

# Brighton and Hove Deanery: Western Churches

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

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Sunday 9th March 2025, 1st Sunday in Lent, Year C. Weekdays: Lent Week 1

## Canon David Writes

I came across an article from a good few years ago highlighting a dimension of the temptation of Christ it was called *Not giving up too easily: Thoughts for Ash Wednesday* from a Jesuit priest called Fr. Philip Edean, who wrote much throughout his life. His sister lived in a former parish of mine.

In this article, Fr. Edean writes: *"When Matthew and Luke in their different ways name the temptations Jesus faces, it seems as though Jesus himself is growing into, being stretched towards, the full reality of his mission. He has to recognise that his was not that of simple miracle-working, despite the triumphs with which his career in the gospel seems to open. He has to realise that his kingdom is a kingdom in the truest sense, a kingdom from above, and therefore not of this world (John 18: 36-37). Jesus is not proving his moral fibre, but growing in his sense of his own identity."* Perhaps we can see that our temptations are an invitation to grow into Christian maturity – the person that God created me to be.

This is also something important for young people and our relationship to them, we should recognise their need to grow in Christian identity and vocation in Christ. Jesus is with us in our wilderness, supporting us in our temptations. Post Easter maybe he is inviting us to assist one another in whatever ways we can to leave the wilderness and grow into the mission he has given us. Our Catholic communities and schools do that role and do it well, despite our limited resources Praying about how we help and respond to our own and other peoples' needs and especially those of young people's aspirations and concerns, would be a good spiritual exercise for Lent, including prayer, acts of reconciliation and hope.

## 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 (beginning 8th March) in Lent from 5pm, concluding with 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.

**Sacred Heart**, 39 Norton Road, BN3 3BF, 01273 732843,  
[www.sacredheartrove.org.uk](http://www.sacredheartrove.org.uk); [hovesacredheart@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:hovesacredheart@abdiocese.org.uk).

All Masses Live Streamed: [www.sacredheartrove.org.uk/videos.html](http://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](mailto:westhove@abdiocese.org.uk).

**St Mary Magdalen**, 55 Upper North St, BN1 3FH;  
[stmarymagdalenbrighton.blogspot.com](http://stmarymagdalenbrighton.blogspot.com); [brightonstmarymag@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:brightonstmarymag@abdiocese.org.uk).

**St Peter's**, Portland Road, BN3 5GD, 01273 733840, [www.stpeters-hove.org.uk](http://www.stpeters-hove.org.uk);  
[hovestpeters@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:hovestpeters@abdiocese.org.uk).

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

## Mass Schedule

<b>Sat 8th</b>	<b>March</b>
6.00pm †	SH Clement Evers RIP
6.00	SP People of the Parish
6.30	SG <i>Polish Mass</i>
<b>Sun 9th</b>	<b>March</b>
8.30 am	SP People of the Parish
9.00	ST Shirley Burrows RIP
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 Martin Costello RIP
11.30	SP Tony Harvey RIP
5.00 pm	SP People of the Parish
5.00	SMM
<b>Mon 10th</b>	<b>March</b>
10.00 am †	SH Lopez & Oliva Families Int
<b>Tue 11th</b>	<b>March</b>
10.00 am	SG
10.00 am †	SH Countess de Borchgrave RIP
10.00am	SP People of the parish
7.00pm	ST
<b>Wed 12th</b>	<b>March</b>
8.00am	SH Raymond Whitfield RIP
10.00am	SP People of the Parish
7.00pm	ST Mr & Mrs Lloyd RIP
<b>Thu 13th</b>	<b>March</b>
11.00am	SP People of the Parish
10.00am ‡	SG
12 noon †	SH Anna Kendall RIP
7.00pm	ST
<b>Fri 14th</b>	<b>March</b>
8.00 am	SH James Kendall RIP
10.00	SP People of the Parish
7.00pm	ST
<b>Sat 15th</b>	<b>March</b>
6.00pm †	SH People of the Parish
6.00	SP People of the Parish
6.30	SG <i>Polish Mass</i>
<b>Sun 16th</b>	<b>March</b>
8.30 am	SP Olive Taylor RIP
9.00	ST Martin Grennan RIP
9.30	SH Terence Melville Shrieves RIP
9:30	SMM
10.00	SP People of the Parish
11.00	SG
11.00	SMM
11.30	SH Felicity Stewart RIP
11.30	SP Bridget Flaherty RIP
3.30 pm	SP Syrian Arabic Mass
5.00 pm	SP
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

## 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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:** From Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March and for the following 5 weeks the SH Prayer Group will lead the Stations of the Cross, immediately after the 10am Tuesday Mass.

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

## 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 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 Welcome.

### 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

### Coffee and Cake

**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. Everyone is welcome.

### St Peter's Social Group

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.

### St George's Tea and Chat 11th & 25th March

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.

### 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 & 27th March. All are welcome.

### St Peter's Union of Catholic Mothers

Tuesdays in the hall, term time, 2-4pm, new members welcome.

### Our Lady Star of the Sea SVP Conference Meeting

**27th March, 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!

## Other Events

### Eucharistic Healing Service

**Sunday 2nd March, 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. All are welcome. (Parking available on the school playground off Spring Street).



## 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.

### Changes to Mass times at St Peter's

There will be no Mass on Tuesday 18th March as Canon David will be attending a Clergy Day of Recollection.

### CAFOD Family Fast Day

#### Friday 14th March

This Family Fast Day, Friday 14th March, we invite you to take part in a simple yet powerful act of compassion. Family Fast Day is a simple concept; rather than finding extra money, we ask you to fast for one day and donate the money you save to CAFOD. Your generosity will help those in urgent need, including communities in Kenya struggling with drought. This year, CAFOD is supporting families living in harsh conditions to grow food, by learning how to use shade nets and other simple tools. CAFOD also provides emergency aid wherever disaster strikes—whether due to war, floods, or drought. CAFOD envelopes will be available for your contributions at the second collection at Mass. Your support makes a real difference.

### Young Adult Jubilee Pilgrimage to Rome

#### 28th July – 4th August 2025

Join our pilgrimage for young adults aged 18-30 to celebrate the special Jubilee year. Celebrate with other like-minded people, as we travel to the beautiful city of Rome for opportunities to hear from, and pray with, Pope Francis on the theme of Hope. Email: [lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk) for information. CLOSING DATE 31 MARCH.

## Fundraising

### SPRING SALE

After Mass at St Peter's on Sunday 9th March. There will be gifts for Mother's Day, cards, pretty things, and all sorts of

bargains, in aid of farming projects in Darfur. Last year your generosity raised over £700. That's a lot of goats, hens, sacks of seed, mosquito nets, and drought-resistant trees to make a real difference. [www.kidsforkids.org.uk](http://www.kidsforkids.org.uk). Please give any suitable goods (no clothing) to Mary or Monica.

### 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. 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.



### Hangleton and West Blatchington Food Bank

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

- Tinned ham
- Whole tinned tomatoes
- Kidney Beans
- Tinned vegetarian meals (e.g. veg chilli or curry)

We currently have plenty of pasta, soup, and a mountain of baked beans so please do not buy us any more. 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

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.

### St Peter's Archive

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

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

### Volunteer Cleaners

Sacred Heart is looking for volunteer cleaners to help in the Church every other Friday at 8:30am. If you can do this, please contact the Parish Office who will put in you touch with the right person. Thank you.

### Thank You

A message from The Bethlehem Nativity Group (TBNG) to the Sacred Heart - We would love to thank you for allowing our group to come to your church and sell the olive wood religious articles, the result of which was very beneficial and rewarding for our Christian families in need, which raised £2,078. Your help is a great support for us, and for our Christian families in the Holy Land. We don't have enough words to thank you and your parishioners, but make sure that you are always in our prayers. If anyone has missed the carvings display, you can place an order online directly from them at [www.tbng.co.uk](http://www.tbng.co.uk).

### St Mary Magdalen's Catholic Primary School and Nursery

StMM's Catholic Primary School and Nursery is a vibrant, inclusive community school reflecting the beauty of our city and wider world. Our children and families come from a variety of backgrounds, faiths, and abilities where everyone is celebrated, respected, and nurtured. Why not join us for a tour and discover this hidden gem for yourself.



# Music & Memories



## Dementia & Age friendly Café

The Music and Memory Café is a safe, welcoming space for those living with dementia and their loved ones. With live entertainment to stir happy memories and a warm, supportive atmosphere, it's a place where everyone can relax, enjoy themselves, and connect.

Contact Laurie on 07973 482 964 for more information

**Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month**

The Bevy, 50 Hillside, Brighton and Hove, Brighton BN2 4TF

### Age and Dementia Friendly Alliance

Music and Memory Café at The Bevy, every first & third Wednesday of the month. The Bevy, 50 Hillside, BN2 4TF.

### Please Pray For...

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

**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:**

**Shirely Burrows RIP** (St Theresa's) who died on Friday 28th February 2025 in Worthing Hospital, funeral arrangements will be shared in due course.



**Sunday 9th March 2025,  
1st Sunday in Lent**

**Entrance Antiphon**

**When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.**

**Collect**

Let us pray. Grant, almighty God, through the yearly observances of holy Lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects. 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: Deuteronomy 26:4-10**

When he calls Moses spoke to the people: 'The priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the Lord your God. And you shall make response before the Lord your God, "A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labour. Then we cried to the Lord, the God of our fathers, and the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. And the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders. And he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O Lord, have given me." And you shall set it down before the Lord your God and worship before the Lord your God.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalms Response**

**Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.**

**Second Reading: Romans 10:8-13**

Brothers and Sisters: What does Scripture say? 'The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the

dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, 'Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For, 'everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Glory and praise to you, O Christ.  
One does not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes forth  
from the mouth of God.**

**Glory and praise to you, O Christ.**

**Gospel: Luke 4:1-13**

At that time: Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were over, he was hungry. The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.' And Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone."'

And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, and said to him, 'To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' And Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve."'

And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone."'

And Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "You shall not put the Lord your God to the test."'

And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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.**

**Prayer over the Offerings**

Give us the right dispositions, O Lord, we pray, to make these offerings, for with them we celebrate the beginning of this venerable and sacred time.

Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**Communion Antiphon**

**One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.**

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