

Brighton and Hove Deanery: Western Churches

Sacred Heart, St George's & St Theresa's, St Mary Magdalen's, St Peter's

Canon Colin Wolczak, Dom Rod Jones OSB, Canon David Parmiter

Sunday 30th March 2025, 4th Sunday in Lent, Year C. Weekdays: Lent Week 4

Canon David Writes:

The Gospel this Sunday will be very familiar and a story that I hope we all love. I say that because through this Jesus shows us about the loving mercy of God the Father. There is also a challenge, as there should be for none of us are perfect! It is clear enough to see the sins of both the sons, the prodigal's careless life and the other brother's resentment. The challenge for us is to look at ourselves and our own situation in the light of how much God the Father loves us and our response to his great love.

In the Gospel, one brother 'comes to his senses' and makes his way back. For the other brother, the door is left open, and we don't know if he walks through into the feast. His father reassures him: 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours'. This 'open ending' is an invitation to us. All we need do is to walk through the door of God's mercy ourselves. This needs a change in our way of living which sometimes is a long journey, like that of the prodigal son, but God the Father is always running to meet us along the way and Jesus is always by our side through our prayer and our brothers and sisters who have our best interests at heart. It's good news as the entrance antiphon declares and gives it's name to this Sunday: "Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast."

Stations of the Cross at each church

St Peter's: from Friday 14th March at 7pm during Lent.

St Theresa's & St George's: Fridays during lent. Starting at St Theresa's on Friday 14th March at 6:15pm (before Mass at 7pm) and then alternating between St George's (at 7:30pm) and St Theresa's (at 6:15pm) thereafter.

Sacred Heart: Every Tuesday up to and including 15th April, the SH Prayer Group will lead the Stations of the Cross, immediately after the 10am Tuesday Mass. All are welcome to join.

St Mary Magdalen's after holy hour at 6:30pm on Fridays during Lent. All are welcome to join.

Lenten Holy Hour at St Peter's

You are invited to spend time in prayer, face to face with Jesus in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: each Saturday in Lent from 5pm, concluding with

Sacred Heart, 39 Norton Road, BN3 3BF, 01273 732843,

www.sacredheartrove.org.uk; hovesacredheart@abdiocese.org.uk.

All Masses Live Streamed: www.sacredheartrove.org.uk/videos.html

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

St Mary Magdalen, 55 Upper North St, BN1 3FH;

stmarymagdalenbrighton.blogspot.com; brightonstmarymag@abdiocese.org.uk.

St Peter's, Portland Road, BN3 5GD, 01273 733840, www.stpeters-hove.org.uk; hovestpeters@abdiocese.org.uk.

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

Mass Schedule

Day	Time	Church	Notes
Sat 29	6.00pm †	SH	Mary Scherer RIP
	6.00	SP	Sylvie Najour RIP
	6.30	SG	Polish Mass
Sun 30	8.30 am	SP	People of the Parish
	9.00	ST	Vincent Neal & family
	9.30	SH	People of the Parish
	9:30	SMM	
	10.00	SP	People of the Parish
	11.00	SG	All Parishioners
	11.00	SMM	
	11.30	SH	Sarah Parker RIP & Danny Collard RIP
	11.30	SP	Hugh & Patricia Maguire 55th Wedding Anniversary
	5.00 pm	SP	Brazilian Mass
Mon 31	5.00	SMM	
	10.00 am †	SH	Reginald Harding Klimanck RIP
Tue 1	10.00 am	SG	NO MASS
	10.00 am †	SH	Hughes Family
	10.00	SP	People of the Parish
	7.00pm	ST	All Parishioners
Wed 2	8.00am	SH	St Francis of Paola Canon Oliver Heaney RIP
	10.00am	SP	Jim Elliot RIP 1st Anniversary
	7.00pm	ST	All Parishioners
Thu 3	10.00am	SP	People of the Parish
	10.00am ‡	SG	All Parishioners
	12 noon †	SH	Win Pilkington RIP
	7.00pm	ST	All Parishioners
Fri 4	8.00 am	SH	St Isidore Malcolm Giraud RIP
	9.30	SP	People of the Parish
	7.00pm	ST	All Parishioners
Sat 5	12noon	SH	St Vincent Ferrer Edward Thompson RIP
	12.00	SP	UCM Mass
	6.00pm †	SH	Mansueta & Ernest Quider RIP
	6.00	SP	People of the Parish
	6.30	SG	Polish Mass
Sun 6	8.30 am	SP	5th Sunday in Lent Jude Fletcher RIP
	9.00	ST	All Parishioners
	9.30	SH	People of the Parish
	9:30	SMM	
	10.00	SP	People of the Parish
	11.00	SG	All Parishioners
	11.00	SMM	
	11.30	SH	Pat & Anne Kane RIP
	11.30	SP	Maria McCarthy RIP
	5.00 pm	SP	Brazilian Mass
5.00	SMM		

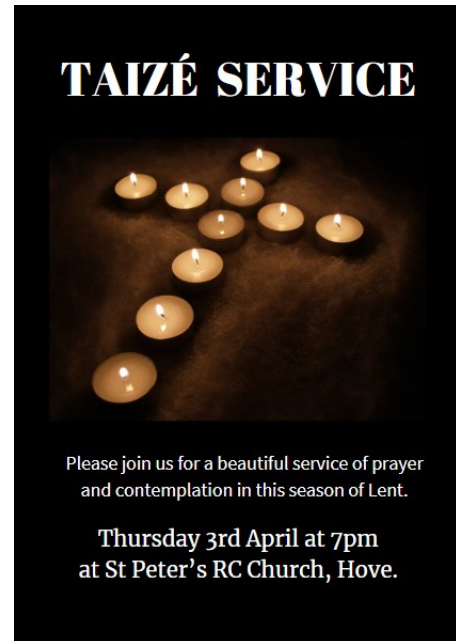
SH: Sacred Heart; **SG:** St George's

SMM: St Mary Magdalene's

SP: St Peter's; **ST:** St Theresa of Lisieux

† Adoration before. ‡ Adoration after

Benediction at 5:45 (Mass at 6pm as usual). Jesus is really present in the consecrated host, which is displayed on the altar throughout this time. You can pray with Scripture, the rosary, or simply in your own words as you enjoy His presence. Please pray especially for the pastoral plan and for our collaboration with other communities of faith across Brighton & Hove. The time of prayer concludes with a special blessing called 'Benediction'. Times of Adoration in other Churches are in the newsletter and on their websites.



Weekly Events

Reconciliation

5:15-5:45pm before Mass every Saturday at Sacred Heart, & St Peter's.

Sacred Heart Rosary Group

Every **Monday** after 10am Mass (in person) in the Lady Chapel, and on **Fridays** at 11am (livestreamed only). All are welcome.

St Mary Mags: Sanctuary of Prayer

The church will be open from 3pm to 6:30pm each Friday afternoon. There will be a 'Holy Hour' with Adoration and Benediction between 5:30 and 6:30pm. You would be most welcome to come and spend a little time with the Lord, joining together in prayer for our deanery, our city and for our own personal intentions. Confession available during the Holy Hour.

Online Prayer Group

Thursdays at 8pm via video-link:

A small and informal group, meeting to pray and read the scriptures together. If you would like to join the group, or

just 'come and see' you would be very welcome. Just send an email to westhove@abdiocese.org.uk and you will receive the link for the meeting.

Regular Events

Coffee and Cake after Mass please see your parish church noticeboards.

St Peter's Friday Social Club

Meets in the Hall, Fridays at 1:30pm, term time only. You are welcome to join this friendly group for good conversation and some light refreshments. Recent talks and activities have included learning sign language, a Harrods window-dresser, sale of personalised art cards, 101 ways to wear accessories, and stories of some special crucifixes. Tea and cake always provided.

St George's Tea and Chat 8th & 22nd April

This takes place on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month, after the 10am Mass at St George's, offering a time of socialisation and activity, aimed at older people in the parish. No need to book. Just turn up!

St Peter's Tai Chi

Term time, in the hall 10:30-11:30am on Mondays.

St Peter's Union of Catholic Mothers

(UCM) Tuesdays in the hall, term time only, 2-4pm, new members are always welcome.

Other Events/Notices

Stations of the Cross and Children's Activity Day St Theresa's, 10am -12pm, Good Friday 18th April



St Theresa's Children's Singing Group

Sunday 20th April, 9am, St Theresa's
We will be performing at Easter Sunday Mass at St Theresa's. Contact Nancy or Charlotte if interested in joining: nddequilla@yahoo.com. Rehearsals start in April.

Mass Intentions/Memorial Book Entries (Sacred Heart)

Please use the envelopes provided in the Porch so that all the required information is received. Thank you.

Email Warning

We have recently heard of a parishioners' e-mail address (Sacred Heart) being compromised (i.e. hacked into). If you receive an unexplained or strange e-mail purporting to come from an address perhaps known to you, please exercise caution when considering replying to it as this could lead to other potential problems.

Eucharistic Healing Service

Sunday 6th April, 3pm – 4:15pm, St Mary Mags

A time of prayer, reflection and music. Praying for the healing of our families, for those we know in need and for ourselves. (Parking available on the school playground off Spring Street).

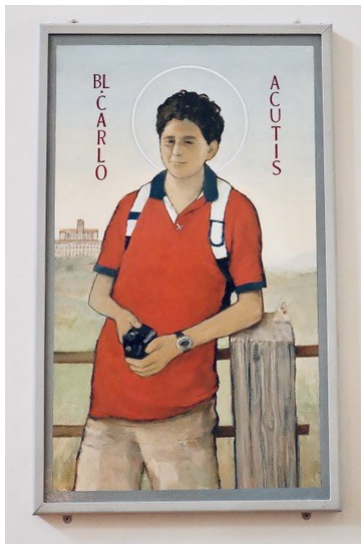
Sycamore: 'Prayer for Pilgrims'

We are delighted to invite you to six informal gatherings running weekly from Monday 7th April at 7pm in St Peter's Church Hall. Each evening we will begin by enjoying a bite to eat together, watch a short Sycamore film and consider questions that will inspire relaxed and friendly discussions. We will reflect on what prayer is, share what is most fruitful and ponder in our hearts how we might go deeper.

The first week will begin with the film 'Who is Jesus?'. Perfect for Pilgrims of Hope. All are welcome, including fellow pilgrims from our sister parishes. For more on the wonderful resource that Sycamore is visit:

www.sycamore.fm

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Canonization of Blessed Carlo Acutis
Sunday 27th April, 11am, St Peter's
 Canon David has invited Bishop Richard to celebrate Mass at 11:00am, and we will have a reception in the hall following Mass. That weekend there will be Mass celebrated at 6pm on Saturday evening, and at 8:30am on Sunday morning. Our usual 10:00am and 11:30am Masses will be combined at 11:00am, and we are delighted that the two choirs will join together with students from Cardinal Newman and Cottesmore.

St Peter's Offertory Collection
Sunday 23 March - £1,207.
 Second Collection - £214.

Special Collections 2025
St George's & St Theresa's
Next Sunday 6th April, there will be an appeal from HCPT (Hosanna House and Children's Pilgrimage Trust) who organise pilgrimage holidays to Lourdes, for disabled and disadvantaged people, with Easter pilgrimages for children, at their Hosanna House in Bartrès. Please give what you can to this worthy cause.

St Peter's Mass time changes:
 Please note Mass will be at 9:30am on Friday 4th April.

Cleaning the Churches for Holy Week and Easter
St George's, Saturday 12th April at 4pm,
St Theresa's, Sunday 13th April at 6pm
 Please come along and help to make the churches spick and span in preparation for Easter! We will be focussing on some of the things like polishing, which the regular cleaning teams do not always get time to do. Refreshments will be provided!

Welcomers at St Theresa's
 We are in need of a few more welcomers at the **9am Mass at St Theresa's** please. Please speak to Gill or Pauline, or email the parish office.

Parking in the Sacred Heart Car Park
 Please do not double park in the car park as there are often people working in or visiting the Parish office, or using the Parish Rooms who need to leave the car park.

Children's Liturgy at St Peter's
 Is looking for more help. If you would like to volunteer, please do not hesitate to contact the office. A quick reminder that Children's liturgy takes place on a term time only basis. Children are welcome up to secondary school age, those of secondary school age are to be encouraged to stay in the Mass. If the ratio of adults to children are not sufficient, we will have to ask some parents to join the group at that point in the Mass before the children go out. If parents do not come forward, then the liturgy will not take place.

Fundraising

St Peter's 200 Club
 The 200 Club supports two charities selected by our parishioners, namely: **Reaching the Unreached** <https://www.rtu.org.uk/>, and **Sussex Nightstop** www.sussexnightstop.org.uk
How the 200 Club works. Sign up for £52 per year for a chance to win a bi-monthly draw, payable annually. The 1st prize is £200, the 2nd prize is £90, and 3rd prize is £50. All the while your money is helping others. We are looking for new members, so please do get in touch with the Parish office if you wish to join.

St Peter's SPRING SALE after 10:00 and 11:30 Masses on 6th April. Gifts, bric a brac, Easter goodies, all at very low prices, in aid of farming projects in Sudan (kids for kids).

Hangleton and West Blatchington Food Bank If you would like to donate to the foodbank we would be grateful for: **Plain noodles, Rice pudding, Savoury snacks.** No need for pasta, rice, soup, or baked beans. Donations may be brought to the hall on Wednesdays between 10:30 and 11:45 or dropped into the collection bins in, One Stop in

Court Farm Road, Books Alive in Elm Drive, Hove Waitrose, or at any of our churches. Thank you.

Newsletter by email
 Please email Lisa, SH Parish Secretary: hovesacredheart@abdiocese.org.uk to be added to the distribution list, this list is for all our churches.

Who to contact in Fr Tony's absence
 Re school admissions, marriages, funerals etc? In the first instance people can contact **Juliette (parish secretary)** via the parish office, Juliette will forward the enquiry to the relevant person. St George's and St Theresa's Parish Office, 01273 708227, westhove@abdiocese.org.uk.
Canon David at St Peter's is the main clergy contact in place of a parish priest.
Baptism – contact Fr Paul, via the office.
School admission – contact Cn David.
First Holy Communion – contact Fr Paul, via the parish office.
Confirmation – contact Sacred Heart.
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) – contact Sacred Heart.
Marriage – contact the parish office.
The Sacrament of the Sick – contact the parish office.
Taking Communion to People at Home – contact the parish office.
Home visits to the sick or lonely – contact the SVP, via the parish office.
The Sacrament of Reconciliation – Available on request.
Funerals – contact the parish office.

Please Pray For...

Bob & Elena White, Tom Piggins, Cathy Howes, Margaret Guy, Noah Baker, Rex Curd and Sally Harvey.

Please pray for all the sick and/or housebound members of our parishes.

Please pray for those who have died recently, especially:

Shirley Burrow RIP (St Theresa's) Funeral is on Monday, 31st March 2025 at 11 am, St Theresa of Lisieux, Old Shoreham Road, Southwick, BN42 4RY, followed by Cremation at the Downs. No flowers, donations for either Sense or Lourdes Pilgrimage fund please. Those not attending the Committal at the Crematorium are welcome for refreshments at Hangleton Manor, Hangleton Valley Drive, Hove, BN3 8AN.

30th March 2025, 4th Sunday in Lent

Entrance Antiphon

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

Collect

Let us pray.

O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

First Reading: Joshua 5:9a, 10-12

In those days: The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you.' While the people of Israel were encamped at Gilgal, they kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the month in the evening on the plains of Jericho. And the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate of the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. And the manna ceased the day after they ate of the produce of the land. And there was no longer manna for the people of Israel, but they ate of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms Response

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Brothers and Sisters:

If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ; God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ: be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin,

so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus.

I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you'.

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus.

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

At that time: The tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, 'This man receives sinners and eats with them.'

So he told them this parable:

'There was a man who had two sons.

And the younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me." And he divided his property between them.

Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

'But when he came to himself, he said, "How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.' "

'And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was

lost, and is found."

And they began to celebrate.

'Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing.

And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant.

And he said to him, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound." But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, "Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends.

But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!" And he said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found." ' The Gospel of the Lord.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

You must rejoice, my son, for your brother was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

O God, who enlighten everyone who comes into this world, illuminate our hearts, we pray, with the splendour of your grace, that we may always ponder what is worthy and pleasing to your majesty and love you in all sincerity. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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