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 12th July 2026, 15th Sunday of the Year, Year A, Weekdays: Week 27, Psalter Week 3

Sea Sunday

A message from Bishop-elect Stephen...

Dear friends in the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton, dear brothers, and sisters,

I'm so happy to be appointed as your new bishop, and I am really looking forward to meeting you and getting to know the Diocese – the priests and deacons, those in consecrated life, all the lay faithful, and so many others. I'm really looking forward to visiting our parishes and schools, and all the other communities that make up our Diocese.

As you can imagine, the news came as a complete surprise to me. The first thing I did after being told on Tuesday morning was to visit St Peter's Basilica. I prayed at the tombs of St Peter and St John Paul II for you all and offered Mass for the Diocese. There are many challenges ahead, but I am full of hope. I've seen so many times what God can do when people pray and work together, and when they put their trust in him. If we listen to one another, and to the Lord, then he will show us the way forward.

You have been very blessed to have Archbishop Richard with you over these years. I keep being told what a wonderful diocese it is and how lucky I am to be going there! Which I certainly am. I want to thank Canon Jonathan Martin as well, for looking after things so well in this interim period.

Let's pray for each other, and for our Diocese. Please pray for me and for my intentions. I put all my trust in the Sacred Heart of Jesus, in his Church, and in his mother Mary. His love is so powerful. There is so much to be grateful for, and so much to do. I pray that we can grow in holiness together, be of service to those around us, and help all people to know the love and mercy of Jesus Christ and the message of the Gospel.

Bishop-elect Stephen

Canon David Writes…

Gardeners, allotment holders and farmers all speak about the importance of soil, the quality of which affects the ability of seeds to grow. So, if you haven't looked at this Sunday's Gospel by the time you read this there are no prizes for guessing you are about to hear the parable of the Sower. I think Jesus would like us to work on the quality of the soil as well sowing his word.

With the first group of people there seems to be a problem of understanding, which makes them vulnerable to having it snatched away. We no longer live in a culture where we can take for granted that the fundamentals of the Christian story are known. But we live in a world where communication between people is easier than it ever has been. It is a curious paradox and there is good Christian and Catholic material available for everyone to be better informed. How could we make sure people know this material is available?

For the second group tribulation and persecution on account of the word makes it fall away. There is a need to support one another on our journey of faith. Many groups exist for this across our Parish as well as in other places. One of the reasons some parishioners feel shy about their faith is the fear of being challenged on some point of teaching or practice. It's ok to say I don't know and then to go and find out – no one has all the answers, but everyone can know and love Jesus.

Finally, the cares of the world can be an obstacle to a growing faith. The Church has always had a concern for the poor. The work of the SVP, those who visit the sick and housebound and those working in charities and supporting them are playing their part in making the soil rich for Christ. Indeed so do all who practice charity in their daily lives often in ways unseen.

So, as well as sowing the word, let's try and keep the soil rich, so that it can yield fruit a hundredfold, sixty and thirty!

Sacred Heart, 39 Norton Road, BN3 3BF, 01273 732843, www.sacredhearthove.org.uk; hovesacredheart@abdiocese.org.uk. All Masses at SH are Live Streamed: www.sacredhearthove.org.uk/videos.html

St George's, Court Farm Road, BN3 7QR and **St Theresa's,** Old Shoreham Road, BN42 4RY, 01273 708227; www.brightondeanerywest.org.uk; westhove@abdiocese.org.uk

St Mary Magdalen's, 55 Upper North Street, BN1 3FH; 01273 326793; brightonstmarymag@abdiocese.org.uk

St Peter's, Portland Road, BN3 5GD, 01273 733840, https://www.stpeters-hove.org.uk/; hovestpeters@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 11	**July**	**St Benedict**
12noon †	SMM	Vernon Fonseca RIP
6pm	SH	Luis Antenor Hernandez Gomez RIP
6.00pm	SP	Elizabeth & Joseph RIP
6.30pm	SG	*Polish Mass*
Sun 12	**July**	**15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8.30am	SP	People of the Parish
9.00am	ST	School Leavers
9.30am	SH	Annette Waddell RIP
9:30am	SMM	*Polish Mass*
10.00am	SP	Deborah Murphy RIP
11.00am	SG	People of the Parish
11.00am	SMM	People of the Parish
11.30am	SH	Mr & Mrs GW Gillow RIP & Family
11.30am	SP	Patricia Fitzgerald RIP
5.00pm	SMM	Mental Health Services in B&H
Mon 13	**July**	**Saint Henry**
10.00am †	SH	Larry Murphy RIP
Tue 14	**July**	**Saint Camillus of Lellis**
10.00am	SG	People of the Parish
10.00am †	SH	Countess de Borchgrave RIP
10.00am	SP	*No Mass today*
6.00pm †	SMM	F. William M.M. Repton RIP
7.00pm	ST	People of the Parish
Wed 15	**July**	**Saint Bonaventure**
8.00am	SH	John Nicholas Crowe Parents & Relatives
8.00am	CNCS	
10.00am	SP	People of the Parish
6.00pm †	SMM	Cecile Pickwood RIP
7.00pm	ST	People of the Parish
Thurs 16	**July**	**Our Lady of Mount Carmel**
10.00am ‡	SG	People of the Parish
10.00am †	SP	In thanksgiving
12noon †	SH	Holy Souls
6.00pm †	SMM	People of the Parish
7.00pm	ST	People of the Parish
Fri 17	**July**	**Friday**
8.00am	SH	Anthony John Reynolds RIP
10.00am	SP	*No Mass today*
7.00pm ‡	ST	People of the Parish
6.00pm †	SMM	Gertrude O'Sullivan RIP
Sat 18	**July**	**Saturday**
12noon †	SMM	Mary Braithwaite RIP
6pm	SH	Archbishop Richard Moth Intention
6.00pm	SP	Canon David
6.30pm	SG	*Polish Mass*
Sun 19	**July**	**16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8.30am	SP	People of the Parish
9.00am	ST	Rod Dearling RIP
9.30am	SH	People of the Parish
9:30am	SMM	*Polish Mass*
10.00am	SP	People of the Parish
11.00am	SG	People of the Parish
11.00am	SMM	People of the Parish
11.30am	SH	Colette Melling RIP
11.30am	SP	Samuel Sandell Wellbeing
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, and during every Holy Hour at SMM.

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, 6–7pm in the Lady Chapel.
The Rosary Group does not meet on Bank Holiday Mondays.

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

West Hove Online Prayer Group Digging deeper into our faith and the Bible. We delve deeper into the Bible, sharing knowledge and learning together. Sessions last for an hour and end with prayers. Please join us on Zoom (request a link from the Parish Office) 8pm on Thursday evenings.

St Peter's
Contemplative Prayer Group: Fridays, 7:30pm - 9pm, in person and online. Contact James at: quietenginespray-er@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 for lunch and friendship. Please note the group will break for August. The last meeting is 23rd July, returning on 3rd September.

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 14th July.

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.

Cottesmore St Mary Catholic Primary School, Hove, currently has two spaces for children in Year 2, moving to Year 3 in September. Please contact the school if you are interested in one of the places. For more information, you may wish to visit their Admissions page on their school website https://www.cottesmore.brighton-hove.sch.uk/page/admissions/

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 processing.

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 2nd August. All are most welcome. The car park will remain open until 6pm.

Sacred Heart Choir We are looking for new members for our choir at the 11:30am Mass on Sunday's. If you are interested in joining this group please contact 01273 735371 for further information. We look forward to hearing from you.

Ecumenical Men's Breakfast Club Men from all Christian churches and denominations are warmly invited to the Ecumenical Men's Breakfast Club, which meets on Mondays at 10.00am at the Royal George Pub, Stoney Lane, Shoreham. Next meeting takes place on Monday 13th July. Come along for friendship, conversation, and fellowship in an informal setting. Further information, please contact Andrew Macpherson on 07500 587107.

Catenian Association a monthly meeting of Catholic men at The Hove Club. For more info catenianprovince18.org.uk.

Newsletter by email If you would like to receive a copy of the newsletter to your inbox each week, please email: hovesa-credheart@abdiocese.org.uk to be added to the distribution list, this list is for all our west hub churches.

Parking Update – St George's Church Parishioners and visitors are advised that double yellow lines have now been installed between the entrance and exit of St George's Church car park. Parking on this section of road, including on the pavement, is no longer permitted and may result in a Penalty Charge Notice (PCN). Please help us keep access to the church and car park safe and clear by observing the new parking restrictions. We also kindly remind everyone that the church car park is intended for parishioners and visitors attending church services, parish events, and church hall activities. Thank you for your cooperation and consideration.

SMM Summer Concert Series 2026 Unfortunately, the recital scheduled for Saturday 11th July at 1pm at St Mary Magdalen's Church has been cancelled. We apologise for any disappointment this may cause and thank you for your understanding. The first concert in the Summer Concert Series will now take place on Saturday 18th July at 1pm. Free admission, with a retiring collection. Everyone is warmly welcome.

Thank you, Lisa! On behalf of the Sacred Heart office, and community, thank you Lisa for your dedication, hard work, and wisdom you have given us over the past few years as our Parish Secretary. We will miss you and wish you lots of joy and blessings in all your new adventures you will have with your family.

Fundraising / Giving

Special Collections 2026
12th July – Sea Sunday

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.

The Bethlehem Nativity Group A missionary group from Bethlehem in the Holy Land, will visit SG & ST on Sunday 19th July. They will briefly speak about the Holy Land and offer olive wood religious articles for sale. Proceeds will support poor Christian families in the Holy Land. Any support you can give them would be greatly appreciated, "When you help the poor, you help our Lord."

SVP Southwick with West Hove A heartfelt thank you to everyone who donated bottles for the tombola we held on Saturday at Pavilion Gardens, Brighton. The event was a great success, raising £220 for SVP funds. We are very grateful to everyone who supported us, whether by donating prizes, helping on the stall, or taking part on the day. As well as raising valuable funds, the event provided a wonderful opportunity to raise awareness of the work of the SVP within the local community. Thank you for your generosity and support.

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:

Patricia Murphy RIP who died on Tuesday 23rd June her funeral will take place on Thursday 16th July at 11am at St Peter's, Hove.

Peter Morrison RIP who died on 3rd July. Peter's funeral will take place at St Peter's, Hove, date to be confirmed.

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; and Winifred Wilde.

Sunday 12th July 2026
15th 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 — Isaiah 55:10-11

Thus says the Lord: 'For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Some seed fell into good soil and yielded its fruit.

Second Reading — Romans 8:18-23

Brothers and Sisters: I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption, and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. The seed is the word of God, Christ the sower; all who find him will live forever. Alleluia.

Gospel — Matthew 13:1-23

At that time: Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears, let him hear.'
Then the disciples came and said to him, 'Why do you speak to them in parables?' And he answered them, 'To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. For to the one who has, more will be given, and he will have an abundance, but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. This is why I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. Indeed, in their case the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled that says: "You will indeed hear but never understand, and you will indeed see but never perceive." For this people's heart has grown dull, and with their ears they can barely hear, and their eyes they have closed, lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their heart and turn, and I would heal them. But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear. For truly, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.
'Hear then the parable of the sower: When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

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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