

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 - Wisdom 6:12-16

Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her and is found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. He who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for he will find her sitting at his gates. To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and he who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care, because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths and meets them in every thought.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.

Second reading - 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by the word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. Stay awake and be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect. Alleluia.

Gospel - Matthew 25:1-13

At that time: Jesus told his disciples this parable, 'The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a cry, "Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise answered, saying, "Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves." And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. Afterwards the other virgins came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he answered, "Truly, I say to you, I do not know you." Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.'

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, *At the words that follow, up to and including 'and became man', all bow.*
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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Catholic Parish of Brighton and Hove: West Group

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 8th November 2026 • 32nd Sunday of the Year • Year A • Weekdays: Week 31 • Psalter Week 4

Remembrance Sunday

Canon David writes…



As we mark Remembrance Sunday, our prayers are for those who have died in war, as well as for peace in our world today, which seems so fragile. Although each nation state has the right to self-defence, including our own, we see that once conflict breaks out, there is a risk of terrible escalation or a slide into desperate stalemate.

In May 2024, the Catholic Bishop's Conference of England and Wales produced a document titled ***Called to be peacemakers***, which discusses the difficult issues of disarmament and global security. This is a quote from their introduction:

"Above all, it is our intention that this document and the actions flowing from it, will contribute towards the wider work of the Church and Catholic organisations across the world to build a new culture of peace. We join in the words of Pope Francis as we pray to God: 'Give us the strength daily to be instruments of peace; enable us to see everyone who crosses our path as our brother or sister. Make us sensitive to the plea of our citizens who entreat us to turn our weapons of war into implements of peace, our trepidation into confident trust, and our quarrelling into forgiveness."

The Government has asked us to be prepared, and that is fair enough. But we have another call: we are to keep enough 'oil of peace' in our lamps as we wait for the Lord Jesus to come and take us into the wedding feast!

This Week in Our Parish

Saturday 7th November
*5:15–5:45pm Weekly Reconciliation at SH & SP
*7–8:15pm Learning with Bishop Stephen at St Peter's

Sunday 8th November
*8:30am Lauds for the Holy Souls at St Theresa's
*Refreshments available after some Masses
*After 11am Mass, Table Church at SMM
*After 11am Mass, Reconciliation at SG, on request
*11:30am Mass for those who died in war at St Peter's

Monday 9th November
*10:30–11:30am Tai Chi at St Peter's Church Hall
*12pm ReBalance Chair-Based Fitness at St Peter's
*6pm St George's Rosary Group in the Lady Chapel
*7pm SP's RCIA in the Upper Room of the parish hall
*7–9pm Sacred Heart RCIA in the Parish Rooms

Tuesday 10th November
*10am SG Mass followed by Tea & Chat in the hall
*2–4pm Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM) SP's Hall

Wednesday 11th November
*5:30pm Reconciliation at SMM during Holy Hour
*6:30pm Vespers for the Holy Souls at St Theresa's

Thursday 12th November
*12noon SH Mass followed by SVP Social Group
*7:30pm Digging Deeper Online study group

Friday 13th November
*10am Women's Rosary at SMM's Presbytery
*11am SH Online Rosary via the church livestream
*1–3pm St Peter's Social Group in the parish hall
*After 7pm Mass Reconciliation at St Theresa's

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Mass Schedule		
Sat 7th		**Saint Willibrord**
12noon	SH	*No Mass*
6pm	SH	Julian Taylor RIP
6.00pm	SP	John & Rosemary Sheppard RIP
6.30pm	SG	*Polish Mass*
Sun 8th		**32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8.30am	SP	Michele O'Shea RIP
9.00am	ST	Dolores Brooks RIP
9.30am	SH	Anne & John Manchett Intention
9:30am	SMM	*Polish Mass*
10.00am	SP	Marie Doherty RIP months mind
11.00am	SG	Deceased family members of Ralph & Indika
11.00am	SMM	Anna Domagala RIP
11.30am	SH	Carol Lark RIP
11.30am	SP	For those who died in War
5.00pm	SMM	Nida's Intentions
Mon 9th		**Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**
10.00am †	SH	*No Mass*
Tue 10th		**Saint Leo the Great**
9:30am	SMM	
10.00am	SG	People of the Parish
10.00am †	SH	*No Mass*
10.00am	SP	Julia Friel RIP
7.00pm	ST	William Barwick RIP & Helen Hooper RIP
Wed 11th		**Saint Martin of Tours**
8.00am	CNCS	
8.00am	SH	Billy Lineham Intention
10.00am	SP	Deceased members of Cashman & Smyth Family
6:30pm †	SMM	
7.00pm	ST	Special Intention and All Souls
Thurs 12th		**Saint Josaphat**
09:30am	SMM	Antonio Hipolito RIP
10.00am ‡	SG	People of the Parish
10.00am †	SP	People of the Parish
12noon †	SH	Gerard Eaton RIP
7.00pm	ST	Pray for the soul of Lilia Correndor
Fri 13th		**Friday**
8.00am	SH	Keith Simpson RIP
10.00am	SP	People of the Parish
7.00pm ‡	ST	People of the Parish
6:30pm	SMM	
Sat 14th		**Saturday**
6pm	SH	People of the Parish
6.00pm	SP	Peace in our world
6.30pm	SG	*Polish Mass*
Sun 15th		**33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8.30am	SP	People of the Parish
9.00am	ST	Rato & Rodrigues deceased family members
9.30am	SH	Deceased Members of the Saldanha Family
9:30am	SMM	*Polish Mass*
10.00am	SP	Margaret Heffernan RIP
11.00am	SG	People of the Parish
11.00am	SMM	Maria Isobel Reiss RIP
11.30am	SH	Anna Cripps RIP
11.30am	SP	People of the Parish
5.00pm	SMM	

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

St Peter's Requiem Mass Sunday 8th November 11.30am Mass will be a Requiem Mass for those who died in war. We will keep the readings of the Sunday.

RCIA at the Sacred Heart Next meeting will be on Monday 9th November 2026 in our Parish Rooms from 7-9pm. Anyone who is interested in exploring their faith, or their Catechism, you are most welcome to join the session.

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 is Tuesday 10th November.

Sacred Heart Prayer Group The Prayer Group will be every Tuesday at 10:30am, Parish Room. You may leave prayer requests in the box at the back of the church. No Prayer Group on Tuesday 10th November 2026.

Sacred Heart SVP Social Group Soup, sandwiches, tea, and cakes, with entertainment, quizzes, etc. after 12noon Mass on Thursdays. The next gathering will be on 12th November.

Autumn Volunteers Forum Saturday 14th November at 10am (Online) Sarah Kilmartin and members of the Diocesan central team invite everyone involved in parish stewardship to join this online forum. Updates will cover property, insurance, health and safety, finance and Gift Aid. All parish volunteers involved in these areas are encouraged to attend. The webinar link will be sent during the week commencing 9th Nov. A recording and slides will be available afterwards for anyone unable to attend. https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/ltcdjjmi

Sacred Heart – Karla's Charity Curry Evening Please note that Karla's Charity Curry Evening has been postponed and will now take place on Saturday 14th November. Thank you for your understanding.

Martlets Hospice Thank you to everyone who supported the sale at St Peter's last Sunday. Over £120 was raised. There will be another sale after the 10am Mass only, on Sunday 15th November. This will include Christmas goods.

Special Collections 2026
15 November – Retired Priests Fund (Gift Aid)
22 November – Arundel Cathedral Maintenance Fund (GA)

Hove UCM Afternoon Tea The members of Hove UCM are holding an afternoon tea on Tuesday the 17th November from 2pm onwards, at St Peter's church hall, on behalf of the Action for Churches's in need UK. Tickets are £5 on the day to include food, raffle prizes galore. All proceeds to be given to the charity. All welcome.

St Peter's Parish Office Open for enquiries Tuesday to Thursday, 9am–12 noon.

Monks in the City Monk Talks: Seasons and Cycles; Creating Sacred Time, Tuesday 17th November, with Fr Peter. The third in a series of three talks on the Prayer of the Church and the Monastic Liturgy. Fr Peter will explore how following monastic prayer helps us enter into sacred time and how participating in it can change our perception of the world around us. The evening begins with Evening Prayer at 6pm, followed by a simple supper at 6.30pm, the talk and prayer at 7pm, and Compline at 8pm.

Youthscape Essentials 21st November. Training for those working with young people, including chaplains, catechists and youth leaders. Three full-day sessions on 21st November 2026, 16th January and 13th February 2027 at the Fitzherbert Community Hub, 2 Bristol Road, Brighton. Cost: £13.50 for the required handbook. https://brightonhove.churchsuite.com/events/i81im9kt Enquiries: families.eastbrighton@abdiocese.org.uk

Monks in the City Quiet Day: The Prayer of Silence, A Benedictine Perspective, Saturday 21st November, 9:45am–4:30pm, at St Thomas More Church, 54 Sutton Road, Seaford, BN25 1SS. Led by Fr Peter Williams, a Benedictine monk of Worth Abbey, this quiet day offers an introduction to silent prayer, the body in prayer and prayer of the heart. Drinks will be provided, but please bring your own lunch. Suggested donation: £10–£20. To book your place, please email: monksinthecity@worth.org.uk

Baptism Preparation The next two Baptism Preparation sessions will take place on Tuesday 24th November and Tuesday 1st December, 6:30–7:30pm at St Theresa's. Both sessions are required for parents and godparents preparing for Baptism. Please contact the parish office for further information or to register.

Mass for the Dead of St George's & St Theresa's, Friday 27th November, 7pm at St Theresa's. At this special Mass, we will remember those from our parish communities and families who have died during the past year. The names of those whose funerals have been celebrated in our churches will be read aloud, and a candle lit in their memory. If you would like a loved one who has died in the past year or so to be remembered by name, contact the Parish Office.

Retreat Day: 'A Doorway to Advent' Saturday 28th November, 10am-3:30pm at St Mary Magdalen's. With talks by Fr Rod and Sr Vivian. More information to follow but please keep the date. All are invited.

Worth Abbey Advent Talk Saturday 28th November. Naming What We Long For: A Benedictine Advent, led by Abbot Mark Barrett. The morning includes refreshments, the talk, an optional light lunch and Midday Prayer. worthabbey.net/advent-talk

Digging Deeper An online, lay-led study group exploring different aspects of our faith, Thursdays, 7:30–8:30pm. Topics include Scripture, Catholic teaching and the lives of the saints. Each session concludes with prayer. For more information, email: whdiggingdeeper@gmail.com

Catenian Association A monthly meeting of Catholic men, for more info: https://cateniansprovince18.org.uk

ReBalance at St Peter's Church Hall chair-based fitness for older adults every Monday 12pm for help with strength, balance and mobility, £6.

St Peter's Money Counters More volunteers are needed to join the three counting teams. With four additional volunteers, each team would only need to count every six weeks. Training is provided, and volunteers work in pairs. Please contact SP Parish Office.

Newsletter by Email To receive the newsletter by email contact: hovesacredheart@abdiocese.org.uk

Learning with Bishop Stephen A new weekly group at St Peter's, Hove Church Hall. 7–8:15pm, following the 6pm Saturday Mass. Join us each week to watch a short selection from Bishop Stephen's YouTube channel, followed by discussion, prayer and fellowship. Drop in, all welcome!

St Mary Magdalen's Revised Mass Times and Weekly Schedule. Please note that Fr Alphonse has made further changes to the Mass times at St Mary Magdalen's. The latest confirmed schedule is as follows: Sunday Masses: 11am and 5pm; Weekday Masses: Tuesday and Thursday at 9.30am, Wednesday and Friday at 6.30pm. Holy Hour and Confessions: Wednesdays at 5:30pm. Holy Days of Obligation (when not celebrated on a Sunday): 9.30am on Tuesdays and Thursdays, or 6.30pm on other weekdays. Fr Alphonse will also be available at the presbytery on Wednesdays from 9am to 5pm. Please refer to these updated times, which replace previous schedules.

The RCIA programme for adults at St Peter's wishing to explore Baptism or Confirmation is now underway and continues Mondays at 7pm in the Upper Room of the St Peter's parish hall. Anyone interested in exploring the Catholic faith and the possibility of receiving the Sacraments is warmly invited along.

St Peter's Archive Team For a baptism, or confirmation certificate contact our team of volunteers by email: saintpeterarchives@gmail.com Please allow two weeks for documents to be processed.

Lally McDermott RIP Please remember in your prayers Lally McDermott, a much-loved former parishioner of St Mary Magdalen's, who has recently passed away. May she rest in peace.



Prayer List Anne Callaghan, Canon Colin Wolczak, Chris, Lucy, & Matt Neal, Clive Connor, Dean Schwartz, Eileen Kipling, Elena White, Elizabeth Houston, George Mooney, Hanorah & Mat Smith, Julia Fleming, Kathleen Davis, Liz Perkins, Margaret Robinson, Mario Noah, Melvin Shirkie, Peter Cochlin, Robert (Bob) Selwood, Semi Romano, Teresa Riley, Terry Maughan, Tom Piggins, Winifred Wilde.