

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 29th June 2025, Sts Peter & Paul, Year C. Weekdays: 13th Week of Ordinary Time

Canon Colin writes...

Saints Peter and Paul are celebrated together on June 29th because they are both considered foundational figures in the early Christian Church and are believed to have been martyred in Rome around the same time, during the reign of Emperor Nero. While historical accounts vary slightly, they are honoured together as pillars of the Church, particularly in Rome, and their ministries, though distinct, were united in spreading the Gospel.

Both Peter and Paul were prominent figures in the early Church. Peter, one of the Twelve Apostles, is considered the first Pope and a key leader. Paul, originally a persecutor of Christians, became a crucial missionary and theologian, known for his letters in the New Testament.

Tradition holds that both were martyred in Rome during Nero's reign. While accounts differ on the exact dates, they are traditionally commemorated on the same day, June 29th.

Despite their different backgrounds and roles, they are celebrated together to symbolize the unity of the Church and the universality of the Gospel message. They represent different aspects of Christian faith and practice, Peter as the "rock" upon which the Church was built and Paul as the preacher to the Gentiles.

Each one of us needs to express attributes of both the Petrine and Pauline ministries in our lives. Like Peter we need to be firm in our faith (although a few wobbles are permitted!) Like Paul we also must become fearless missionaries, prepared to suffer rejection for the sake of the Gospel. After all, we are only here because of the commitment of our predecessors, the Church will only thrive in the future through our willingness to serve the Gospel as St Peter and St Paul did to such an outstanding degree.

Regular Events

Reconciliation is before Mass every Saturday, 5:15-5:45pm at Sacred Heart, and St Peter's. Reconciliation at St George's and St Theresa's is available on request after Mass, please speak to the priest.

Sacred Heart Prayer Group

Every Tuesday after Mass at 10:30am, SH Parish Room. All are Welcome.

Sacred Heart, 39 Norton Road, BN3 3BF, 01273 732843, www.sacredheartthove.org.uk;
hovesacredheart@abdiocese.org.uk

All Masses Live Streamed: www.sacredheartthove.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 28 | June |
|------------|---|
| 6.00pm + | SH People of the Parish |
| 6.00 | SP Bernie Harvey RIP |
| 6.30 | SG <i>Polish Mass</i> |
| Sun 29 | June |
| 8.30 am | SP Ss Peter & Paul |
| 9.00 | ST Jill Mitchell RIP |
| 9.30 | SH Sebastiana Rato RIP |
| 9.30 | SH Joan Fitzgerald RIP |
| 9.30 | SMM Polish Mass |
| 10.00 | SP Jimmy & Una O'Meara RIP |
| 11.00 | SG All Parishioners |
| 11.00 | SMM People of the Parish |
| 11.30 | SH Robin Bloy RIP |
| 11.30 | SP Krystyna Szczerbiak RIP |
| 1.00 pm | SP Syrian (Catholic) Mass |
| 5.00 pm | SP Brazilian Mass |
| 5.00 | SMM People of the Parish |
| Mon 30 | June |
| 10.00 am + | SH St Irenaeus |
| | Sara Kuriakose RIP |
| Tue 1 | July |
| 10.00 am | SG No Mass |
| 10.00 am + | SH Fr Martin O'Connor RIP |
| 10.00 | SP No Mass today |
| 7.00pm | ST All Parishioners |
| Wed 2 | July |
| 8.00am | SH NO MASS - IN SERVICE DAY |
| 10.00am | SP No Mass today |
| 7.00pm | ST All Parishioners |
| Thurs 3 | July |
| 9.00am | SP St Thomas |
| 10.00am + | SG Fr Ray Blake |
| | Members & Friends of the Jee Family RIP |
| 12 noon + | SH Simone & Sarah O'Riordan RIP |
| 7.00pm | ST All Parishioners |
| Fri 4 | July |
| 8.00 am | SH Keith Simpson |
| 10.00 | SP Vanessa & Guilu Pires RIP |
| 7.00pm | ST All Parishioners |
| Sat 5 | July |
| 12noon | SH Maureen Ashing Int |
| 6.00pm + | SH Laura Donovan Int |
| 6.00 | SP Tom Fitzgerald RIP |
| 6.30 | SG <i>Polish Mass</i> |
| Sun 6 | July |
| 8.30 am | SP 14th Sunday in Ordinary time |
| 9.00 | ST People of the Parish |
| 9.30 | SH All Parishioners |
| 9.30 | SH People of the Parish |
| 9.30 | SMM Polish Mass |
| 10.00 | SP Clare Vinall RIP |
| 11.00 | SG All Parishioners |
| 11.00 | SMM People of the Parish |
| 11.30 | SH John Williamson RIP |
| 11.30 | SP Stanislaw Szczerbiak RIP |
| 5.00 pm | SP Brazilian Mass |
| 5.00 | SMM People of the Parish |

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



'He ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him' Luke 19

Sycamore Evenings Paused at St Peter's

We are having a short break. The next three Mondays 30th June & 7th July & 14th July there will not be a session in the hall. However, we will restart our evenings together on Monday 21st July and these will continue and be open and available to everyone.

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..

Funerals at St Peter's

Sadly we have three funerals to announce please see details below. Please remember all of them and their families in your prayers.

Constance Murphy RIP her funeral will be held on Tuesday 8 July here at St Peters at 10am.

John Williamson RIP, . John's funeral will take place here at St Peters on Friday 11 July at 10am.

Carmelina D 'Caprio RIP, Carmelina's funeral will take place on Tuesday 15 July here at St Peter's at 10am.

St George's We heard at the weekend the sad news that **Sally Harvey** (the wife of Deacon Richard Harvey) had died late on Friday. The funeral is to be at 11am on Tuesday 1 July at Worthing Crematorium (Kingswood Chapel).

Monica Compton RIP, of the Sacred Heart who died recently. Her Funeral will be announced in the next few weeks.

St Peter's Friday Social Club

Fridays at 1:30pm, term time only. You are welcome to join this friendly group for enjoyable conversation and some

light refreshments. Recent talks and activities have included learning sign language, a Harrods window-dresser, sale of personalised art cards, 101 ways to wear accessories and stories of some special crucifixes. Tea & cake provided.

St George's Tea and Chat 8th & 22nd July, St George's 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!

Sacred Heart Film Club

The next Film Club will be held on 12th July at 12:30pm in the Parish rooms. The film showing will be The Miracle Club. The story is about a group of ladies travelling on a Pilgrimage to Lourdes by bus. Contact Michael Rainbows 07368 958076 or David O'Brien 07741 416501. The Group will take a break during August & September but will resume on Saturday 4th October .

Sacred Heart SVP Social Group

12:30pm after Thursday Mass For all parishioners, (run by the Sacred Heart SVP). Soup, sandwiches, tea, and cakes. Entertainment, quizzes, etc. The next dates are 3rd, 17th & 31st July. There will be just one date in August on 28th August. All welcome.

Fundraising / Giving

St Peter's weekly collection

Sunday 15th June cash, dona machine and standing order = £1,541. **HP Second collection** "A Day for Life" = £104.50

Special Collections 2025

29th June; Peter's Pence
13th July; Sea Sunday
14th September; Education Sunday
21st September; Evangelii Gaudium Sunday
28th September; SVP; at SG & ST .

Karla's Curry Evening

19th July, Sacred Heart Hall, 7pm to raise money for the Sri Lankan charity ESSA (Eastern Sri Lanka Survivors Appeal). Please come and eat, drink and enjoy yourself and support this charity. Karla will be selling tickets after Mass.

Thank you from the Catholic Children's Society

Thank you so much for your parish's (Sacred Heart) donation of £192.78 to the Catholic Children's Society. We are incredibly grateful to you and your parishioners for coming together to help children and families who are facing hardship. Your kindness and generosity make a significant difference.

St Peter's Hall Sale

Gifts – plants – Cakes –

Sunday 29 June

After 10.00 & 11.30 Mass

All funds raised for Kids for Kids charity.

Tea/Coffee will be available.

School Summer Fairs

Fri 4 July 3-5pm St Mary's Portslade

Fri 4 July 3-7pm Newman Family Festival .

Fri 11 July 3-5pm St Mary Magdalen's, Brighton

St Mary's PTA will be selling raffle tickets after Mass, at the back of St Theresa's this Sunday.

NEWMAN FAMILY FESTIVAL
A CELEBRATION OF ALL CULTURES
Friday 4th July 2025
4.00-7.00pm
TOP FIELD, CARDINAL NEWMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN:
- TOMBOLA - RAFFLES -
- GAMES - FACE PAINTING -
- MUSIC - DANCE -
- FOOD/SWEETS -
- ICE CREAMS -

Entry:
£3.00 per adult
£3.00 per child
£15.00 family ticket
(2 adults + up to 3 children)
Parking £3.00 per car
(spaces limited, booking required)

Scan the QR code for tickets

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Sacred Heart:

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/sacred-heart-church-hove/

Please also download the donation reminder <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/donation-reminder/> which can be installed on your computer/tablet/phone and will alert you when a website provides donations when you shop online.

Other Events / Notices

Visiting Priests at the Sacred Heart

We warmly welcome back Fr Andreas who arrives early July for 3 weeks and Fr Enzo who arrives late July and will stay with us for nearly 5 weeks. They will both be celebrating masses whilst here. Please make them both feel welcome, as you normally do.

Sacramental programmes:

First Holy Communion congratulations to our last group making their holy communion today, please remember to pray for all the children who have now successfully completed the programme.

Confirmations – congratulations to all our candidates who were confirmed last Friday with other young people from the Brighton & Hove Deanery. We had 54 candidates across the Deanery receiving the sacrament of Confirmation this year.

Photography

There will be a photographer attending the following Masses:

- Sunday 29th June, 9am Mass at St Theresa's
- Sunday 29th June, 10am Mass at St Peter's
- Sunday 6th July, 9:30am Mass at

Sacred Heart

- Sunday 6th July, 11am Mass at St George's (Fr Paul's silver jubilee Mass)

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.

Please let us 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.

Appeal for transport to & from Mass

We have a parishioner from Southwick who needs help getting to St Theresa's for Mass on Sundays. Please let the office know if you can help.



Fr Paul's Silver Jubilee Fr Paul Wilkinson, who is part of the clergy team in the Brighton & Hove area, will mark the 25th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood this summer. We thank Fr Paul for his service – long may it continue! We will be marking Fr Paul's jubilee on Sunday 6th July at St George's, Hove. The 11am Mass will bring together the communities of St George's and St Theresa's (Southwick), and will be followed by a celebration in the hall, including a bring-and-share lunch. Please note that there will **NO 9am Mass at St Theresa's on 6th July**. All are welcome to celebrate with us. Please also be aware that there will be a photographer attending this Mass, to capture imagery for use on our new parish website and parish and diocesan digital and print channels. All photos

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Worth - The 50th Anniversary of the Consecration of the Abbey Church - Saturday 12 July

We warmly invite you to join us as we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Consecration of the Abbey Church. The day will begin with Mass at 11am. For the full schedule of events, please visit the [News](#) section of our website. If you plan to attend, please let us know by completing the RSVP form [here](#).

Exploring Catholic Social Teaching Sun 6th July, Fitzherbert Community Hub, BN2 1AP, 12:45-4:15pm

Rev Dr Angus Ritchie, the founding director of the ecumenical Centre for Theology and Community will be hosting a conference afternoon. Fr Angus has ministered in parishes involved in community organising in East London for over 25 years, playing a leading role in campaigns for a Living Wage and affordable housing. Catholic Social Teaching is a rich resource offering a framework for building a just and compassionate society. Starts with a shared lunch (please bring a packed lunch or a dish to share). No booking necessary, donation only, tea/coffee and cake provided.

Food Bank

If you would like to donate this week, we would be incredibly grateful for: coffee, plain noodles, rice, long life orange juice, cornflakes, deodorant and shampoo with matching conditioner. Please use the donations bins in your respective churches. Thank you.



Please Pray For...Bob & Elena White, Theresa Price (Nee Maguire), Cathy Howes, Cheryl Evans, Kevan Mark Koya, Noah Baker, Patrick Banks, Rex Curd, Rod Dearling, Sally Harvey, Suzanne Grassie, Tom Piggins and Winifred Wilde.

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

Sunday 29th June 2025
Sts Peter & Paul

The 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.**

First Reading Acts 12:1-11

In those days: Herod the king laid violent hands on some who belonged to the church. He killed James the brother of John with the sword, and when he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread. And when he had seized him, he put him in prison, delivering him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending after the Passover to bring him out to the people. So Peter was kept in prison, but earnest prayer for him was made to God by the church. Now when Herod was about to bring him out, on that very night, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries before the door were guarding the prison. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood next to him, and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him, saying, 'Get up quickly.' And the chains fell off his hands. And the angel said to him, 'Dress yourself and put on your sandals.' And he did so. And he said to him, 'Wrap your cloak round you and follow me.' And he went out and followed him. He did not know that what was being done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision. When they had passed the first and the second guard, they came to the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for

them of its own accord, and they went out and went along one street, and immediately the angel left him. When Peter came to himself, he said, 'Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hand of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

From all my terrors the Lord set me free.

Second Reading 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18

Beloved: I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but also to all who have loved his appearing.

The Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

**You are Peter, and on this rock I will
build my Church,
and the gates of hell shall not prevail
against it.
Alleluia.**

Gospel Matthew 16:13-19

At that time: When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter replied, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed

this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Creed

**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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