

Brighton and Hove Deanery: Western Churches

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

Canon Colin Wolczak; Fr Tony Milner (on sabbatical); Canon David Parmiter

Sunday 7th September 2025, 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C. Weekdays: Week 23

Canon David Writes...

The words of the Gospel this Sunday may land uneasily on our ears, they run so counter to our way of thinking it is hard to imagine how they might enrich our family life, let alone our own self-esteem. When we put them into context our understanding is clearer. People living at that time would be dependent on the family not only to sustain life, but also to enrich their human experiences and maintain village life. So, to leave this arrangement to become a disciple of Jesus, on the move from place to place, travelling towards Jerusalem, would be extremely difficult. There is an echo of this difficulty elsewhere in the Gospel. Peter says to Jesus 'see, we have left everything and followed you.' He continues 'what then will we have?' (Matthew 19:27).

A similar sentiment is found in the Rule of St. Benedict which says, 'prefer nothing to Christ' and one way of responding to this call is to adapt to new circumstances. This change is to enable Jesus to be more easily heard through the Gospel and more clearly seen in the life and worship of our communities, including our schools. This desire to put Jesus first, because we need him, is the foundation stone of the change Bishop Richard will inaugurate next Sunday. He will celebrate Mass at St. John the Baptist Church at 5:30pm inaugurating the new Parish of Brighton and Hove. It is not possible to invite everyone to the Mass as there will not be enough space, but please keep this new step in our mission in your prayers. There will be some changes ahead as we adapt to meet new circumstances in the Church and see how Jesus wishes to meet the people of our time through the community of the Church. With the grace of the Holy Spirit, we will be more able to help those without faith in Jesus to find that 'pearl of great price.' I hope each person will get involved, in a way that suits them, with the work and people that through the Church Jesus puts before us to serve them with his presence. Please keep the new Parish in your prayers.

Uprising is a two-day Life in the Spirit seminar for a generation who refuses to settle for ordinary. You were created to live with fire in your heart and power in your hands. Based on the life-changing

Promise of the Father teachings, and enriched with praise, fellowship, and prophetic ministry, this seminar will equip you to live the miraculous life Jesus promised. This is not just a gathering. It's a commissioning. A launchpad for your mission. A moment that could change everything. Audience: Open to all young people and students (18–30) across the UK



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;

brightonstmarymag@abdiocese.org.uk.

St Peter's, Portland Road, BN3 5GD, 01273 733840, hovestpeters@abdiocese.org.uk.

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

Mass Schedule

Sat 6	Sept
12noon	SH For the Sick of the Parish
6.00pm +	SH People of the Parish
6.00	SP People of the Parish
6.30	SG <i>Polish Mass</i>
Sun 7	Sept 23rd Sunday in Ordinary time
8.30 am	SP People of the Parish
9.00	ST Rod Dearing RIP
9.30	SH Those returning to Schools & Colleges
9:30	SMM <i>Polish Mass</i>
10.00	SP People of the Parish
11.00	SG Deceased relatives of Cheryl Evans
11.00	SMM <i>High Mass</i>
11.30	SH Fr Colin's Int
11.30	SP People of the Parish
1.30	SP Syrian Mass
5.00 pm	SP <i>Brazilian Mass</i>
6.00	SP <i>Syrian Mass</i>
5.00	SMM <i>Low Mass</i>
Mon 8	Sept Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary
10.00 am +	SH Catherine & Edward Quin Garden RIP
Tue 9	Sept St Peter Claver
10.00 am	SG Mary Margaret Barry RIP
10.00 +	SH Mr Henshall's Relatives
10.00	SP People of the Parish
7.00pm	ST Deceased members of the Cripps family RIP
Wed 10	Sept
8.00am	SH Fr Michael's Intentions
10.00am	SP People of the Parish
7.00pm	ST All Parishioners
Thurs 11	Sept
10.00am	SP People of the Parish
10.00 +	SG All Parishioners
12 noon +	SH Mrs Leslie Cohen's Intentions
7.00pm	ST All Parishioners
Fri 12	Sept The Most Holy Name of Mary
8.00 am	SH Frances M Scott RIP
10:00 AM	SP People of the Parish
7.00	ST All Parishioners
Sat 13	Sept St John Chrysostom
6.00pm +	SH Daniel Adam RIP
6.00	SP People of the Parish
6.30	SG <i>Polish Mass</i>
Sun 14	Sept Exaltation of the Holy Cross
8.30 am	SP People of the Parish
9.00	ST Albert Baker RIP
9.30	SH People of the Parish
9:30	SMM <i>Polish Mass</i>
10.00	SP People of the Parish
11.00	SG All Parishioners
11.00	SMM <i>High Mass</i>
11.30	SH Lucy Edwards RIP
11.30	SP Michael Fitzgerald RIP
5.00 pm	SP People of the Parish
5.00	SMM <i>Low Mass</i>

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

Cost: Free (donations welcome)

Catering: Food available on site at cost

Accommodation: Attendees should book their own accommodation in Brighton. Email: abcdsc@gmail.com

Website: abcharismatic.org.

Regular Events

Sycamore — A Monday evening

welcome This Monday you are most welcome to join us in St Peter's Church Hall from 7pm for a 7:30pm start. We gather and chat over a bite to eat then watch and discuss a Sycamore film, this week we continue from the beginning with 'The Existence of God' presented by Father Stephen Wang. This is the second of the whole series of twenty films. While we may be sure that God exists, how might we help others come to realise this too?

We climb the sycamore tree together so that we can see Jesus more clearly, love him more dearly and follow him more nearly. Fellowship in Faith. You are most welcome.

Sacred Heart Prayer Group

Every Tuesday after Mass at 10:30am, SH Parish Room All Welcome. You may leave prayer requests in the box at the back of SH.

Finding Christ in the World

A Twelve Week Ignatian Retreat in Daily Life based on the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius of Loyola. Available soon to all parishioners. *AMDG*.

Weekly Reconciliation

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

St George's Tea and Chat

9th & 23rd September, Parish Hall After 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! Occasionally there will be no 10am Mass on Tuesday, however Tea & Chat will still take place, starting at 10:30am in the hall.

UCM at St Peter's is starting up for the Autumn on Tuesday 9th September, in the hall, from 2-4pm, first meeting tea, talk and biscuits, all welcome.

Sacred Heart SVP Social Group

For all parishioners. Soup, sandwiches, tea, and cakes. Entertainment, quizzes, etc. The next dates will be 11th & 25th September, and every two weeks thereafter. All Welcome.

St Peter's Social group is back from 5th September, in our parish hall, from 1:30pm, please do join us.

Eucharistic Adoration

Fridays, 5:30pm, SMM The Church opens 4pm, with Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament from 5:30-6:30pm. Come and spend time in prayer with us, interceding for our city, our parish, and our loved ones, now with confession.

St Peter's Tai Chi term time only, from Monday in the parish hall at 10:30am, please do join us.

Southwick Churches Together

9:30 every Wednesday morning, at St Michael's Church in Southwick, for a short service, led by people from churches in the local area. There are refreshments afterwards. All are welcome to join us!



Other Events / Notices

St Peter's Parish Website

We have a live website again, <https://www.stpeters-hove.org.uk/> please visit it again for all the parish information as before, and you can now again access the parish newsletter online, apologies it took so long.

Hospital Chaplaincy

If you are going into hospital for a period of time at the Royal Sussex County, please let Fr Celestine know as soon as you can, and likewise if you get taken to hospital as an urgent case, ask a friend or relative to inform Fr Celestine as soon as you can. He will then arrange for a visit. Call 01273 696955 Ext. 64122, or email celestine.nnolim@nhs.net.

St Peter's Repository has a wide range of religious cards and gifts available to purchase including various Carlo Acutis items please do pop in to see what's on offer. Available to purchase are Carlo Acutis items, 3rd class relics, silver plated necklaces with different religious icons and saints, statues and candles.

Opening times are before and after Mass every day, apart from Monday, please use our dona machine in the porch to pay for any purchases.

St Peter's Money Counters

We really need more people to volunteer and join the three teams we have. If we have four more people, each team would only need to count every six weeks. It's a simple enough job, you work in pairs, training will be provided, with a cup of coffee thrown in. Please contact the office if you can help.

Readers required at SH

We need Readers for the Saturday 6pm Mass at the Sacred Heart. Please contact Cassie on 01273 732843, or speak to one of the Readers after the Saturday Mass. Thank you.

St Peter's Church Opening Times

We have taken the decision to close the church after 10am Mass during the week due to safeguarding reasons. We have always tried to remain open until late afternoon, but this is proving difficult of late. If anyone has any questions, please feel free to ask Canon David or speak to the office.

2025-2026 Sacramental Programmes Application Forms – For All Churches

First Holy Communion, Confirmation, and RCIA Application Forms, for the 2025-2026 programmes are now available to pick up from your church, parish office, or website. Please be prompt in returning your forms before the deadlines that are stated on the forms. Any late applications may not be considered for this year's programmes.

Finance Manager

The St Philip Howard Centre, 4 Southgate Drive, Crawley, RH10 6RP

Role: Finance Manager (qualified accountant: CIMA, ACCA or ACA), full-time, permanent

Salary: £60,000 to £65,000

Reporting to: Chief Operating Officer

Location: Crawley

Application deadline: 18 September

Interview: 23 September in Crawley
Reporting to the Chief Operating Officer, you will manage five colleagues to oversee the support of cloud-based reporting for 80 parish sites and the delivery of timely, accurate management accounts for central

operations based at our Crawley site. You will have a key role in providing high-quality financial reporting to our Trustees and Diocesan Finance Committee (DFC). You'll also lead the team in producing statutory audited accounts, acting as the principal contact for external auditors.

abdiocese.org.uk/careers/

Couples for Christ: Christian Life Programme Fitzherbert Community Hub (St John the Baptist, Kemptown) Sundays from 7 Sep - 26 Oct
Couples for Christ invite you to a new programme over 8 consecutive Sundays from 7 Sep - 26 Oct, 1pm- 5pm. For Married Couples; Singles (over 21 yrs); Widowed, Separated, & Single Parents. Register by [clicking here](#) - or contact Bro Anton 07455 979939 or Sr Judith 07359 068097.

Photography at SH
28th September, 9:30am Mass
There will be a photographer attending Mass at the Sacred Heart on Sunday 28th September, 9:30am to capture imagery for use on our new parish website and parish and diocesan digital and print channels. If you would prefer not to be photographed, please let the priest know beforehand, so that we can ensure you are not pictured by the photographer. All photos will be captured on behalf of The Diocese of Arundel & Brighton in accordance with their privacy policy which can be found on the diocesan website:
www.abdiocese.org.uk

St Peter's Archive
For baptism, or confirmation certificates, please email:
SaintPeterArchives@gmail.com.

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

Children's Liturgy at St Peter's
Returns on Sunday 14th September, many thanks to all our wonderful volunteers for giving their time for this important ministry. We are looking for more help. If you would like to

volunteer, please do not hesitate to contact the office.



Fundraising / Giving

St Peter's Offertory Collection:
Sunday 31/08/25 = £1,322.39.

Special Collections 2025
14th September; Education Sunday
21st September; Evangelii Gaudium
28th September; SVP at SG & ST

Easyfundraising
Sign up and shop via the easyfundraising website when you are shopping with over 7,500 brands including eBay, Tesco, M&S, & more!

Our Lady Star of the Sea
easyfundraising.org.uk/the-catholic-parish-of-our-lady-star-of-the-sea/
Sacred Heart:
www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/sacred-heart-church-hove/
Please also download the donation reminder www.easyfundraising.org.uk/donation-reminder/ which can be installed on your device and will alert you when a website provides donations when you shop online.

SVP Cash4Coins
We can collect: **All foreign coins and banknotes; Current UK coins and banknotes; Any old British and Irish money; and Obsolete currency, such as pre-decimal.** Working with Cash4Coins, a currency service for charities, all the above can be converted into UK legal

tender for the benefit of the SVP both locally and to support the wider work of the Society. There are collection jars at St George's, St Theresa's, and St Peter's.

St Peter's Sale
Sunday 14th September Coffee and cakes and small sale after 10:00 Mass. Cash donations only accepted.

Hangleton and West Blatchington Food Bank If you would like to donate this week, we would be incredibly grateful for: **Cereal; Coffee; Long life orange juice; Long life semi-skimmed milk; Tinned chickpeas; Tinned custard; and Tinned rice pudding.** Donations may be brought to the hall on Wednesdays 10:30-11:45am, Books Alive in Elm Drive and One Stop in Court Farm Road.

Please pray for...

Bob and Elena White,
Canon Colin Wolczak, Cathy Howes,
Cheryl Evans, Denise Lavaud, Rex Curd,
Theresa Price (Nee Maguire),
Tom Piggins, and Winifred Wilde.

Please tell your parish office if you would like to add someone to the prayer list above.

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

Please also pray for all those who have died recently, especially:

Shirley Carroll RIP (St Theresa's) – we have heard the sad news that Shirley died last Wednesday.

A poster for Brighton & Hove Parish Church Music Day. It features a background image of a church interior. Text includes: 'Brighton & Hove Parish', 'CHURCH MUSIC DAY', 'Led by Catherine Christmas from the Diocesan Liturgy and Music Formation Team', 'Saturday 27 September 10.30am - 3pm', 'Cardinal Newman School BN3 6ND', 'Sign up here: abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/wrbwgyvf', 'Or scan QR to sign up' (with a QR code), 'Come and join with fellow musicians and singers to share what is working well for you and to explore further:', 'The place of music in the liturgy', 'The role of music ministers', 'Ways to help the congregation to sing New repertoire', 'The singing of Psalms', 'Available resources', 'Share ideas and experiences as we work together and begin to serve within larger parishes.', 'Please bring a packed lunch. Coffee and tea available from 10am.' At the bottom, it says 'ARUNDEL & BRIGHTON' and 'www.abdiocese.org.uk Registered Charity No. 252878'.

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.

Collect

O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption, look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters, that those who believe in Christ may receive true freedom and an everlasting inheritance. 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: Wisdom 9:13-18b

What human being can learn the counsel of God? Or who can discern what the Lord wills? For the reasoning of mortals is worthless, and our designs are likely to fail, for a perishable body weighs down the soul, and this earthy tent burdens the mind full of thoughts. We can hardly guess at what is on earth, and what is at hand we find with labour; but who has traced out what is in the heavens? Who has learned your counsel, unless you have given wisdom and sent your holy spirit from on high? And thus the paths of those on earth were set right, and people were taught what pleases you.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Psalm Response

**O Lord, you have been our refuge,
from generation to generation.**

Second Reading: Philemon 9b-10, 12-17

Beloved: I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus — I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own accord. For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back for ever, no longer as a bondservant but more than a bondservant, as a beloved brother — especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

**Let your face shine forth on your
servant, and teach me your decrees.
Alleluia.**

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

At that time: Great crowds accompanied Jesus, and he turned and said to them, 'If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother, and wife and children, and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, "This man began to build and was not able to finish." Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? And if not, while the other is

yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.'

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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