). The battle is won, but they know there is more to do. In that context they are considering what they can do, against seemingly impossible odds, even though they know there are many things they cannot do.

The pope quotes this in a section entitled "We can all do our part" (MH 212-213). He cautions against the "subtle temptation ...", namely the thought that the problems are too big and we are too small, and that our choices, therefore, cannot make a difference".

Our readings this Sunday have something of a sombre note. Jeremiah is experiencing 'terror on every side', and while Jesus is encouraging his disciples not to fear, that implies there may be trouble ahead. The psalmist complains of suffering "taunts" and "shame". However, all the readings express confidence in God amidst the difficulties. And in our second reading we have the basis of that confidence – God's love for us, seen in Jesus Christ, which overcomes sin and evil.

In the book, Gandalf continues "What weather they shall have is not ours to rule", reminding us that we are but part of a larger story, and we cannot see where things will lead. All that is asked of us is that we be faithful in what we do, and trust the rest to God.



Sacred Heart Feast Day/Monsignor Michael's 50th Anniversary of Ordination

Thank you to everyone who helped & contributed tremendously to make the evening a huge success! Fr Michael was delighted by the love shown to him in the celebration his golden anniversary of his ordination. He has been in this parish for 27 years! May the Sacred Heart of Jesus continue to bless our parish family with his loving grace & mercy.

Karla's Charity Curry Evening

The event was well attended last Saturday by 70 plus, very generous and hungry people! Many thanks to all the supporters and volunteers who helped to achieve this and make the evening a huge success. May God bless everyone!

An update will follow with the amount raised.



Wedding Anniversary Congratulations!

Many congratulations to Lynne and Dave Butler for celebrating their 50th Golden Wedding Anniversary on 12th June. They were also very pleased to receive an Apostolic blessing from Pope Leo XIV.

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

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www.brightondeanerywest.org.uk; westhove@abdiocese.org.uk

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Mass Schedule

Sat 20	June	Saint Alban
12noon †	SMM	Cmdr O'Leary and wife RIP
6pm	SH	People of the Parish
6.00pm	SP	People of the Parish
6.30pm	SG	<i>Polish Mass</i>
Sun 21	June	Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8.30am	SP	Krystyna Szczerbiak RIP
9.00am	ST	Tony Rodrigues RIP
9.30am	SH	Emmanuel Ikazoboh Int
9:30am	SMM	<i>Polish Mass</i>
10.00am	SP	Deacon Mike Thoms 20th Anniversary of Ordination
11.00am	SG	Elisabeth & Tom Daly RIP
11.00am	SMM	People of the Parish
11.30am	SH	Jose Nery Alvis RIP
11.30am	SP	First Holy Communion Mass - John Williamson RIP
5.00pm	SMM	People of the Parish
5.00pm	SP	<i>Mass in Portuguese</i>
Mon 22	June	Saints John Fisher and Thomas More
10.00am †	SH	Maureen Devereux 90th Birthday
Tue 23	June	Saint Etheldreda (or Audrey), Abbess
10.00am	SG	People of the Parish
10.00am †	SH	Charles-Emmanuel Osezua Int
10.00am	SP	Luke Morrison Wellbeing
6.00pm †	SMM	CC Stewart RIP
7.00pm	ST	People of the Parish
Wed 24	June	The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist
8.00am	SH	Esi Osezua Int
8.00am	CNCS	
10.00am	SP	People of the Parish
6.00pm †	SMM	People of the Parish
7.00pm	ST	People of the Parish
Thurs 25	June	Thursday
10.00am ‡	SG	People of the Parish
10.00am †	SP	<i>No Mass</i>
12noon †	SH	Joseph Sheerin RIP
6.00pm †	SMM	People of the Parish
7.00pm	ST	People of the Parish
Fri 26	June	Friday
8.00am	SH	Caroline Ikazoboh RIP
10.00am	SP	Cheryl Evans RIP
7.00pm ‡	ST	People of the Parish
6.00pm †	SMM	People of the Parish
Sat 27	June	Saint Cyril of Alexandria
12noon †	SMM	Madeleine Mary Pratt RIP
6pm	SH	Oshone Ikazoboh Int
6.00pm	SP	Jimmy O'Meara RIP
6.30pm	SG	<i>Polish Mass</i>
Sun 28	June	Saints Peter and Paul
8.30am	SP	
9.00am	ST	Cheryl Evans RIP
9.30am	SH	Ehianeta & Charles-Emmanuel Osezua Int
9:30am	SMM	<i>Polish Mass</i>
10.00am	SP	Garry Hearn's recovery
11.00am	SG	Joseph Parente's recovery
11.00am	SMM	People of the Parish
11.30am	SH	People of the Parish
11.30am	SP	Stanislaw Szczerbiak RIP
5.00pm	SMM	People of the Parish

CNCS: Cardinal Newman **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.

St Theresa's Fridays after the 7:00pm Mass.

Prayer Groups & Devotions

Sacred Heart

Prayer Group: Tuesdays 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, 6.00–7.00pm in the Lady Chapel.
The Rosary Group does not meet on Bank Holiday Mondays.

St Mary Magdalen's

Faith Formation: Thursdays, 6:45pm in the presbytery, during term time. All are welcome. The last session will be 25th June. We will then pause for the summer.

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

West Hove Online Prayer Group

Thursdays at 8pm on Zoom, exploring the Bible and aspects of the faith together. Please contact the Parish Office for the Zoom link. Please note: NO MEETING on 23rd June.

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: meets after the 12noon Mass. Soup, sandwiches, tea, and cakes. Entertainment, quizzes, etc. The next date is 25th June and every two weeks thereafter.

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 23rd June.

St Peter's

Social Group (drop in): meets every Friday from 1–3pm in the parish hall. Please do join us for light refreshments and friendly conversation.

First Holy Communion Celebrations

This Sunday, 21st June, First Holy Communion Mass will be celebrated at 11:30 am, St Peter's and 9:30am, Sacred Heart. Please keep all these children and their families in your prayers as they make this important step in their faith journey.

Brighton & Hove Confirmation Mass at Arundel Cathedral, 28th June Please keep the students and their families in your prayers.

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 Sunday, 5th July. All are most welcome. The car park will remain open until 6pm.

Could You Help Our Community Thrive?

Yellow volunteer forms are available at both St Theresa's and St George's. We would be grateful if *all parishioners*, including current volunteers, could complete one. This helps us keep our records up to date and identify the gifts and talents within our community. You can also express an interest in new opportunities, with no commitment required. Please return completed forms to the trays at the back of each church.

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

Catenian Association a monthly meeting of Catholic men at The Hove Club. For more info cateniansprovince18.org.uk.

St Peter's Tai Chi term time in the hall 10.30-11:30am Monday's.

Online Week of Guided Prayer for Those Affected by Clergy Abuse 18–23 October 2026 The Jesuit Institute is offering a free online retreat for anyone affected by clergy abuse, whether directly or indirectly. Participants are invited to spend 30 minutes in personal prayer each day and meet online with an experienced spiritual director for up to 45 minutes daily at a convenient time. The retreat provides a safe and supportive space to explore your relationship with God through prayer and reflection. Further information and

registration details are available from the Jesuit Institute.

St Peter's Archive: for all documents contact saintpeterarchives@gmail.com

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 This list is for all our churches.

Sea Sunday – Volunteer Needed

Stella Maris is seeking volunteers for SG, SMM, SP, & ST, to assist with Sea Sunday, which falls on 12th July this year. Sea Sunday is the day when the Church comes together to pray for seafarers, fishers, and their families, and a second collection is taken to support the work of Stella Maris. The volunteer would be asked to read a short appeal at the end of Masses that weekend. If you can help, contact: roland.hayes@stellamarismail.org.

Deep Waters – Young Adults Group

Young adults and students are warmly invited to join Deep Waters, a friendly community based at St Joseph's Church. We meet on Wednesdays at 6:45pm downstairs at 6 Wellington Road (BN2 3AA). Once a month, Wednesday gatherings are replaced by a Friday evening of Adoration. We also meet on Sundays from 12:30pm for lunch followed by input and activities, at 6 Wellington Road. For more info contact Claire: claireosullivan@brighton.ac.uk, or see @brightonsussexatholic. We look forward to welcoming you.

Fr Ian Vane – 40 Years of Priesthood

Fr Ian Vane warmly invites parishioners to join him for a Mass of Thanksgiving celebrating the 40th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on Sunday 19 July at 10.00am at St Joseph's Church, Dorking (RH4 3DL). For further information please contact dorking@abdiocese.org.uk

Fundraising / Giving

"Day for Life" Special Collection will take place this Sunday, 21st June.

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.

SVP Bottle Donations Appeal The SVP from SG&ST will be taking part in the Community Charity Day at the Royal Pavilion Gardens on Saturday 4th July 2026 and will be running a Bottle Tombola to help raise funds. We would be very grateful for donations of bottles of any kind, including wine, champagne, craft beer, soft drinks, flavoured syrups, speciality juices, canned drinks, children's drinks, and bottled sauces such as salad dressings, ketchup, or mayonnaise (please ensure all items are in date). Donations can be brought to SG&ST until Sunday 28th June and left on the table at the back of either church or handed directly to Paula Tanner or Andrew MacPhearson at ST. Please come along on the day to enjoy the event and support the SVP and other local charities. We look forward to seeing you there!

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 pray for the recently deceased:

Jean Goatcher RIP who died recently, her funeral will take place at Sacred Heart at 2pm on Wednesday 24th June.

Cheryl Evans RIP Please pray for the repose of the soul of Cheryl Evans, a member of St Theresa's & St George's community, who died on Thursday 4th June 2026. Cheryl's funeral will be held at Woodvale Crematorium on Thursday 25th June at 3:30pm.

Ivor O'Mahony RIP Please pray for the repose of the soul of Ivor O'Mahony who passed away on Thursday 4 June. Ivor's funeral will be held on Monday 29 June at 11:30am at Sacred Heart Church, Norton Road, Hove, followed by a wake at the Hove Club. All welcome.

Please also pray for:

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

Sunday 21st June 2026
12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 — Jeremiah 20:10-13

Jeremiah said: I hear many whispering. Terror is on every side! 'Denounce him! Let us denounce him!' say all my close friends, watching for my fall. 'Perhaps he will be deceived; then we can overcome him and take our revenge on him.' But the Lord is with me as a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble; they will not overcome me. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonour will never be forgotten. O Lord of hosts, who tests the righteous, who sees the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause.

Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hand of evildoers

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

In your great mercy, answer me, O Lord.

Second Reading — Romans 5:12-15

Brothers and Sisters: Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned — for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for many.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

The Spirit of truth will bear witness about me, says the Lord, and you also will bear witness.

Alleluia.

Gospel — Matthew 10:26-33

At that time: Jesus instructed his Apostles: 'Have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father knowing. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.'

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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