

# 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); Fr Rod Jones; Canon David Parmiter

**Sunday 27th April 2025, Second Sunday of Easter, Year C. Weekdays: Second Week of Easter**

## Canon David Writes:

Following the celebrations for Easter, the week took a sad turn with the death of Pope Francis on Monday. I thought he was recovering, although his voice sounded very weak on Easter Sunday when he greeted the crowds gathered in St. Peter's Square. Much will be written about his papacy, and indeed his life, and many prayers will be said, as is right and proper. Each Pope leaves his legacy to add to the treasury of the Church. I heard the news of his death at Stansted Airport, as I was travelling to Lourdes with the HCPT Group from Cardinal Newman School. I am writing this on Monday evening from my hotel room in Lourdes, it is much more of a personal reflection rather than considered words after a period of reflection and building upon what the obituary writers or commentators may have contributed.

Like the Popes before him he encouraged us to engage in the mission of the Church to tell people about Jesus. In writing *The Joy of the Gospel* he reminded us that we will find joy when we share the Good News of Jesus Christ with others. He said that reform of the Church and her structures had to have the goal of making that mission more effective. He also told us that we should be full of the joy of the Gospel ourselves, no more looking like people who have Lent without Easter. He built on the idea that the Church should be synodal, and we all contributed to that process, which means listening to one another and to the Holy Spirit through prayer. He called our attention to the need to care for creation and, in doing so, highlighted not only environmental degradation but the poverty that often travels alongside carelessness with the earth's resources. None of this could be tackled, he said, without a fraternal spirit across political and civic life.

Much more could be said about his time as Pope, but I believe he responded to the 'signs of the times' and whilst it may take a while to 'unpack' his thoughts, as it does with all Popes, we can see from these few personal recollections his contribution and style has been immense. We give God thanks for his ministry among us and both for pray him and the Church as we move forward into a new era. May he rest in peace, Amen.

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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).

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

## Mass Schedule

Sat 26	April	Easter Saturday
12.00pm	SH	Maureen Churchill's Ints (90th Birthday)
6.00pm	SH	Michael Brennan RIP
6.00	SP	People of the Parish
6.30	SG	<i>Polish Mass</i>
Sun 27	April	2nd Sunday of Easter
8.30 am	SP	People of the Parish
9.00	ST	Special Intention
9.30	SH	People of the Parish
09:30	SMM	
10.00	SP	Pope Francis RIP
11.00	SG	Intentions of Deacon Richard & Sally Harvey
11.00	SMM	
11.30	SH	Eithne McGovern RIP
11.30	SP	Pope Francis RIP
5.00 pm	SP	Brazilian Mass
5.00	SMM	
Mon 28	April	St George
10.00 am †	SH	Claude Anthony Valdes RIP
Tues 29	April	St Catherine of Siena
10.00 am	SG	Mike Dixon RIP (StG)
10.00 am †	SH	Fr Leo Mooney RIP
10.00	SP	People of the Parish
7.00pm	ST	William McNulty RIP
Wed 30	April	St Pius V, Pope
8.00am	SH	Norah Leinahan RIP
10.00am	SP	Maura Hurst RIP
7.00pm	ST	Elizabeth McNulty RIP
Thu 1	May	St Joseph the worker
10.00am	SP	People of the Parish
10.00am †	SG	All Parishioners
12 noon †	SH	Peter King RIP
7.00pm	ST	Margaret McNulty RIP
Fri 2	May	St Athanasius
8.00am	SH	Erek Osborn RIP
9.30	SP	
7.00pm	ST	All Parishioners
Sat 3	May	Saints Philip and James
12.00pm	SH	Eric Hardiman RIP
6.00pm	SH	
6.00	SP	People of the Parish
6.30	SG	<i>Polish Mass</i>
Sun 4	May	Third Sunday of Easter
8.30 am	SP	Jude Fletecher RIP
9.00	ST	All Parishioners
9.30	SH	Leslie Churchill RIP
09:30	SMM	
10.00	SP	People of the Parish
11.00	SG	All Parishioners
11.00	SMM	
11.30	SH	People of the Parish
11.30	SP	Evia & John Crichton RIP
5.00 pm	SP	Brazilian Mass
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

**Easter Offerings:** Dear Parishioners a big thank you from your priests for the kind and generous, donations, cards & gifts this Easter.

**Carlo Acutis Mass at St Peter's Sunday 27 April** has now been postponed following the sad death of Pope Francis.

# SYCAMORE

## **Pilgrim's Night at St Peter's**

May we invite you to our next three Sycamore evenings from Monday coming? This will be followed by a 'Where now Pilgrim?' evening (19<sup>th</sup> May – diary!) where together we can consider and discuss our calling as a parish 'community of communities'. All are invited to this – whether or not you've been able to get to Sycamore so far. These evenings together have been a great start – but just a start! 7pm next Monday in St Peter's Church Hall – 'The Holy Spirit and the Church' film and discussion - delayed from this Monday due to our sad news. Don't worry if you've not been able to come so far. As Jesus says to the two disciples following him at the beginning of St John's Gospel 'Come and see!' (with a bijou food contribution if possible!) Howard is very happy for you to contact him for any further details on [howard109@icloud.com](mailto:howard109@icloud.com) or 07990 988160

## **Solemnity of St George**

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April, St George's at 10am The Solemnity of St. George, traditionally celebrated on 23<sup>rd</sup> April, marks the feast day of the revered Christian martyr and patron saint of England. While most years the Solemnity is celebrated on the 23<sup>rd</sup> April, if it falls during Easter week, it's moved to the following Monday. This year, 23<sup>rd</sup> April falls within Easter week, so the Solemnity of St. George will be celebrated on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April at the 10am Mass (as we do not have Mass on a Monday). All are welcome.

## **Weekly Events**

**Coffee and Cake** after Mass, please see your parish church noticeboards.

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

**SH Prayer Group:** Every Tuesday after Mass at 10.30am, SH Parish Room. All Welcome.

**Sacred Heart Rosary Group** Every **Monday** after 10am Mass (in person) in the Lady Chapel, and on **Fridays** at 11am (livestreamed only). All welcome.

**Online Prayer Group Thursdays at 8pm via video-link.** A small and informal group, meeting to pray and read the scriptures together. If you would like to join the group, or just 'come and see' you would be very welcome. Email: [westhove@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:westhove@abdiocese.org.uk) and you will receive the link for the meeting.

## **Regular Events**

**Southwick Churches Together** We meet at 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!

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

**St Peter's Friday Social Club** 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. Tea and cake always provided.

**St George's Tea and Chat 13 & 27 May.** 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!

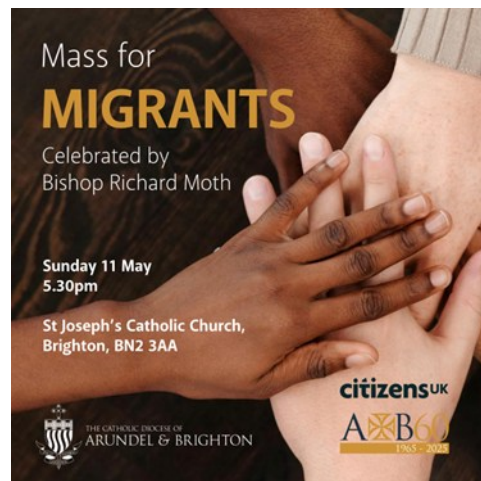
**St Peter's Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM)** Tuesdays in the hall, term time only, 2-4pm, new members welcome.

**Sacred Heart SVP Social Group** For all parishioners. Soup, sandwiches, tea, and cakes. Entertainment- quizzes etc. At 12:30pm after Mass. The next date is **8th & 22nd May**. All Welcome.

## **Other Events/Notices**

### **Sacred Heart Film Club**

The next Film Club will be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 12:30pm in the Parish rooms, film showing to be confirmed. Contact Michael Rainbows 07368 958076 or David O'Brien 07741 416501



**Mass for Migrants celebrated by Bishop Richard, 11th May, 5:30pm,** St Joseph's Catholic Church, Brighton. A special Mass celebrating how our diocesan community has been enriched by migration, and the difference and contribution that migrants make to wider society. All are very welcome.

### **Eucharistic Healing Service Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May 3pm – 4.15pm**

**St Mary Magdalen, Upper North Street, Brighton BN1 3FH.** (parking available on school playground off Spring Street) A time of prayer, reflection and music.

Praying for the healing of our families, for those we know in need and for ourselves. All welcome.

### **SVP Tower House Community Centre**

are looking for volunteer drivers from Hove, Hangleton, Portslade and Southwick areas, to take the elderly and vulnerable people to and from Tower House. If anyone is interested in helping, please contact Nicki Freeman, Manager Tower House on 01273549604 or email; [towerhouse@svp.org.uk](mailto:towerhouse@svp.org.uk).

**Corpus Christi Carpet of Flowers,  
Arundel Cathedral, 17-19th June.**

Experience Arundel's beautiful Carpet of Flowers in celebration of the Feast of Corpus Christi. View the carpet 9:30am-7pm (Weds) and 9:30am-5:30pm (Thurs). Mass, followed by a procession to Arundel Castle, will begin at 5:30pm (Thurs). All are welcome.

**Celebrate 2025** For those who may have missed the Celebrate festivals in recent years, see [celebratetrust.org](http://celebratetrust.org) for the 'Witness of Hope' family-friendly residential festival in August 2025 at Worth School and give thanks that the Holy Spirit will continue to move hearts and guide minds in Sussex and beyond.

**Gift Aid Boxes for 2025/2026 Tax Year for Sacred Heart** These boxes are still available for collection from the Outer Sacristy. Please collect your box marked with the relevant number.

**St Peter's Offertory Collection** for Sunday 13 April is £1,357.

**Welcomers at St Theresa's** We are in need of a few more welcomers at the **9am Mass at St Theresa's** please. Please speak to Gill or Pauline, or email the parish office.

**Sacred Heart Car Park** Many of you will know that the car park is often used by people who do not have permission to park here, and they take up spaces which should be available to you as parishioners. Recently this has got a bit out of control with some people persistently parking here, despite us asking them to remove their car. To try and solve this problem and to make sure all spaces are available for parishioners use during Mass times, we have installed a post on the driveway, which will be locked at random times outside of Mass times and office hours, and when there are no functions in the Parish room. If you tend to leave your car in the carpark outside of these times, please be aware that you may come back to find the post is locked. Notices will be put up in the car park to reinforce this message and practice of locking the post will commence after these are in place.

**Children's Liturgy at St Peter's** is looking for more help. If you would like to volunteer, please to contact the office. Children's liturgy takes place during term time only. Children are welcome up to secondary school age, those of secondary school age are to be encouraged to stay in the Mass. Parental consent forms will be available this coming weekend for parents to complete and return to the parish office, or the children's liturgy volunteer. If the ratio of adults to children are not sufficient, we will have to ask some parents to join the group at that point in the Mass before the children go out. If parents do not come forward, then the liturgy will not be able to take place.

**St Peter's Archive** For a baptism, or confirmation certificate contact the archive team by email: [SaintPeterArchives@gmail.com](mailto:SaintPeterArchives@gmail.com).

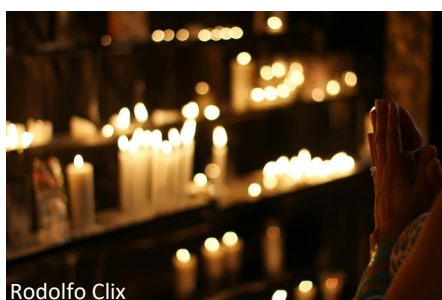
### **Fundraising**

#### **SVP 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 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 now also at St Peter's.



Rodolfo Clix



**Hangleton and West Blatchington Food Bank** If you would like to donate this week, we would be very grateful for: **Chicken Soup, Orange squash, Custard.** We still have plenty of pasta, rice, soup, and a mountain of baked beans so please do not buy us more. Donations may be brought to the hall on Wednesdays between 10:30 and 11:45, or left at any of our churches.

**Newsletter by email** 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.

**Who to contact in Fr Tony's absence** Re school admissions, marriages, funerals etc? In the first instance people can contact **Juliette (parish secretary)** via the parish office, Juliette will forward the enquiry to the relevant person. St George's and St Theresa's Parish Office, 01273 708227, [westhove@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:westhove@abdiocese.org.uk).

**Canon David at St Peter's** is the main clergy contact in place of a parish priest.

### **Please Pray For...**

**Bob & Elena White, Cathy Howes, Cheryl Evans, Noah Baker, Rebecca O'Brien, Rex Curd, Cheryl Evans, Tony Fleming, Sally Harvey, Winifred Wilde**

Please also pray for all the sick and/or housebound members of our parishes, and all those who have died recently.

**We are sad to announce the passing of Gill Lynsdale RIP**, who was the Gift Aid Co-ordinator for the Sacred Heart for over 42 years. Our thoughts go to her husband Lovett.



## 27th April 2025, Second Sunday of Easter

### Entrance Antiphon

Like newborn infants, you must long for  
the pure, spiritual milk,  
that in him you may grow to salvation,  
alleluia.

### Collect

Let us pray.  
God of everlasting mercy,  
who in the very recurrence of the  
paschal feast  
kindle the faith of the people you have  
made your own,  
increase, we pray, the grace you have  
bestowed,  
that all may grasp and rightly  
understand  
in what font they have been washed,  
by whose Spirit they have been reborn,  
by whose Blood they have been  
redeemed.  
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: Acts 5:12-16

Many signs and wonders were regularly  
done among the people by the hands of  
the Apostles. And they were all  
together in the Solomon's Portico. None  
of the rest dared join them, but the  
people held them in high esteem. And  
more than ever believers were added to  
the Lord, multitudes of both men and  
women, so that they even carried out  
the sick into the streets and laid them  
on cots and mats, that as Peter came by  
at least his shadow might fall on some  
of them. The people also gathered from  
the towns round Jerusalem, bringing  
the sick and those afflicted with unclean  
spirits, and they were all healed.  
The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Psalms Response

**Give praise to the Lord for he is good,  
his mercy endures for ever.**

### Second Reading: Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

I, John, your brother and partner in the  
tribulation and the kingdom and the  
patient endurance that are in Jesus, was  
on the island called Patmos on account  
of the word of God and the testimony

of Jesus. I was in the Spirit on the Lord's  
day, and I heard behind me a loud voice  
like a trumpet saying, 'Write what you  
see in a book and send it to the seven  
churches.'

Then I turned to see the voice that was  
speaking to me, and on turning I saw  
seven golden lampstands, and in the  
midst of the lampstands one like a son  
of man, clothed with a long robe and  
with a golden sash round his chest.  
When I saw him, I fell at his feet as  
though dead. But he laid his right hand  
on me, saying, 'Fear not, I am the first  
and the last, and the living one. I died,  
and behold I am alive for evermore, and  
I have the keys of Death and Hades.  
Write therefore the things that you  
have seen, those that are and those  
that are to take place after this

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

**You believed, Thomas, because you  
have seen me, says the Lord.  
Blessed are those who have not seen  
and yet have believed.  
Alleluia.**

### Gospel: Luke John 20:19-31

On the evening of that day, the first day  
of the week, the doors being locked  
where the disciples were for fear of the  
Jews, Jesus came and stood among  
them and said to them, 'Peace be with  
you.' When he had said this, he showed  
them his hands and his side. Then the  
disciples were glad when they saw the  
Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace  
be with you. As the Father has sent me,  
even so I am sending you.' And when he  
had said this, he breathed on them and  
said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If  
you forgive the sins of any, they are  
forgiven them; if you withhold  
forgiveness from any, it is withheld.'

Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called  
the Twin, was not with them when  
Jesus came. So the other disciples told  
him, 'We have seen the Lord'. But he  
said to them, 'Unless I see in his hands  
the mark of the nails, and place my  
finger into the mark of the nails, and  
place my hand into his side, I will never  
believe.'

Eight days later, his disciples were

inside again, and Thomas was with  
them. Although the doors were locked,  
Jesus came and stood among them and  
said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said  
to Thomas, 'Put your finger here, and  
see my hands; and put out your hand,  
and place it in my side. Do not  
disbelieve, but believe.' Thomas  
answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus  
said to him, 'Have you believed  
because you have seen me? Blessed are  
those who have not seen and yet have  
believed.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the  
presence of the disciples, which are not  
written in this book; but these are  
written so that you may believe that  
Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and  
that by believing you may have life in  
his name

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### Prayer over the Offerings

**Accept, O Lord, we pray,  
the oblations of your people  
(and of those you have brought to new  
birth),  
that, renewed by confession of your  
name and by Baptism,  
they may attain unending happiness.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

### Communion Antiphon

**Bring your hand and feel the place of  
the nails,  
and do not be unbelieving but  
believing, alleluia..**

### Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.  
Grant, we pray, almighty God,  
that our reception of this paschal  
Sacrament  
may have a continuing effect  
in our minds and hearts.  
Through Christ our Lord.

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