



The Gloria

Glorify 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 45:1, 4-6

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped, to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings, to open doors before him that gates may not be closed: 'For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I name you, though you do not know me.

I am the LORD, and there is no other, besides me there is no God; I equip you, though you do not know me, that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ascribe to the Lord glory and power.

Second reading - 1 Thessalonians 1:1-

5b Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, to the church of the Thessalonians in God

the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: grace to you and peace.

We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction.

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Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

Shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life.

Alleluia.

Gospel - Matthew 22:15-21

At that time: The Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle Jesus in his words. And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?' But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. And Jesus said to them, 'Whose likeness and inscription is this?' They said, 'Caesar's.' Then he said to them, 'Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.'

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 18th October 2026 • 29th Sunday of the Year • Year A • Weekdays: Week 28 • Psalter Week 1

World Mission Sunday

Fr Tony Writes...



'Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.'

This is a Denarius* from the reign of the emperor Tiberius, who was emperor at the time of Jesus public ministry, so it would have been a coin like this that Jesus was shown. On the obverse (front) there is an image of Tiberius together with the inscription (barely visible on this example) "TI CAESAR DIVI AVG F AVGVSTVS", which translates as "Tiberius Ceaser, the august son of the divine Augustus". On the



reverse is a picture of Tiberius mother, Livia, as the goddess Pax. Thus, the coin was effectively an idol, as it was an image of a god. Indeed, it was because of this that there were moneychangers at the temple, as the idolatrous Roman coins could not be given in offering. (which is one of the reasons Jesus was not pleased to find the moneychangers inside the temple, but that is another story...)

This brings a subtle irony into the story. The Pharisees are carrying an idol to Jesus (who does not have one himself). But more importantly there is a subtle critique of the Romans. While Jesus arguably accepts that taxes are a necessary element of civic society, indeed even perhaps a part of civic duty, yet by distinguishing between Caesar and God Jesus is denying the claim made by the coin.

This does not separate 'religion' from 'politics'. The Sermon on the Mount (among many other texts) clearly shows that Christians should be involved in the transformation of society. Something which has been a part of teaching from the early centuries of the Church, and which finds contemporary expression in the teaching of the popes, most recently in Pope Leo's encyclical on technology and human flourishing, Magnifica Humanitas. Above all, it teaches us that our political commitments are never to take precedence over our commitment to building of Kingdom of God.

**The Denarius was given to me by Fr Stephen Purnell. His health is not good now, so please pray for him.*

This Week in Our Parish

Saturday 17th October

*5:15–5:45pm Weekly Reconciliation at SH & SP

Sunday 18th October

- *8:30am St Theresa's Rosary, during October
- * World Mission Sunday, special collection for Missio
- *Refreshments available after some Masses
- *After 11am Mass, Table Church at SMM
- *After 11am Mass, Reconciliation at SG, on request

Monday 19th October

- * 10am – Ecumenical Men's Breakfast Club
- *10:30 SP's Tai Chi in the parish hall (term time)
- *6pm St George's Rosary Group in the Lady Chapel
- *7pm SP's RCIA in the Upper Room of the parish hall

Tuesday 20th October

- *10:30am SH Prayer Group in the Parish Room
- *2–4pm Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM) SP's Hall

Wednesday 21st October

- *5:30pm Reconciliation at SMM during Holy Hour
- *6pm FHC Information Evening at St Theresa's
- *6:30pm St Theresa's Rosary during October
- * 7pm RCIA at SMMs presbytery (term time)

Thursday 22nd October

- *7:30pm Digging Deeper Online study group
- * 8pm St Peter's First Holy Communion Parents' Evening, Church Hall, entrance via Tamworth Road.

Friday 23rd October

- *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
- *5:30pm Reconciliation at SMM's, during Holy Hour
- *After 7pm Mass Reconciliation at St Theresa's
- *7:30-9pm St Peter's contemplative prayer group, church hall, drop in, every Friday. All welcome

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Mass Schedule

Sat 17th	October	Saint Ignatius of Antioch
6pm	SH	Anthony John Reynolds RIP
6.00pm	SP	People of the Parish
6.30pm	SG	<i>NO Polish Mass</i>
Sun 18th	October	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8.30am	SP	People of the Parish
9.00am	ST	People of the Parish
9.30am	SH	People of the Parish
9.30am	SMM	<i>Polish Mass</i>
10.00am	SP	Wellbeing of Fr Jerry
11.00am	SG	People of the Parish
11.00am	SMM	Magoa Maria Lopes Da Cruz RIP
11.30am	SH	Keith Simpson RIP (Anniversary)
11.30am	SP	Jadwiga Mackowiak RIP
1.30pm	SP	<i>Syrian Mass</i>
5.00pm	SMM	People of the Parish
Mon 19th	October	Saint Philip Howard, Earl of Arundel
10.00am †	SH	<i>No Mass</i>
Tue 20th	October	Tuesday
10.00am	SG	People of the Parish
10.00am †	SH	James Kendall RIP
10.00am	SP	<i>No Mass</i>
7.00pm	ST	People of the Parish
Wed 21st	October	Wednesday
8.00am	CNCS	-
8.00am	SH	Ronnie Saldanha RIP
10.00am	SP	Desmond Fitzgerald RIP
6.30pm †	SMM	Downey Family RIP
7.00pm	ST	People of the Parish
Thurs 22nd	October	Saint John Paul II
09:30am	SMM	Private Intention
10.00am ‡	SG	People of the Parish
10.00am †	SP	The Society of Catholic Artists & families
12noon †	SH	<i>No Mass</i>
7.00pm	ST	People of the Parish
Fri 23rd	October	Saint John of Capistrano
8.00am	SH	Hazel Lumb RIP
10.00am	SP	People of the Parish
7.00pm ‡	ST	People of the Parish
6.30pm †	SMM	Robert F. Woodhouse RIP
Sat 24th	October	Saint Antony Mary Claret
6pm	SH	Flavin and Craven Families
6.00pm	SP	John Quinn RIP
6.30pm	SG	<i>Polish Mass</i>
Sun 25th	October	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8.30am	SP	Tony Fernandes RIP
9.00am	ST	People of the Parish
9.30am	SH	Thanksgiving for Bishop Stephen Wang
9.30am	SMM	<i>Polish Mass</i>
10.00am	SP	Richard Pickering
11.00am	SG	People of the Parish
11.00am	SMM	Ethel's intention of thanksgiving
11.30am	SH	Jose Nery Alvis RIP
11.30am	SP	Jacqueline Madden
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

RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

St Peter's: Mondays at 7pm in the Upper Room of St Peter's parish hall.

St Mary Magdalen's: Wednesdays, 7–8:30pm during term time in the presbytery.

Sacred Heart: next meeting is Monday 26th October, 7–9pm, in the Sacred Heart Parish Rooms.

St Peter's First Holy Communion Parents' Evening

Thursday 22nd October at 8pm in St Peter's Church Hall (entrance via Tamworth Road). For parents and children enrolled in the First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion preparation programme. No on-site parking.

Baptism Preparation – St Theresa's The next two Baptism Preparation sessions are Tuesday 24th November and Tuesday 1st December, 6:30–7:30pm at St Theresa's. Both sessions are required for parents preparing for Baptism.

Confirmation Applications at Sacred Heart Confirmation applications remain open until Tuesday 1st December.

Baptism & Confirmation Certificates – St Peter's For a Baptism or Confirmation certificate, contact the St Peter's Archive Team by email at saintpeterarchives@gmail.com. Please allow two weeks for documents to be processed.



World Mission Sunday – Sunday 18 October 2026

This Sunday, parishes around the world celebrate World Mission Sunday, supporting Missio, the Pope's charity for world mission. This year's theme, 'One in Christ, united in mission', marks 100 years of World Mission Sunday and reminds us that we are united as God's global family in prayer, solidarity and action. Please pray for missionaries who share God's love with communities in need and give what you can to support their vital work.

World Mission Sunday Collection: Donations can be made using a Missio envelope, by calling 020 7821 9755 or online at missio.org.uk, where you can also set up a Direct Debit. Please Gift Aid your donation if eligible.

Missio Red Boxes: Thank you to everyone who supports Missio through their Red Boxes. If your box needs emptying (it does not have to be full), please follow the arrangements for your church:

Sacred Heart: Please bring your Red Box to Marilyn.

St George's: Please bring your Red Box to Patricia.

St Theresa's: Please bring your Red Box to Moira.

Please ensure your name is clearly written on your Red Box. Thank you for your continued generosity in supporting Missio and its missionary work around the world.

A Day with Saint Carlo Acutis

Saturday 17th October, at St Peter's, Shoreham. Join us for Mass, talks, Eucharistic Adoration, veneration of Saint Carlo's relic and the Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition. Come for all or part of the day. Bring a packed lunch. Exhibition continues until 1st Nov.

Special Collections 2026

18 October – World Mission

15 November – Retired Priests Fund

Ecumenical Men's Breakfast Club

Monday 19th October. Join us for friendship and conversation. For details, contact Andrew Macpherson on 07500 587107.

Bishop-Elect Stephen Wang's

Ordination Monday 19th October at Arundel Cathedral. Attendance is by invitation only, but the Ordination can be watched via the Cathedral's livestream from 12 noon.

No Mass at Sacred Heart

Monday 19th October. Please note that there will be NO MASS on this day at SH. All clergy will be at Arundel Cathedral for Bishop Stephen Wang's Ordination.

Day With Mary – Arundel Cathedral

Saturday, 24th October. Free coach departs St Mary Magdalen's at 7am. To book a seat, contact parish office.

St George's Tea and Chat

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. Next date is Tuesday 27th October.

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 29th October.

Rosaleen Gripper RIP Funeral will be held at the Sacred Heart Church on Thursday 29th October 2026 at 2pm. Please continue to pray for her, and for her family and friends.

Quiet Day at Compass House, Worth Abbey Saturday 31st October, 10am–

4pm. A peaceful day of prayer and reflection. Booking required. Suggested donation £15–£25. Optional transport from St John the Baptist, Kemptown, at 9am (£5).

Healing Service at St Mary

Magdalen's Sunday 1st November at 3pm, with Fr Rod and Fr Alphonse. All welcome. Car park open until 6pm.

Cottesmore St Mary Catholic Primary School – Open Days

For children starting Reception in September 2027. Visits at 9am on 3rd, 4th, 9th, 10th, 16th, 18th, 23rd and 25th November. Please allow 75 minutes. To book, email admin@cottesmorestmary.org with your child's name, nursery, preferred date and contact details.

Karla's Charity Curry Evening

Unfortunately Karla's curry evening has been postponed until Saturday 14th November. Thank you.

Worth Abbey – Advent Talk

Saturday 28th November. Naming What We Long For: A Benedictine Advent. Led by Abbot Mark Barrett. The morning will begin with a warm welcome and refreshments, followed by the talk and conclude with an optional light lunch and Midday Prayer. For more information and to reserve a place <https://worthabbey.net/advent-talk>

Change to Polish Mass Schedule

From December 2026, Polish Mass will be celebrated by Fr Tadeusz on

the first Saturday of each month at St Agnes Church in Eastbourne. There will therefore be no Polish Mass at St George's Church in Hove on the first Saturday of the month. On all other Saturdays, Polish Mass at St George's will continue as usual at 6.30pm.

November Lauds and Vespers for the Holy Souls

Throughout November, we will pray Lauds and Vespers at St Theresa's on Wednesdays at 6:30pm and Sundays at 8:30am. During each service, the names recorded in St Theresa's Necrology will be read aloud as we remember and pray for our departed loved ones. Prayer books will be available.

Holy Souls Candles and November Dead List

Throughout November, you are invited to remember your departed loved ones through our Holy Souls Candles and November Dead List. Envelopes will be available at the back of St Theresa's and St George's churches. At St Theresa's, WHITE envelopes are for sponsoring a candle in memory of a loved one. Please include the name(s) of those you wish to remember and, if you wish, a short personal message. BROWN envelopes are for the November Dead List. Please include the names of deceased family members, relatives, friends and others you wish to remember in prayer. Holy Mass will be offered for them throughout November. Please ensure you use the correct envelope.

Offertory Collection Reporting September 2026

SH offertory = £5,894.07

SP offertory = £5,700.23

SMM offertory = £3,776.92

SG & ST offertory = £3,170.49

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

MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS
A DEEP DIVE INTO POPE LEO'S NEW ENCYCLICAL
EXPLORING CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING
SUN 8TH NOV 2026 | 12:45 - 4:15PM
The Fitzherbert Community Hub, St John the Baptist Church, 2 Bristol Road, Brighton, BN2 1AP.
SPEAKER: DR JACK NORMAN