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 - Exodus 22:21-27

Thus says the Lord: 'You shall not wrong a sojourner or oppress him, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. You shall not mistreat any widow or fatherless child. If you do mistreat them, and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry, and my wrath will burn, and I will kill you with the sword, and your wives shall become widows and your children fatherless. If you lend money to any of my people with you who is poor, you shall not be like a money-lender to him, and you shall not exact interest from him. If ever you take your neighbour's cloak in pledge, you shall return it to him before the sun goes down, for that is his only covering, and it is his cloak for his body; in what else shall he sleep? And if he cries to me, I will hear, for I am compassionate.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

I love you, Lord, my strength.

Second reading - 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10

Brothers and Sisters: You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.
If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him. Alleluia.

Gospel - Matthew 22:34-40

At that time: When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 'Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?' And he said to him, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.'

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 25th October 2026 • 30th Sunday of the Year • Year A • Weekdays: Week 29 • Psalter Week 2

Fr Paul Writes…

'You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.'

On Monday, during the wonderful celebration of our new bishop's ordination, he was asked by the archbishop a number of questions about his willingness to undertake the duties and responsibilities of his role as bishop. At the heart of these questions was, in effect, an invitation to Bishop Stephen to fulfil, in a very special way, the 'Great Commandments,' to love God and our neighbour. These two commandments are given by Christ in today's Gospel.

In the Jewish tradition it is generally recognised that the Old Testament, as we Christians call it, contains not just ten but as many as 613 commandments of various sorts. Jesus summed up the essence of all of these in the simple formula of 'love God and your neighbour.' As we see in various parts of Christ's teaching, the definition of 'neighbour' includes everyone, whether we like them, agree with them, or whether they are 'like us' or not. Just as God's love for us is without limit, so our love for others must be without limit, even when this might feel challenging.

Bishop Stephen has been given the task of being a model of the Christian life for the people of our diocese and beyond. However, the task of being the face of Christ in our area belongs to all of us, in our homes, our places of work and our social lives, as well as our response to the many problems of the world.

As we pray for Bishop Stephen in his ministry as our bishop, let us pray too that we will be able to live out our own ministry in the world as people who love God and our neighbour and so share God's love with the world.

This Week in Our Parish

Saturday 24th October
*5:15–5:45pm Weekly Reconciliation at SH & SP

Sunday 25th October
*8:30am St Theresa's Rosary, during October
*Refreshments available after some Masses
*After 11am Mass, Table Church at SMM
*After 11am Mass, Reconciliation at SG, on request

Monday 26th October
*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 27th October
*10am SG Mass followed by Tea & Chat in the hall
*10:30am SH Prayer Group in the Parish Room
*2–4pm Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM) SP's Hall

Wednesday 28th October
*5:30pm Reconciliation at SMM during Holy Hour
*6:30pm St Theresa's Rosary during October

Thursday 29th October
*12noon SH Mass followed by SVP Social Group
*2pm Funeral of Rosaleen Gripper RIP at Sacred Heart
*7:30pm Digging Deeper Online study group

Friday 30th 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

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A warm welcome to all our visitors, we hope you enjoy your time in our parish community and feel at home among us.

Serdecznie witamy wszystkich naszych gości. Mamy nadzieję, że miło spędzicie czas w naszej wspólnocie parafialnej i poczujecie się wśród nas jak w dom. (Polish)

Damos as boas-vindas a todos os nossos visitantes. Esperamos que desfrutem do tempo passado na nossa comunidade paroquial e que se sintam em casa entre nós. (Portuguese)

Damos una cálida bienvenida a todos nuestros visitantes. Esperamos que disfruten de su tiempo (Spanish)

Un accueil chaleureux à tous nos visiteurs. Nous espérons que vous apprécierez votre séjour au sein de notre communauté paroissiale et que vous vous sentirez chez vous parmi nous. (French)

Mass Schedule		
Sat 24th	**October**	**Saint Antony Mary Claret**
6pm	SH	Flavin and Craven Families
6.00pm	SP	John Quinn RIP
6.30pm	SG	*Polish Mass*
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	*Polish Mass*
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
Mon 26th	**October**	**Saints Chad and Cedd**
10.00am †	SH	Michael Pye RIP
Tue 27th	**October**	**Tuesday**
10.00am	SG	People of the Parish
10.00am †	SH	Mr & Mrs G.W. Gillow and Relatives
10.00am	SP	People of the Parish
7.00pm	ST	People of the Parish
Wed 28th	**October**	**Saints Simon and Jude**
8.00am	CNCS	-
8.00am	SH	Yvonne Barnes RIP
10.00am	SP	*No Mass*
6:30pm	SMM	Kitty and those suffering
7.00pm	ST	Margaret McGuigan RIP & Elizabeth Strahan RIP
Thurs 29th	**October**	**Thursday**
09:30am	SMM	People of the Parish
10.00am ‡	SG	People of the Parish
10.00am †	SP	*No Mass*
12noon †	SH	Deacon Eric Kilminster RIP
7.00pm	ST	People of the Parish
Fri 30th	**October**	**Friday**
8.00am	SH	Rev. Anthony Ball RIP
10.00am	SP	Siobhan McDonald
7.00pm ‡	ST	Martin Woolley RIP
6:30pm †	SMM	Joan Cullen RIP
Sat 31st	**October**	**Saturday**
6pm	SH	Theresa Maye RIP
6.00pm	SP	People of the Parish
6.30pm	SG	*Polish Mass*
Sun 1st	**November**	**All Saints**
8.30am	SP	People of the Parish
9.00am	ST	People of the Parish
9.30am	SH	People of the Parish
9:30am	SMM	*Polish Mass*
10.00am	SP	Ronald & Elsie Garner RIP & Sylvia
11.00am	SG	People of the Parish
11.00am	SMM	Table Church thanksgiving
11.30am	SH	June Price RIP
11.30am	SP	People of the Parish
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 Exploring the Catholic Faith Are you interested in exploring the Catholic faith or preparing for Baptism or Confirmation? All are warmly welcome to join our RCIA sessions, held on Mondays at **St Peter's**, 7pm in the Upper Room of the parish hall, or **Sacred Heart**, 7–9pm in the Parish Rooms. Come along to learn more about the faith and the Sacraments.

2026–2027 Sacramental Programmes at Sacred Heart First Holy Communion and RCIA applications are now closed at Sacred Heart. Confirmation applications remain open until Tuesday 1st December 2026.

Baptism Preparation at 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.

Baptism & Confirmation Certificates at 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.

Quiet Day at Compass House, Worth Abbey
Saturday 31st October. An opportunity to pray and reflect in the tranquil space of the Abbey Church and Sussex countryside, from 10am to 4pm. Booking is required. Suggested donation: £15–£25. Optional transport from St John the Baptist, Kemptown, at 9am, costing £5.

Learning with Bishop Stephen A new weekly group starting 31st October at St Peter's, Hove, 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!

Blessing of Graves on Sunday 1st November At 3pm, Fr Tony and Canon David will be at Hove Cemetery, while Fr Paul will be at Southwick Cemetery before continuing to Portslade Cemetery. All welcome as we remember and pray for our departed loved ones.

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

Holy Souls Candles and November Dead List
Throughout November, envelopes will be available at St Theresa's and St George's to remember departed loved ones. At St Theresa's, WHITE envelopes are for sponsoring a candle. BROWN envelopes are for the November Dead List. Holy Mass will be offered for those remembered throughout November.

Worth Abbey All Souls Mass
Monday 2nd November. Join the monastic community to remember and pray for the faithful departed, offering a space for families to honour their loved ones.

Cottesmore St Mary Catholic Primary School – Open Days. Prospective parents of children starting Reception in September 2027 are invited to visit at 9am on 3, 4, 9, 10, 16, 18, 23 and 25 November. Visits last approx. 75 minutes. To book, email admin@cottesmorestmary.org

St Mary's Catholic Primary School Portslade. Prospective parents are warmly invited to visit the school and see how children are encouraged to achieve their ambitions. To book a tour, call 01273 418416 or visit https://www.stmarys.brighton-hove.sch.uk/

St Mary Magdalen's Catholic Primary School and Nursery, Brighton. The Nursery provides a supportive start to children's education, with a seamless transition into Reception. Families are warmly invited to arrange a tour.



Magnifica Humanitas Sunday 8th November. Join Dr Jack Norman, Research Fellow at Blackfriars, Oxford, and the Las Casas Institute for Social Justice, for an afternoon exploring Catholic Social Teaching and Pope Leo's encyclical, 1:30–4:15pm at the Fitzherbert Community Hub, Brighton. Shared lunch at 12:45pm (bring a packed lunch or dish to share). No booking required; donations welcome. Tea, coffee and cake provided. Contact joanna.gilbert@abdiocese.org.uk

Karla's Charity Curry Evening
Please note that Karla's Charity Curry Evening has been postponed until Saturday 14th November.

Special Collections 2026
15th Nov - Retired Priests (Gift Aid)

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. Register https://brightonhove.churchsuite.com/events/i81im9kt Enquiries: families.eastbrighton@abdiocese.org.uk

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. Details and booking: worthabbey.net/advent-talk

Change to Polish Mass Schedule SG
From December 2026, Fr Tadeusz will celebrate the first Saturday Polish Mass at St Agnes Church, Eastbourne. Polish Mass at St George's will continue at 6:30pm on all the other Saturdays of the month.

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 https://cateniansprovince18.org.uk

Soup Run Volunteers Needed
at the Angel of Peace statue, Monday to Friday at 7pm, to serve hot soup, bread and kindness to those in need. Please contact SMM Parish Office.

Welcomers Needed at ST & SG
We are looking for more Welcomers to help everyone feel at home when they arrive at church. Simply arriving a little early and offering a friendly welcome can make a real difference. Please speak to the Parish Office if you can help.

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.

Room for Refugees
Hosts are urgently needed for refugee women in Brighton. The charity screens every referral, provides ongoing support and allows hosts to set their own house rules. A one month commitment with a one week trial is possible. Visit roomforrefugees.com or email home@positiveactionh.org

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

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

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, Melvin Shirkie, Dean Schwartz, Robert (Bob) Selwood, Hanorah & Mat Smith, Elena White, Winifred Wilde, Canon Colin Wolczak.