

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 20th April 2025, Easter Sunday, Year C. Weekdays: Easter Week

Canon Colin Writes:

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The words of the two angels to the fearful and astonished women who had taken spices they had prepared to the tomb of Jesus early on the first day of the week, have resounded throughout the centuries bringing hope, joy and peace to multiple millions of people! The resurrection of Jesus from the dead on the third day represents the single most astounding event in the history of humanity and the only basis upon which our hope against the darkness of this present age is built!

Peter, who himself was plunged into the depths of despair and remorse for his denial of Jesus when he was handed over to sinful men and witnessed his cruel death by crucifixion, writes in his first letter that 'according to God's great mercy he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead' (1 Peter 1:3).

Our faith is based on a living hope in a living person – Jesus of Nazareth – whom God raised from the dead in vindication of his atoning death on the cross through which we have forgiveness of sins, peace and reconciliation with God and hope of eternal life! This gives us joyful confidence in life and comfort and solace in death. As Paul reminds us so eloquently in his letter to the Romans, neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord (Romans 8: 38-39).



Easter Offerings: Your Easter Offering is your personal gift to your Priest. Please use the envelopes provided in your Church. Thank you in advance from your Priest.

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;
stmarymagdalenbrighton.blogspot.com; brightonstmarymag@abdiocese.org.uk.

St Peter's, Portland Road, BN3 5GD, 01273 733840, www.stpeters-hove.org.uk;
hovestpeters@abdiocese.org.uk.

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

Mass Schedule

Sat 19 7.30pm 8.00pm 8.00pm 8.30pm 9.00pm	April SG SP SMM SH ST	Holy Saturday <i>Polish Easter Vigil</i> The Easter Vigil - Sylvie Najour Mass Wiktor & Yvonne Wolczak RIP <i>Easter Vigil</i>
Sun 20 8.30am 9.00 9.30 9.30 10.00 11.00 11.00 11.30 11.30 5.00pm 5.00 6.00pm	April SP ST SH SMM SP SG SMM SP SP SMM SP	Easter Sunday Jude Fletcher RIP Anna Zambito RIP People of the Parish Polish Mass People of the Parish Ada McNaught John & Breda Daly RIP Padraig Grealish RIP Brazilian Mass Syrian Orthodox Mass
Mon 21 11.30 am 10.00 am †	April SP SH	Easter Monday <i>Syrian Mass</i> Jose Nery Alvis RIP
Tues 22 10.00 am 10.00 am †	April SG SH	Easter Tuesday All Parishioners Mr & Mrs GW Gillow RIP & Relatives
10.00 7.00pm	SP ST	People of the Parish All Parishioners
Wed 23 8.00am 10.00am 7.00pm	April SH SP ST	Easter Wednesday Nina Cross RIP People of the Parish All Parishioners
Thu 24 10.00am 10.00am † 12 noon †	April SP SG SH	Easter Thursday People of the Parish All Parishioners Rel & Friends of the Wilson Family
7.00pm	ST	All Parishioners
Fri 25 8.00am 9.30 7.00pm	April SH SP ST	Easter Friday David Hill RIP Sheila Harmann All Parishioners
Sat 26 12.00pm	April SH	Easter Saturday Maureen Churchill's Ints (90th Birthday)
6.00pm 6.00 6.30	SH SP SG	Michael Brennan RIP People of the Parish <i>Polish Mass</i>
Sun 27 8.30 am 9.00 9.30 9.30 10.00 11.00 11.00 11.30 11.30	April SP ST SH SMM SP SG SMM SH SP	2nd Sunday of Easter People of the Parish Special Intention People of the Parish No Mass All Parishioners Eithne McGovern RIP Mass to celebrate canonisation
5.00 pm	SP	Brazilian Mass
5.00 6.00	SMM SP	<i>Syrian Orthodox 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

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 22nd April.

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.

Sycamore: 'Prayer for Pilgrims'

We are delighted to invite you to six informal gatherings running weekly from Monday 7th April at 7pm in St Peter's Church Hall. Each evening we will begin by enjoying a bite to eat together, watch a short Sycamore film and consider questions that will inspire relaxed and friendly discussions. We will reflect on what prayer is, share what is most fruitful and ponder in our hearts how we might go deeper.

The first week will begin with the film 'Who is Jesus?'. Perfect for Pilgrims of Hope. All are welcome, including fellow pilgrims from our sister parishes. Howard is happy for you to contact him for further details, howard109@icloud.com or 07990 988160.

SYCAMORE

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.

Our Lady Star of the Sea SVP Conference Meeting Thursday 24th April, 5:45pm, 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 SVP Social Group For all parishioners. Soup, sandwiches, tea, and cakes. Entertainment- quizzes etc. At 12:30pm after Mass. The next date is **24th April**. All Welcome.

Other Events/Notices

The Chrism Mass, 16th April, 6pm, Arundel Cathedral. People from across our diocesan family of faith are invited to join Bishop Richard and members of clergy at the annual Chrism Mass – one

of the most beautiful Masses of the year, celebrated in Catholic cathedrals across the world in Holy Week. All are welcome.

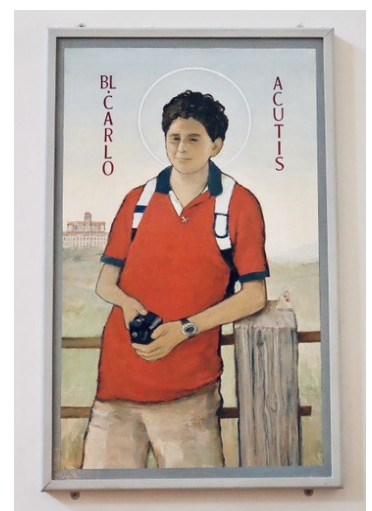


St Theresa's Children's Singing Group Sunday 20th April, 9am, St Theresa's.

We will be performing at Easter Sunday Mass at St Theresa's. Contact Nancy or Charlotte if interested in joining: nddequilla@yahoo.com. Rehearsals start in April.

Children's Stations of the Cross and Activity Day St Theresa's, 10am—12pm Good Friday 18th April. One adult per family must stay.

Children's Liturgy of the Word: Leaders' Event, 26th April, 10am-1:30pm, St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley. A wonderful morning looking at how to deliver Children's Liturgy, led by Lucy Hall. Explore new ways to prepare children to be fully immersed in the gift that is the Eucharist.



Stations of the Cross at each church

St Peter's: Good Friday at 7pm

St George's: Good Friday at 7:30pm

Sacred Heart: Tuesday 15th April after 10am Mass

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.

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 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!

Southwick Churches Together : Walk of Witness Good Friday 18th April. Process from St Theresa's to the Methodist church, or meet at the Methodist church, Southwick Street, for 11:30am, or meet at the square, for a short service. 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

Canonization of Blessed Carlo Acutis Sunday 27th April, 11am, St Peter's.

Canon David has invited Bishop Richard to celebrate Mass at 11:00, 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.

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.

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.

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 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 will be available for collection from the Outer Sacristy from Saturday 12th April. Please collect your box marked with the relevant number.

Second Collections

Sacred Heart:

On Good Friday there will be a collection for Holy Places of Palestine

St Theresa's & St Georges:

Sunday 13th April: Easter flowers.

Good Friday 18th April: Holy Places of Palestine.

Easter Vigil & Easter Sunday - Easter Offering (Your gift to Fr Tony), this can be gift-aided.

St Peter's Offertory Collection for Sunday 6th April - £1,223.75.

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.

Fundraising

St Peter's 200 Club

Congratulations to our March winners:

Rita O' Regan wins £50,
Phil Harris wins £90, and
Therese Rutherford wins £200.

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.**

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.



20th April 2025, Easter Sunday

Entrance Antiphon

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

Collect

O God, who on this day, through your Only Begotten Son, have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity, grant, we pray, that we who keep the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit, rise up in the light of life. 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 10:34a, 37-43

In those days: Peter opened his mouth and said: 'You yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and caused him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.' The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms Response

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice in it and be glad.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Brothers and Sisters: If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on

things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed; let us therefore celebrate the festival in the Lord.

Alleluia.

Gospel: Luke John 20:1-9

On the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going towards the tomb. Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on the head of Jesus, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Renewal of Baptism Promises will take place after the Homily.

Prayer over the Offerings

Exultant with paschal gladness, O Lord, we offer the sacrifice by which your Church is wondrously reborn and nourished. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Communion Antiphon

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast

with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Look upon your Church, O God, with unfailing love and favour, so that, renewed by the paschal mysteries, she may come to the glory of the resurrection.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Solemn Blessing

May almighty God bless you through today's Easter Solemnity and, in his compassion, defend you from every assault of sin.

Amen.

And may he, who restores you to eternal life in the Resurrection of his Only Begotten, endow you with the prize of immortality.

Amen.

Now that the days of the Lord's Passion have drawn to a close, may you who celebrate the gladness of the Paschal Feast come with Christ's help, and exulting in spirit, to those feasts that are celebrated in eternal joy.

Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, ☩ and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever.

Amen.

Copyright notice

Scripture quotations are from the English Standard Version of the Bible, Catholic Edition (ESV-CE), published by Asian trading Corporation, copyright 2017 by Crossway. All rights are reserved. Excerpts from Abbey Psalms and Canticles are copyright 2018 USCCB.