First reading - Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.
And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?
And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briers and thorns shall grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.
For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting; and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

Second reading - Philippians 4:6-9

Brothers and Sisters: Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise: think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me — practise these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.
I chose you out of the world, says the Lord, that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should abide.
Alleluia.

Gospel - Matthew 21:33-43

At that time: Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence round it and dug a wine press in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than at first. And they did the same to them.
Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son." But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance."
And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?'
They said to him, 'He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.'
Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the Scriptures: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes"?
Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits.'

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, 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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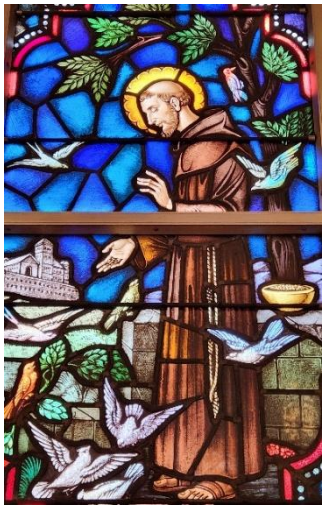
Catholic Parish of Brighton and Hove: West Group

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 4th October 2026 • 27th Sunday of the Year • Year A • Weekdays: Week 26 • Psalter Week 3

Canon Colin Writes…



Today October the 4th we would usually be celebrating the Feast Day of one of the most popular Saints in the Churches calendar, St Francis of Assisi, but Sundays take precedence. This Year is the 800th anniversary of his death on the 3rd of October 1226.

St Francis renounced his wealth to serve the poor, having heard Almighty God asking him to rebuild the Church. This took place in the then derelict chapel of San Damiano, just outside Assisi, he misunderstood the vision and began to restore the chapel. It was only later that he understood that he was to be God's instrument in reminding those in authority to return to the Gospel values and not to use their position to acquire personal wealth. Francis is best known for his love of nature and animals.

He can be recognised as the first environmentalist; one wonders what he would say if he saw the damage that we are causing to God's beautiful creation.

This Week in Our Parish

Saturday 3rd October
*Reconciliation: 5:15–5:45pm at SH & SP

Sunday 4th October
*Lauds (Morning Prayer): 8:30am at St Theresa's
*Refreshments after Sunday Masses
*Table Church: After the 11am Mass at SMM
*Reconciliation: After 11am Mass at SG, on request
* Healing Service at St Mary Magdalen's – 3pm, with Fr Rod and Fr Alphonse. All are welcome. The car park remains open until 6pm

Monday 5th October
*SP Tai Chi: 10:30–11:30am in the hall, term time
*SG Rosary Group: 6–7pm in the Lady Chapel
*SP RCIA continues, 7pm in the Upper Room
* SH RCIA begins Monday 5 October, 7–9pm in the Parish Rooms

Tuesday 6th October
*Sacred Heart Prayer Group: 10:30am, Parish Room.
*UCM (Union of Catholic Mothers) meets 2-4pm in St Peter's Hall, term time only, everyone welcome.

Wednesday 7th October
*Reconciliation: 5:30pm, SMM, during Holy Hour
*St Theresa's Vespers: 6:30pm at St Theresa's

Thursday 8th October
* Bridget Lavy Requiem Mass 11am at St Theresa's
*Digging Deeper. An online, lay-led study group, 7:30–8:30pm whdiggingdeeper@gmail.com

Friday 9th October
*10am – Women's Rosary at SMM Presbytery
*11am – Sacred Heart Online Rosary via livestream
*1–3pm – St Peter's Social Group
*Reconciliation: 5:30pm, SMM, during Holy Hour.
*Reconciliation: After the 7pm Mass at St Theresa's
* 7:30–9pm – St Peter's Prayer Group, in person and online quietenginesprayer@gmail.com

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 en nuestra comunidad parroquial y que se sientan como en casa entre nosotros. (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)

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Mass Schedule		
Sat 3rd	**October**	**The Blessed Martyrs of Sussex**
12noon †	SH	Magdalena Korzonek RIP
6pm	SH	Josh & Emily Rancan Intentions
6.00pm	SP	People of the Parish
6:30pm	SG	*Polish Mass*
Sun 4th	**October**	**27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:30am	SP	People of the Parish
9.00am	ST	People of the Parish
9:30am	SH	Gervaise & Ethna Mathews Intentions
9:30am	SMM	*Polish Mass*
10.00am	SP	People of the Parish
11:00am	SG	Joseph Williams RIP
11:00am	SMM	Joseph Turner RIP
11:30am	SH	People of the Parish
11:30am	SP	Therese Hobden 90th birthday
5:00pm	SMM	People of the Parish
Mon 5th	**October**	**Saint Faustina Kowalska**
10.00am †	SH	Michael & Ashley Pye RIP
Tue 6th	**October**	**Saint Bruno**
10.00am	SG	**People of the Parish**
10.00am †	SH	Charles Sana RIP
10.00am	SP	Patrick Peyton RIP
7.00pm	ST	People of the Parish
Wed 7th	**October**	**Our Lady of the Rosary**
8.00am	CNCS	-
8.00am	SH	Michelle Henley RIP
10.00am	SP	People of the Parish
6:30pm †	SMM	Neville Herrington RIP
7.00pm	ST	People of the Parish
Thurs 8th	**October**	**Thursday**
10.00am ‡	SG	People of the Parish
10.00am †	SP	People of the Parish
11:00am	ST	*Funeral of Bridget Lavy*
12noon †	SH	Bernard Lynch RIP
12:30pm	SMM	Mary Levy
7.00pm	ST	Ester & Giuseppe Cincinelli RIP
Fri 9th	**October**	**Saint John Henry Newman**
8.00am	SH	Andrew Kennedy Bickford RIP
10.00am	SP	People of the Parish
7.00pm ‡	ST	People of the Parish
6:30pm †	SMM	People of the Parish
Sat 10th	**October**	**Saint Denis and his Companions**
6pm	SH	Canon Gerald Coates RIP
6.00pm	SP	John Lloyd RIP
6:30pm	SG	*Polish Mass*
Sun 11th	**October**	**28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:30am	SP	People of the Parish
9.00am	ST	People of the Parish
9:30am	SH	Kathleen Joyce RIP
9:30am	SMM	*Polish Mass*
10.00am	SP	Anthony Basil Reynauld RIP
11:00am	SG	Priyanka Warnapura RIP
11:00am	SMM	Francelle, Thanksgiving
11:30am	SH	People of the Parish
11:30am	SP	Maureen Monaghan
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

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.

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.

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

RCIA – Right of Christian Initiation of Adults If you are curious about the Catholic faith, or are considering Baptism, Confirmation or receiving the Sacraments, our RCIA programmes across the parish warmly welcome you.
St Peter's: Mondays at 7pm in the Upper Room of St Peter's parish hall.
Sacred Heart: Mondays, 7–9pm in the Parish Rooms. The next session is Monday 5th October.
St Mary Magdalen's: Wednesdays, 7–8:30pm during term time in the presbytery.
For further info, please contact the relevant Parish Office.

St Mary Magdalen's
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New Mass Times

WEDNESDAY	
5:30 pm	Holy Hour
6:30 pm	Mass
THURSDAY	
12:30 pm	Mass
FRIDAY	
5:30 pm	Holy Hour
6:30 pm	Mass
SUNDAY	
9:30 am	Polish Mass
11:00 am	English Sung Mass
5:00 pm	Mass

Confession available during each Holy Hour

Bridget Lavy RIP Please pray for Bridget, a much-loved parishioner of St Theresa's for around 65 years, who has passed away peacefully. Her Requiem Mass will be celebrated at St Theresa's on Thursday 8 October at 11am. Please keep Bridget and her family in your prayers.

SH Film Club "The Left Hand of God" will be showing on Saturday 10th October from 12:30pm in the Parish Rooms. All are welcome!

Special Collections 2026
11 October – Prisons Sunday
18 October – World Mission

St George's Tea and Chat a time of socialisation and activity, in the hall, aimed at the older people in the parish. No need to book. Just turn up! Next date is Tuesday 13th 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 15th October.

Paulina Podsiadly RIP
Funeral service will take place on Thursday 15th October at 11:30am, The Gordon Chapel, 20 Sompting Road, Worthing, BN14 9EP.

Mental Health Awareness
Training Saturday 17th October, 10am–3pm at The St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley. Training is highly subsidised, with tickets available for just £40 usual price £120). Contact Deacon Simon simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk

Ecumenical Men's Breakfast monthly breakfast club at 10am at the Royal George Pub, Stoney Lane, Shoreham. The next meeting is Monday 19th October. Come along for friendship, conversation and fellowship in an informal setting. Contact Andrew Macpherson on 07500 587107.

Bishop-Elect Stephen Wang's Ordination takes place on Monday 19th October 2026 and is invitation-only. The ordination will be available to watch on the Cathedral's livestream from 12noon.

Day With Mary
Arundel Cathedral Saturday 24th October. Free coach departs from SMM at 7am sharp. To book your seat, please contact the parish office.

Karla's Charity Curry Evening
We are holding a curry evening on Saturday 31st October at 7pm in the SH Parish Room, Norton Road. Please come and eat, drink and enjoy yourself whilst supporting Karla's charity.

Martlets Hospice A huge thank you to everyone who supported the sale at St Peter's. On this occasion, we raised over £125. The sale will continue this Sunday, 4 October, after the 10am Mass only. Please come along to the hall and support this worthwhile cause.

Digging Deeper An online, lay-led study group led by members of SG & ST, exploring different aspects of our faith. Thursdays, 7:30–8:30pm, topics have included the Holy Land in the time of Jesus, the life of David, & the books of Samuel. Concludes with a time of prayer. whdiggingdeeper@gmail.com

Welcomers Needed at SG & ST
Welcoming is one of the most important ministries in our community, helping every person feel seen, welcomed and at home when they arrive at church. We are looking for more Welcomers to join the rota. Simply arriving a little early, offering a friendly smile and helping people feel comfortable can make a real difference. If you could spare some time to join the Welcoming team, please speak to the Parish Office.

Magnifica Humanitas Join a new study group exploring Pope Leo's Magnifica Humanitas, considering human dignity in an age of rapidly advancing Artificial Intelligence. Email Deacon Dominic Dring: domdring14@gmail.com
At SP, Warren Vinall has prepared a summary of key points, which is available for the next two Sundays.

Missio Red Boxes If you have a Red Box that needs emptying, please bring it to Moira at ST, Patricia at SG, or leave it in the outer sacristy at SH for Marilyn. Please make sure your name is clearly written on your box.

Soup Run We need volunteers at the Angel of Peace statue, Monday to Friday, 7pm, to serve hot soup, bread, and kindness to those in need. Please contact SMM parish office.

Prayer List Anne Callaghan, Peter Cochlin, Clive Connor, Kathleen Davis, Marie Doherty, Julia Fleming, Rosaleen Gripper, Clive Holding, Elizabeth Houston, Eileen Kipling, Margaret Keating, Terry Maughan, 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.