

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; Fr Alphonse Kabore; Canon David Parmiter
Sunday 11th January 2026, Baptism of the Lord, Year A. Weekdays: Week 1, Psalter Week 1

Brighton & Hove Catholic Parish

Our New Vision and Mission

Like Zacchaeus in Luke's Gospel, we long to see Jesus more clearly. Zacchaeus climbed a sycamore tree to gain a better view; Jesus saw him and came to his home. Our Vision and Mission statements are meant to help us do the same: to see Christ more clearly, and to welcome Him into our lives. The following statements were prayerfully shaped by representatives from all our parish communities, in a synodal spirit of listening and discernment. They express who we are and what we are called to live as Catholics across Brighton & Hove.

Vision Statement

Seeking God in Prayer, Growing Together in Faith, Reaching Out in Love

Mission Statement

Seeking God in Prayer

- We centre our lives on Christ, encountering God daily through prayer and Scripture.
- We worship together with joy, drawing strength from the Eucharist to live as missionary disciples.
- We open our hearts to the Holy Spirit, allowing grace to renew, transform, and empower us for mission.

Growing Together in Faith

- We are a welcoming, vibrant, multi-generational Church where all may belong and find a home.
- We learn, share, and grow together as disciples, deepening our understanding of the Gospel and Catholic life.
- We joyfully witness to the life we share in Christ, inviting others into the beauty of faith and the warmth of our community.

Reaching Out in Love

- We are sent to serve — bringing Christ's compassion to those in need, the vulnerable, and the searching.
- We work to transform our city and world through lives of seeking justice, solidarity, and generous action.
- We proclaim the Gospel in our homes, workplaces, and communities — inviting others into the joy of faith and the family of the Church.

These statements reflect the life we share and the call to grow deeper in faith. Last October, parish representatives explored new ways to put this vision into action within each of our unique church communities. We invite you to do the same—so together we can seek God, grow in faith, and reach out in love.

With our prayers and best wishes,

Canon David Parmiter (Moderator), Carly Carden, Arthur Gallagher, Jo Gilbert, Helen Granger-Bevan, Fr Sebastian Kijak, Canon Kieron O'Brien, Craig Walker, & Julia Wingfield - **The Brighton & Hove Parish Leadership Team.**



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hovesacredheart@abdiocese.org.uk. All Masses at SH are Live Streamed: www.sacredhearthove.org.uk/videos.html

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

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

Mass Schedule		
Sat 10	Jan	Saturday
12noon†	SMM	People of the Parish
6.00pm †	SH	John Thomas & Maud Crossley
6.00	SP	Frank & Gregoria
6.30	SG	<i>Polish Mass</i>
Sun 11	Jan	The Baptism of the Lord
8.30 am	SP	Alara's 1st birthday
9.00	ST	Remembering George & Julie Laker
9.30	SH	People of the Parish
9:30	SMM	<i>Polish Mass</i>
10.00	SP	People of the Parish
11.00	SG	People of the Parish
11.00	SMM	People of the Parish
11.30	SH	Brendan Mullee RIP
11.30	SP	Ignacy Mackowiak RIP
5.00	SMM	People of the Parish
Mon 12	Jan	Saint Aelred of Rievaulx
10.00 am †	SH	John Creaklock
Tue 13	Jan	St Hilary
10.00 am	SG	People of the Parish
10.00 †	SH	People of the Parish
10.00	SP	Holy Souls
6.00pm †	SMM	People of the Parish
7.00pm	ST	<i>No Mass</i>
Wed 14	Jan	Wednesday
8.00am	SH	Harry Edwards Ints
8.00am	CNCS	<i>Cardinal Newman Catholic School</i>
10.00	SP	Sophie Johnstone RIP
6.00pm †	SMM	People of the Parish
7.00pm	ST	People of the Parish
Thurs 15	Jan	Thursday
10.00am	SP	Peace in our world
10.00 am ‡	SG	People of the Parish
12noon †	SH	Sally Ann Bartrip RIP
6.00pm †	SMM	People of the Parish
7.00pm	ST	<i>No Mass</i>
Fri 16	Jan	Friday
8.00 am	SH	Bob White RIP
10.00	SP	Mary & Patsy Stapleton
6.00pm †	SMM	People of the Parish
7.00	ST	Elizabeth D. Lee RIP
Sat 17	Jan	St Antony
12noon†	SMM	People of the Parish
6.00pm †	SH	Anthony John Reynolds RIP
6.00	SP	Sarah B Fitzgerald RIP
6.30	SG	<i>Polish Mass</i>
Sun 18	Jan	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
8.30 am	SP	People of the Parish
9.00	ST	George Shannon RIP
9.30	SH	Wendy Woodland RIP
9:30	SMM	<i>Polish Mass</i>
10.00	SP	Roger & Margaret Frow RIP
11.00	SG	People of the Parish
11.00	SMM	People of the Parish
11.30	SH	People of the Parish
11.30	SP	Yvonne Prengergast
5.00	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

Regular Events

Weekly Reconciliation Times

Sacred Heart & St Peter's Saturdays at 5:15pm, before Mass.
St Mary Magdalen Fridays during Holy Hour at 5:00pm, Saturdays at 11:00am, and on request.
St Theresa's Fridays after the 7:00pm Mass.

Prayer Groups

Tuesday Prayer Group – Sacred Heart Every Tuesday at 10:30am, SH Parish Room. All welcome. You may leave prayer requests in the box at the back of the church.

Online Prayer Group – The Online Prayer Group meets on Thursdays at 8:00pm via video link. This is a small, informal group that comes together to pray and reflect on the Scriptures. If you would like to join the group, or simply “come and see” you are very welcome. Please email westhove@abdiocese.org.uk and you will be sent the meeting link. Prayer requests may also be left in the box at the back of St Theresa's Church.

St Peter's You are warmly invited to join the online contemplative prayer group on Fridays from 7:30–8:30pm. For more information, please email: quietenginesprayer@gmail.com.

Sacred Heart Online Rosary: Friday's 11am Rosary, available online only. Please join via our livestream.

Social Groups

St George's Tea and Chat On the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month, the 10am Mass at St George's is followed by a time of socialisation and activity, in the hall, aimed at the older people in the parish. No need to book. Just turn up! Next date Tues 13th January.

Sacred Heart SVP Social Group For all parishioners: join us for soup, sandwiches, tea, and cakes, with entertainment, quizzes, and more after the 12 noon Mass. The next meeting is on 22nd January, and then every two weeks thereafter.

St Peter's Social group The St Peter's Social Group meets on Fridays from 1–3pm in the parish hall. Please do join us for light refreshments and friendly conversation. Please note the new time.

Sacred Heart Film Club Thank you to everyone who attended the Film Club on Saturday 3rd January. The next Film Club will be held on Saturday 7th February, after the 12 noon Mass. The film will be announced in due course. Refreshments will be served, and all are welcome.

Wednesday Morning Mass Fr Tony now celebrates Mass in the school chapel at Cardinal Newman Catholic School on Wednesdays at 8.00am during term time only. This Mass is open to everyone, and we encourage parishioners to attend if you wish.

Faith Formation Group Thursdays, 6:45pm, St Mary Mags. This informal group is designed for those wishing to join the Church and is open to anyone who would like to learn more about the Catholic faith. The next programme begins on 8th January 2026.

Other Events/Notices

Write Prayers with Us Deepen your experience of written prayer by joining our Intercessions Rota. Sacred Heart currently has spaces for a couple of new contributors to join their diverse team. You would write Prayers of the Faithful for Mass once every six to eight weeks. Guidance, instructions, and theme suggestions will be provided, and support will be given as you find your way. To get involved, please contact faith@ag4.it.

Union of Catholic Mothers The Union of Catholic Mothers will restart meetings on Tuesday 13th January 2026, from 2–4pm in St Peter's Hall. Tea, coffee, biscuits and friendly chat will be available. The agenda includes programme planning and Walsingham. New members are most welcome.

Coffee and Cake After Sunday Mass each week after the 10am and 11:30am Masses at St Peter's, after the 9:30 Mass at Sacred Heart, and after Sunday Mass at St Theresa's and St George's, thanks to our wonderful volunteers. If you would like to help with this ministry, please contact your parish office.

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

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

St Peter's Repository Volunteer

Required We are looking for a volunteer to help run the Repository. No previous experience is required; the main part of the role is keeping an eye on stock control. Many thanks to Melitsa Bowen, who has generously given her time to restart the Repository and expand the range of stock. If you would like to help, please contact the parish office. The Repository has a wide range of religious cards and gifts available, including Carlo Acutis items, 3rd class relics, silver-plated necklaces with religious icons and saints, statues and candles. It is open before and after Mass every day except Monday, and purchases can be made using the Dona machine in the porch.

Mass Online Church online broadcast of the Holy Masses for the sick, home bound, travellers far from the church, with Masses from all over the world: <https://mass-online.org/daily-holy-mass-live-online/>. More locally, all Masses at Sacred Heart are live streamed:

sacredhearthove.org.uk/videos.html

St Peter's, Shoreham, livestream the 9am Sunday Mass and any weekday Masses: olqp.net/parish-livestreams

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 welcome!

Fundraising / Giving

St Peter's Offertory Collection

Sunday 28th December = £1,291.

Christmas Crib Offering – Catholic Children's Society's (CCS) A & B's Crisis Fund

As usual, the Christmas Crib offering will be donated to the Catholic Children's Society. All funds raised will help local children and families in need. You can donate in Church, use the QR code on the posters, or via the CCS website: www.cathchild.org/crib

Hangleton & West Blatchington Foodbank

Happy New Year from the Food Bank! We are grateful to all our supporters. This week, we would especially welcome donations of **breakfast cereal (not porridge), tinned vegetarian meals such as vegetable chilli or curry, chunky soup, tinned custard, plain noodles, rice (not microwave sachets), deodorant, and laundry pods (bio and non-bio)**. We currently have plenty of porridge, baked beans, pasta, and tea, so please do not donate these items. Donations may be brought to the hall on Wednesdays from 10:30 to 11:45am, or dropped into the collection bins at One Stop in Court Farm Road, Books Alive in Elm Drive, or Hove Waitrose (shared with Whitehawk Food Bank), or any of the West Hub churches. Thank you.

Carrier bags for Foodbank St Theresa's and St Peter's are in need of carrier bags to help transport items to the foodbank. If you have any spare bags, please leave them in the porch at St Theresa's or in the outer sacristy at St Peter's.

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.

Mary's Meals is looking for volunteers. Could you spare a few hours during the year to help? We are looking for parish reps, volunteer speakers (training and support provided!) and volunteers who can help at events. We are very much a volunteer-led movement, so any little you can offer will make a huge difference to the children we serve in some of the world's poorest communities. Please contact Roy Peachey roy.peachey@marysmeals.org or 07593 447297 if you can help.

Prayer List Please pray for those who are sick or in need of our prayers:

Cathy Howes, Clive Connor, Elena White, Tom Piggins, Canon Colin Wolczak, Annie Price, Cheryl Evans, Chris, Lucy, Matt and Vince Neal, Eileen Kipling, Honorah and Mat Smith, Rex Curd, & Winifred Wilde.

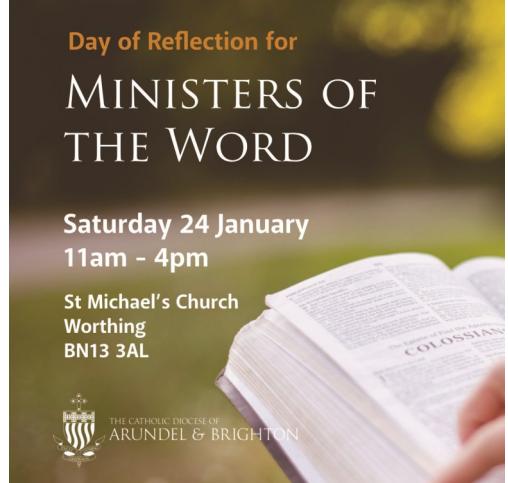
Recently Deceased Please remember in your prayers:

Jenny Shippam RIP (SP), whose funeral will take place at St Peter's at 10:30am on Tuesday 20 January.

Evan Richard James RIP (SP), who also died recently.

Derek Dray RIP (SMM) The funeral of Derek Dray will be held on Friday, 24th January, at 12:30pm. Derek was a long-standing member of St Mary Magdalene's Church and a governor of the school.

Please keep them and their families in your prayers.



**Sunday 11th January 2026,
The Baptism of the Lord**

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: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Thus says the Lord:
Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law.
'I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm Response

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-38

In those days: Peter opened his mouth and said: 'Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ — he is Lord of all — you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The heavens opened and the Father's voice resounded: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.'

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 3:13-17

At that time: Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptised by him. John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptised by you, and do you come to me?' But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. And when Jesus was baptised, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; and behold, a voice from heaven said, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.'

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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