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 26th April 2026, Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year A, Weekdays: Week 16, Psalter Week 4

Good Shepherd Sunday

Canon David Writes…

As we celebrate what we call 'Good Shepherd' Sunday many of us will be thinking about when we will receive news of an appointment of a Bishop for our own Diocese. We do not know when this will happen, but we do know that our prayer is a vital part of the process of discernment and enquiry that is being undertaken during these weeks and months. Unlike the secular world these issues are not rushed but have the character of a 'spiritual deliberation' in which allowing time and space for the Holy Spirit to work is greatly valued and received gratefully. This Sunday is also a day of prayer for vocations, recognising everyone's baptismal call to holiness, which then leads to the particular vocations. These vocations of the single and married state, ordination as a priest or a deacon or to religious and consecrated life, are all at the service of the Church and humanity.

This sense of vocation or calling begins with prayer when in the silence of our hearts we are able to hear the voice of Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, leading us gently into his service. Pope Leo XIV has issued a letter for this 63rd World Day of Prayer For Vocations, which reflects on this need for interiority. In this letter he has written: In the Gospel of John, Jesus describes himself as the "good shepherd." This expression refers to a shepherd who is perfect, authentic and exemplary, inasmuch as he is ready to give his life for his sheep, thus revealing God's love. He is the Shepherd who draws us to himself, whose gaze reveals that life is truly beautiful when one follows him. Neither the eyes of the body nor aesthetic sensibilities alone are sufficient to recognise this beauty; rather, contemplation and interiority are required. Only the one who pauses, listens, prays and welcomes the Shepherd's gaze can say with confidence: 'I trust him; life with him can truly be beautiful. I want to walk this path of beauty."

Our vocation to holiness is beautiful, an inspiring message to pass on.

Regular Events

Weekly Reconciliation Times

Sacred Heart & St Peter's Saturdays 5:15-5:45 before Mass.

St George's After Sunday Mass, on request.

St Mary Magdalen Fridays at 5pm, and Saturdays at 11am.

St Theresa's Fridays after the 7:00pm Mass.

Prayer Groups

Sacred Heart Prayer Group Every Tuesday at 10:30am, SH Parish Room. You may leave prayer requests in the box at the back of the church. All are welcome.

Sacred Heart Online Rosary Friday's 11am Rosary, available online only. Please join via our livestream.

West Hove Online Prayer Group Digging deeper into aspects of our faith and the Bible. The Thursday prayer group, made up of lay people, delves deeper into the Bible, sharing knowledge and learning together. Recent topics have included St Paul's journeys, the Book of Samuel, and St Padre Pio. Sessions last for about an hour and end with prayers. Please come and join us on Zoom (request a link from the Parish Office) at 8pm on Thursday evenings.

St Peter's Prayer Group Holy Spirit Series You are warmly invited to join a 7 week series of Holy Spirit evenings at St Peter's Church Hall. This initiative, inspired by Pope Francis,

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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 25	**Apr**	**St Mark**
12noon †	SMM	People of the Parish
6.00pm †	SH	Michael Brennan RIP
6.00pm	SP	People of the Parish
6.30pm	SG	*Polish Mass*
Sun 26	**Apr**	**Fourth Sunday of Easter**
8.30am	SP	People of the Parish
9.00am	ST	Vera Allen RIP
9.30am	SH	People of the Parish
9:30am	SMM	*Polish Mass*
10.00am	SP	Hedieh Ramezani RIP
11.00am	SG	For all the sick
11.00am	SMM	People of the Parish
11.30am	SH	Elena White Int
11.30am	SP	Margaret Gilligan
5.00pm	SMM	People of the Parish
5.00pm	SP	*Brazilian Mass*
6.15pm	SP	*Syriac Orthodox Holy Mass*
Mon 27	**Apr**	**Monday**
10.00 am †	SH	Robert Duffy Int
Tue 28	**Apr**	**Saint Peter Chanel**
10.00am	SG	People of the Parish
10.00am †	SH	Claude Anthony Valdes RIP
10.00am	SP	*No Mass*
6.00pm †	SMM	People of the Parish
7.00pm	ST	William, Elizabeth & Margaret McNulty RIP
Wed 29	**Apr**	**St Catherine of Siena**
8.00am	SH	Nadine & Family Int
8.00am	CNCS	
10.00am	SP	*No Mass*
6.00pm †	SMM	People of the Parish
7.00pm	ST	John Sheppard RIP
Thurs 30	**Apr**	**Saint Pius V**
10.00am ‡	SG	People of the Parish
11.30am †	SP	Funeral of Catherine Howes RIP
12noon †	SH	Terence Hall RIP & Ints of Elizabeth Hall
6.00pm †	SMM	People of the Parish
7.00pm	ST	Vince Neal RIP
Fri 1	**May**	**Saint Joseph the Worker**
8.00am	SH	Tessa Bloy Int
10.00am	SP	Eric & Margaret Taylor & Roger Taylor
7.00pm	ST	People of the Parish
6.00pm †	SMM	People of the Parish
Sat 2	**May**	**St Athanasius**
12noon †	SH	Anne Sarah Parker RIP
12noon †	SMM	People of the Parish
6.00pm †	SH	Mrs Phyllis Kelly Int
6.00pm	SP	People of the Parish
6.30pm	SG	*Polish Mass*
Sun 3	**May**	**Fifth Sunday of Easter**
8.30am	SP	People of the Parish
9.00am	ST	Christopher Gibbons RIP
9.30am	SH	People of the Parish
9:30am	SMM	People of the Parish
10.00am	SP	Pádraig Grealish RIP
11.00am	SG	Vince Neal RIP
11.00am	SMM	People of the Parish
11.30am	SH	Peter King RIP
11.30am	SP	Sheila Herman RIP
5.00pm	SMM	Mathias Xavier Dias, Anastasia Leonora Rodrigues, RIP
5.00pm	SP	*Brazilian Mass*

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

offers an introduction and exploration of the Holy Spirit. There will be a daytime meeting and an evening meeting each week. The daytime sessions take place on Mondays at 3:30pm, and the evening sessions on Thursdays at 8:00pm. Both will run for seven weeks, finishing the week commencing 25th May 2026. Everyone is welcome to attend, and you are also welcome to simply drop in. If you would like to attend or help co-ordinate, please get in touch at faithenginesprayer@gmail.com.

St Peter's Prayer Group Contemplative Prayer The Friday 7:30pm contemplative prayer group continues to meet in person and online. For enquiries, please contact James at quietenginesprayer@gmail.com.

St Theresa's – New Weekly Devotions (from 3rd May)
Rosary: Wednesday at 6:30pm and Sunday at 8:30am.
Morning Prayer & Breakfast: Saturday at 9.00am.

Social Groups

Sacred Heart SVP Social Group Soup, sandwiches, tea, and cakes. Entertainment, quizzes, etc. after 12noon Mass. The next date is 30th April and every 2 weeks thereafter.

Sacred Heart Film Club The next Film Club will be held on 2nd May after 12pm Mass. The film showing will be 'The Little World of Don Camillo' stars Fernadel as a priest in a small town in post-war Italy. He is in constant rivalry with the communist mayor (Peppone). The firm provides Light entertainment with meaning.

St George's Tea and Chat After 10am Mass there's a time of socialisation and activity, in the hall, aimed at the older people in the parish. No need to book. Just turn up on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, join us in the hall, next on 28th April.

SMM Faith Formation Group Thursdays, 6:45pm at St Mary Mags, during term time. For anyone interested in joining the Church or learning more about the Catholic faith.

St Peter's Social group Fridays at 1-3pm in our parish hall please do join us for some light refreshment and friendly conversation.

Other Notices

Table Church at St Mary Magdalen's A young adults group who meet after the 11am Mass refreshments in the community hall! We meet informally to discuss life and share our faith and experiences. We look forward to meeting you!

Catenian Association a monthly meeting of Catholic men at The Hove Club. For more info cateniansprovince18.org.uk.

Lost property at Sacred Heart We have a large amount of unclaimed lost property which has been building up over the last few months. This is currently being stored in a box in the Outer Sacristy. We also have several pairs of unclaimed glasses; these are kept in the Sacristy. If you have lost an item, please look in the Lost Property Box and if you

have lost glasses, please ask the Sacristan to help you look. These items will be removed from the lost property/Sacristy after the Monday 3rd May so please try to find any items by then.

Musicians Wanted at St Theresa's we are looking for a drummer/percussionist for high days and holidays, namely Midnight Mass at Christmas, Easter Sunday, Pentecost, and similar celebrations. Other singers and musicians are always very welcome too. If interested, please see Nancy, Charlotte, Paula, or James.

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.

New Mass Setting at St Theresa's We will be learning Mass of Renewal by Curtis Stephan. You can listen and become familiar with the setting here: https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLfQebkBZFuCuGGmqAnKxDXl0wAEwIIUkO&si=BCh9D_IrRufu_8cS

Use of the Parish Room at SH If you use our Parish Room for functions, please ensure that if you store things in the Fridge that you make sure you remove them at the end of the function. We have recently had to remove a lot of out-of-date items from the Fridge which should not have been left in there for as long as they have. Thank you.

Road Closure at St Theresa's Please note that the slip road between St Theresa's and the MG garage will be closed until approximately 4 May due to gas mains replacement works. Access to the church car park will remain available. However, those travelling by car from the east will need to follow the diversion and approach via Downland Avenue. Thank you for your understanding.

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

Catholic Parish of Brighton & Hove Recreated by Word & Eucharist All those serving in any ministry across the parish are warmly invited to a special morning of formation and fellowship on Saturday 30th May 2026, from 9:30am to 1:30pm at St Mary's, Preston Park. The morning will begin at 9:30am with a session on understanding the power of the Mass to form us for lay mission. This will be followed by Mass at 12:15pm and lunch at 12:45pm. This event is open to all involved in liturgical ministries and offers an opportunity to meet others from across the parish, deepen your understanding of the Mass, and reflect on how it forms us for mission in the world. The formation will explore the meaning of our Baptismal vocation, renew our encounter with God's Word, consider our participation in Christ's sacrifice, and deepen our mission to serve the Church and the world. Please sign up by Friday 1st May to help with numbers and catering https://eastbrightonparish.churchsuite.com/events/gjlcscie.

Healing Service at SMM The next Healing Service at St Mary Magdalene's will take place on Sunday 3rd May at 3pm, with Fr Rod and Fr Alphonse. All are warmly encouraged to attend.

Fundraising / Giving

Martlet's Hospice Sale at St Peter's Thank you for your continued support for our fundraising for this important local provision. As many of you know, the Martlets supports families as well as those in need of medical care. The next big sale will be on Sunday 10th May after 10am and 11:30 Masses, but there is almost always a Sale Table of goodies in the hall after 10am Mass, along with coffee and biscuits.

St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Please join us for

The Celebration of the Crowning of Mary

Tuesday 5th May 2026
2.15pm on the school playground

Offertory Collection Reporting These figures include standing orders, DONA payments, Gift Aid envelopes, and cash given at Mass. Totals are reported monthly, in arrears.
SH offertory for March = £5,358.70
SG & ST offertory for March = £3,457.93
SMM offertory for March = £4,607.97
SP offertory for March = £6,578.64

Special Collections 2026
26 April – Education of Priests (Gift Aid)
17 May – World Communications Day
24 May – Diocese of Chulucanas (G/A)

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.

Please pray for the recently deceased:

Catherine Howes RIP who died on Monday 13th April her funeral will be held on Thursday 30 April at 11:30am there will be no 10am Mass at St Peter's that day.

Vince Neal RIP Please pray for the repose of the soul of Vince Neal, who died on 8th April. His funeral will be held at St George's; the date is to be confirmed.

Marion Shannon RIP Please pray for the repose of the soul of Marion Shannon, who died on 4th April. Her funeral will take place at St Theresa's on Tuesday 19th May at 11am, followed by committal at Southwick Cemetery.

Paddy Dixon RIP Please pray for the repose of the soul of Paddy Dixon, who died on Thursday 9th April. Her funeral will take place at St George's; the date is to be confirmed.

Cycle of Prayer During Easter we are asked to pray for the following intentions. New members of the church; vocations; survivors of abuse; the right use of the media; the Church; and human work.

Please also pray for:
Robert (Bob) Selwood, Canon Colin Wolczak; Cheryl Evans; Chris, Lucy, & Matt Neal; Clive Connor; Eileen Kipling; Elena White; Hanorah & Mat Smith; Jean Goatcher; Julia Fleming; Mario Noah; Rex Curd; Tom Piggins & Winifred Wilde.

Sunday 26th April 2026, Good Shepherd Sunday

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 Acts 2:14a, 36-41

On the day of Pentecost Peter, standing with the Eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed the crowd: 'Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.'

Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the Apostles, 'Brothers, what shall we do?' And Peter said to them, 'Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.' And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this crooked generation.' So those who received his word were baptised, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading 1 Peter 2:20b-25

Beloved: If when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia.
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord.
I know my sheep and my own know me. Alleluia.**

Gospel John 10:1-10

At that time: Jesus said, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.' This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So Jesus again said to them, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.'

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,**
(all bow during the next three lines)
**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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