

# 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 9th February 2025, 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C. Weekdays: Week 5, Year I

## Canon David Writes:

Meeting someone we are in awe of can be a disconcerting experience, especially when we are young. Maybe we lose our presence of mind and say what we think is the 'wrong' thing or perhaps clam up completely not saying anything at all. A similar feeling may have been the experience of the Prophet Isaiah featured in our first reading and Simon Peter in the Gospel story. Both Isaiah and Peter have a profound experience of their sinfulness when they are in the presence of God. Isaiah declares "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the king, the Lord of hosts!" His words probably reflect the idea from the book of Exodus which states that no one can see God and live.

Although Simon Peter is kneeling before Jesus, the God he can see, hear and touch, he still says: "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." Jesus reassures him by saying, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." In our second reading Paul remembers the time the Lord appeared to him and called Paul into his service, describing himself as "... one untimely born..." When they are in the presence of God all of them experience the depths of God's mercy and it is this that enables all of them to respond, in their own ways, like the Prophet Isaiah, "Here I am! Send me." At Mass we are in the sacramental presence of God who is present in his Word, the assembly, the minister and his real presence in the Eucharist. Despite how we may feel, we can respond: Here I am! Send me.

Finally, please keep the clergy in your prayers this Tuesday. They will meet together to begin formally the process of our Deanery becoming one Parish, implementing the Diocesan Pastoral Plan. There will be much more to say and do in the weeks and months ahead, for this is a process for all of us to be involved in, but for now prayer is the top priority, asking for the grace to stand in the presence of God and respond to his call.

## Coffee

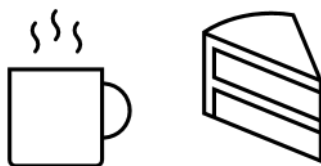
**Sacred Heart** coffee is available after all 9:30am Sunday Masses, in the Parish Rooms.

**St George's & St Theresa's** coffee is available after every Sunday Mass at both churches.

**St Peter's** coffee is available after the 10:00 Mass on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays; coffee after 11:30 Sunday Mass every week. If your New Year's resolution is to help out, please let us know.

Everyone is welcome.

If you are new or on your own, please ask the organisers who will be happy to introduce you to some new friends.



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

## Mass Schedule

| Day             | Time     | Church                                   | Special Occasions              |
|-----------------|----------|--|--------------------------------|
| <b>Sat 8th</b>  | 6.00pm † | SH                                       | Margaret & William Sweeney RIP |
|                 | 6.00     | SP                                       | John Lloyd RIP                 |
|                 | 6.30     | SG                                       | <i>Polish Mass</i>             |
| <b>Sun 9th</b>  | 8.30 am  | SP                                       | Jude Fletcher                  |
|                 | 9.00     | ST                                       | Sebastiana Rato RIP            |
|                 | 9:30     | SMM                                      |                                |
|                 | 9.30     | SH                                       | People of the Parish           |
|                 | 10.00    | SP                                       | Pietro Tortorici RIP           |
|                 | 11.00    | SG                                       | Norma Wighton RIP              |
|                 | 11.00    | SMM                                      |                                |
|                 | 11.30    | SH                                       | Margaret Churchill RIP         |
|                 | 11.30    | SP                                       | Krystyna Szczerbiak RIP        |
|                 | 3.30pm   | SP                                       | <i>Syrian Arabic Mass</i>      |
|                 | 5.00     | SP                                       | <i>Brazilian Mass</i>          |
| 5.00            | SMM      |  |                                |
| <b>Mon 10th</b> |          |  |                                |
| 10.00 am †      | SH       | John & Elizabeth Leahy RIP               |                                |
| <b>Tue 11th</b> |          |  |                                |
| 10.00 am        | SG       | Mollie RIP                               |                                |
| 10.00 am †      | SH       | AS Parker & EM Mynott RIP                |                                |
| 10.00am         | SP       | Rita Cameron RIP                         |                                |
| 7.00pm          | ST       | Norma Wighton RIP                        |                                |
| <b>Wed 12th</b> |          |  |                                |
| 8.00am          | SH       | Hanna RIP                                |                                |
| 10.00am         | SP       | People of the Parish                     |                                |
| 7.00pm          | ST       | Fr James Kirwin RIP                      |                                |
| <b>Thu 13th</b> |          |  |                                |
| 10.00am         | SP       | No Mass                                  |                                |
| 11.30           | SG       | Funeral of Francesco Mannini             |                                |
| 12 noon †       | SH       | RA (Jimmy) Driscoll RIP                  |                                |
| 7.00pm          | ST       | Deceased Parishioners RIP                |                                |
| <b>Fri 14th</b> |          |  |                                |
| 8.00 am         | SH       | Larry Murphy RIP                         |                                |
| 10.00           | SP       | Tara Keogh RIP                           |                                |
| 7.00pm          | ST       |  |                                |
| <b>Sat 15th</b> |          |  |                                |
| 6.00pm †        | SH       | People of the Parish                     |                                |
| 6.00            | SP       | Wellbeing of Elizabeth Rowlands          |                                |
| 6.30            | SG       | <i>Polish Mass</i>                       |                                |
| <b>Sun 16th</b> |          |  |                                |
| 8.30 am         | SP       | Jude Fletcher                            |                                |
| 9.00            | ST       | Elizabeth D. Lee RIP                     |                                |
| 9.30            | SH       | Cecilia Shrieves RIP                     |                                |
| 9:30            | SMM      |  |                                |
| 10.00           | SP       | Darren Maguire RIP                       |                                |
| 11.00           | SG       | All Parishioners                         |                                |
| 11.00           | SMM      |  |                                |
| 11.30           | SH       | Brenda Seligson RIP & David Seligson RIP |                                |
| 11.30           | SP       | Jadwiga Mackowiak RIP                    |                                |
| 5.00 pm         | SP       | <i>Brazilian Mass</i>                    |                                |
| 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

## Weekly events

**Sacred Heart Prayer Group:** Every Tuesday after Mass at 10:30am, SH Parish Room. All Welcome.

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

**St Peter's Social Group** meets in the Hall. Fridays at 1:30pm, you are welcome to join this friendly group for good conversation and some light refreshment.

**St Mary Mags: Sanctuary of Prayer**  
The church will now 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'd like to join the group, or just 'come and see' you'd be very welcome. Just send an email to [westhove@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:westhove@abdiocese.org.uk) and you will receive the link for the meeting.

## Regular events

**St Peter's Tai Chi** term time, in the hall 10:30-11:30am on Mondays.

**Tea and Chat, February 11th and 25th**  
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!

### Sacred Heart SVP Social Group

For all parishioners, (run by the Sacred Heart SVP). Soup, sandwiches, tea, and cakes. Entertainment- quizzes etc. At 12:30pm after Mass. Next dates are 13th and 27th February. All Welcome.

**St Peter's UCM (Union of Catholic Mothers)** Tuesdays in the hall, term time, 2-4pm, new members welcome.

**Our Lady Star of the Sea SVP Conference Meeting, 20th February, 6pm, St Theresa's**

If anyone would like to get involved

with our SVP, or learn more, please come to our next meeting, in the meeting room at the back of St Theresa's. All are welcome!

**Sacred Heart Film Club** The date of the next film club has changed to the 8th March 2025. The film showing will be "Quartet" starring Tom Courtenay, Pauline Collins, Maggie Smith and Billy Connolly as residents of a retirement home for musicians who plan the annual concert. Refreshments available. Contact Michael Rainbows 07368958076 or David O'Brien 07741416501.

**World Day of Prayer** Friday 7th March 2025 at the Community Church, Southwick, at 2pm. The theme this year is the Cook Islands. All are welcome.



## Fundraising

### Special Collections 2025

This weekend the second collection will be for the Diocesan **Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund**. Each year the pilgrimage takes more than seven hundred pilgrims from our parishes to visit the shrine of our lady of Lourdes. Many who travel are sick, disabled, frail or elderly and need our help to make the journey. The pilgrimage aims to keep costs to a minimum, but we understand that some people struggle to finance their pilgrimage. We never want to exclude anyone from joining us on the basis of cost, but in order to do this we rely on the generosity of fundraising. Please contribute to this effort if you are able.



Gift aid envelopes are available in our churches.

**Karla's Curry Evening ESSA** Karla is holding her next charity curry evening for ESSA on Saturday 1st March in the Sacred Heart Parish Rooms at 7pm. Come and join us for one of Karla's delicious Curry's whilst raising money for such a good cause which is raising money to build homes for those who were victims of the Tsunami. Tickets £15 each available at the back of the church after weekend services, at the Sacred Heart.

**Cash4Coins SVP** The SVP would like to raise more funds to support some of our projects and one way we can do so is by asking people to donate their leftover, old coins, or holiday currency to the SVP. The scheme is called Cash4Coins. So often after a holiday abroad people have leftover currency which is not used, or they may have old coins and banknotes which are no longer legal tender. The SVP can collect :-

- All foreign coins and banknotes
- Current UK coins and banknotes
- Any old British and Irish money
- Obsolete currency, i.e. 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 and St Theresa's.

**Isabella Pyrgies CAFOD** My name is Isabella Pyrgies and I was baptised, had my first holy communion and was confirmed in St Peters Church, and I attended Cottesmore St Marys, and Cardinal Newman Catholic School. I am now working for CAFOD in their Latin America team and came to know the work of CAFOD through the Church growing up. I will be running the London Marathon on April 27th 2025, to raise funds for CAFOD and I need to raise a total of £2,000 (I have currently raised £695). As many of you know CAFOD is the international

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development charity which I work for, and it works internationally in Asia, Africa, the Middle East and Latin America aiming to reach those living in poverty. While CAFOD is primarily funded by the Catholic community of England and Wales, CAFOD provides help to religious and non-religious charities alike. You can find the link to my gofundme page for CAFOD here, where you can read a bit more about my story: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/isabella-pyrgies-1725275396580>

### Hangleton and West Blatchington Food Bank

If you would like to donate to the foodbank we would be grateful for:

- sugar
- tins of stewed steak
- tins of veggie stew or similar
- tins of meat or veg chilli
- plain noodles

No other forms of pasta please as we have a lot in the stock room!

No baked beans - we still have a huge stock of those!

Donations may be brought to the hall on Wednesdays between 10.30 and 11.45 or dropped into the collection bins in the One Stop in Court Farm Road, Books Alive in Elm Drive or in Hove Waitrose, or at any of our churches. Thank you.

### Newsletter by email

If you would like to receive a copy of the newsletter to your inbox each week, please email Lisa, SH Parish Secretary: [hovesacredheart@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:hovesacredheart@abdiocese.org.uk) to be added to the distribution list, this list is for all our churches.

### School Governor Vacancies

School governors play a vital role in education. By volunteering as a governor for a school you can make a difference by shaping the future of children and young people. Foundation Governors do not need to be education experts. The most effective governors listen, think and ask questions. There is no magic formula about what makes a perfect Foundation Governor, they come from all walks of life and all ages. Foundation Governors play a very important role in Catholic Schools; the role is diverse, rewarding, challenging and fulfilling allowing post holders to share their time, skills and talents within a school setting. You will be

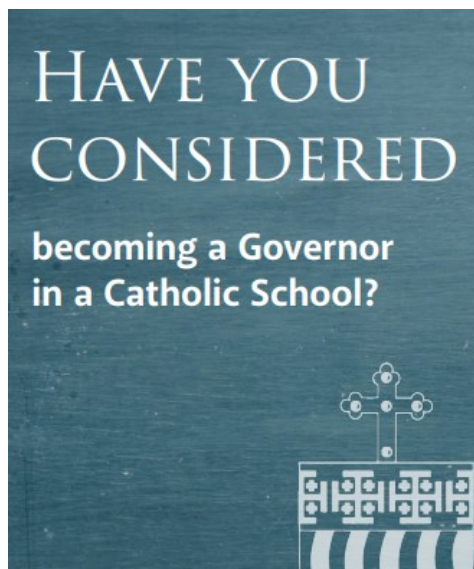
encouraged to attend training sessions and will be supported in your role.

**Cottesmore St. Mary's Catholic Primary School, Hove** - are in need of a Foundation Governor. If you are Catholic and feel that you have some time to give to helping further develop our school, please do get in touch with our joint Chairs of Governors, Katie Raymond and Thomas Medveczky [katieraymond@cottesmore.brighton-hove.sch.uk](mailto:katieraymond@cottesmore.brighton-hove.sch.uk)

[thomasmedveczky@cottesmore.brighton-hove.sch.uk](mailto:thomasmedveczky@cottesmore.brighton-hove.sch.uk)

**St Mary Magdalen's Catholic Primary & Nursery School, Brighton** - There are currently vacancies on the Governing Board for one Parent Governor and two Foundation Governors. If you are interested in becoming a school governor, please contact Michelle McCann, Clerk to Governors, for more information via:

[michellemccann@stmarymags.brighton-hove.sch.uk](mailto:michellemccann@stmarymags.brighton-hove.sch.uk).



### St Peter's Archive

For baptism, or confirmation certificates, please contact the archive team by email:

[SaintPeterArchives@gmail.com](mailto:SaintPeterArchives@gmail.com).

### St Peter's Gift Aid Envelope Users

From April we are aiming to move away from envelopes to a standing order payment system only for our scheme, please could any envelope users contact the office for further information. Alternatively, offerings may be made by using our Dona machine or in the offertory plate.

### Please Pray For...

**Bob & Elena White, Cathy Howes, Marion Shannon, Noah Baker, Rebecca O'Brien, Rex Curd, Sally Harvey, Suzanne Grassie, and Tom Piggins.**

**Margaret Guy** (St Theresa's) is now home and continuing her recovery, if anyone would like to pay her a visit.

**Please pray for all the sick** and/or housebound members of our parishes. Please tell your parish office if you would like to add someone to the list above.

**Please pray for all who have died** recently, especially:

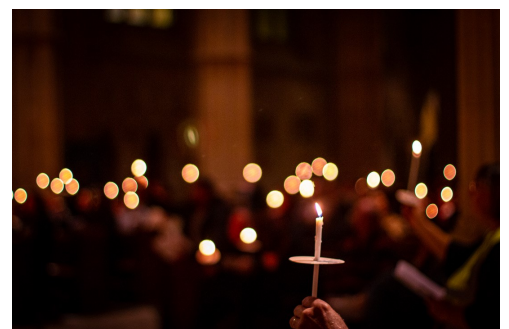
**Jude Fletcher RIP** (St Peter's) daughter of Peter Fishenden, has sadly died. Please remember Jude and her family in your prayers at this difficult time.

**Michelin Kendall RIP** (St Peter's) who died recently, a long-time member of St Peter's parish, please remember her and her family at this sad time.

**Susan Benyon RIP** (St Peter's) who died on 29th January at the Martlets and was a member of St Peter's parish some time ago, please remember Sue and her family in your prayers.

**Kathleen Yates RIP** (St Theresa's). We have heard the sad news that Kathleen passed away on the 18th January. The Funeral Service is on Monday 10th February at the H.D. Tribe Shoreham Chapel at 11:00am, if anyone would like to attend.

**Francesco Mannini RIP** (St George's). Francesco, husband of Ave Mannini, has passed away. The Funeral Service is on Thursday 13th February at St George's at 11:30am, if anyone would like to attend.



**Sunday 9th February 2025,  
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **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**

Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unflinching care, that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace, they may be defended always by your protection. 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: Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8**

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the Temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings. And one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!' And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said: 'Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!' Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: 'Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.' And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' Then I said, 'Here I am! Send me.' The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm Response**

**In the presence of the angels I praise you, O Lord.**

### **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11**

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of

the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you — unless you believed in vain.

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the Apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the Apostles, unworthy to be called an Apostle, because I persecuted the Church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed. The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of men.**

**Alleluia.**

### **Gospel: Luke 5:1-11**

When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, 'Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord') and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves, or two young pigeons'. Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came in the Spirit into the Temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, 'Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.' And his father and his mother marvelled at

what was said about him. And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed — and a sword will pierce through your own soul also — so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.' And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the Temple, worshipping with fasting and prayer night and day. And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem. And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favour of God was upon him.

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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