

## Entrance Antiphon

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

## Collect

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly kingdom. 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: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.' The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## Psalm Response

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

## Second reading: 1 Thess 3:12-4:2

Brothers and sisters: May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Finally, then, brothers and sisters, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God, just as you are doing, that you do so more and more. For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus. The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## Gospel Acclamation - Psalm 85(84):8

Show us, O LORD, your mercy, and grant us your salvation.

## Gospel - Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in sun and moon

and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.

'But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.' 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, at the words that follow, up to and including 'and became man', all bow 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

Accept, we pray, O Lord, these offerings we make, gathered from among your gifts to us, and may what you grant us to celebrate devoutly here below gain for us the prize of eternal redemption. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

## Communion Antiphon

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

## Prayer after Communion

May these mysteries, O Lord, in which we have participated profit us, we pray, for even now, as we walk amid passing things, you teach us by them to love the things of heaven and hold fast to what endures. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

## Next week's Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness.

And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, 'The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall become straight, and the rough places shall become level ways, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."'

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# Brighton and Hove Deanery: Western Churches

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

Canon Colin Wolczak, Fr Tony Milner, Dom Rod Jones OSB, Canon David Parmiter

Sunday 1st December, First Sunday of Advent, Year C. Weekdays: Advent Week 1

## Fr Tony Writes:

Well here we are! A new liturgical year, a new lectionary, and a new bulletin for the churches on the western side of the deanery. Change can be a bit disconcerting. Yet given we are all called to new life in Christ, newness clearly has a positive dimension.

In terms of the bulletin, it might take a bit of getting used to, and there will doubtless be a few hiccoughs on the way. But we will have a much better idea of what is going on in our neighbouring parishes, and we might find things we want to be part of that we previously hadn't known about. The list of Masses is a bit of an eye opener! It shows the wealth of opportunity for participating in the Eucharist, the 'source and summit' of the Church's life. It also shows that we could probably do with a bit of a rethink on some of our Mass times. That will be coming some time in the New Year as part of a much broader consultation.

The new lectionary will also take a bit of getting used to also. One of the reasons for bringing in a new bulletin this weekend is to provide the Sunday readings in the new translation for those churches which were using the Mass books.

The new translation, taken from the Catholic edition of the English Standard Version bible (ESVCE) is much more literal than the Jerusalem Bible (JB), which we have been using since around 1970. To give a small example, in the Gospel today it says that our 'redemption' is close at hand. The JB version says our 'liberation' is close at hand. 'Liberation' is easy to understand: we are to be set free.

'Redemption' means much the same thing for us. But it has a deeper significance that is not present in the word 'liberation'. The idea of 'redemption' comes from a slave market. A slave is redeemed by another person when they pay the cost of the slave's liberation. It reminds us that this freedom comes from Christ, who 'paid the price of our sin'.

In today's readings we actually look forward, not just to our own 'redemption' but indeed to the redemption of all creation!

## Advent Retreat

3-5 December

Worth Abbey RH10 4SB (Cost: £220).

Take time out to reflect on the season of Advent and the message it has about preparing us for Christmas. Join Fr Peter as he uses scripture and reflection to discover how God might be calling you to open up in a deeper way to his presence. Go to the website: <https://worth.co.uk/retreats/retreat-programme> and select Advent Retreat.

## St Mary's Christmas Fair

Thursday 5th December, 3:10pm – 5pm

St Mary's school would like Our Lady Star of the Sea parish to run a mince pie and cake stall. We need cakes and mince pie donations please, there will be donation boxes at both churches. We also need at least four volunteers to run the stall please. Contact Charlotte if you would like to volunteer. [charlotte.conneely@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:charlotte.conneely@yahoo.co.uk).

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

## Mass Schedule

Advent Week 1

Sat 30th	Nov	Dec
6:00pm+	SH	David Hill RIP
6.00	SP	Bernie Harvey RIP
6.30	SG	Polish Mass
<b>Sun 1st</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>1st Sunday of Advent</b>
8.30 am	SP	Jean Margaret Henry
9.00	ST	Mary Sumner RIP
9:30	SMM	Polish Mass
9.30	SH	People of the Parish
10.00	SP	Giuseppe Sassi RIP
11.00	SG	Kathleen 'Kitty' McKenzie
11.00	SMM	
11.30	SH	Ann-Marie Bevington RIP & Bridget Langlands RIP
11.30	SP	Margaret McGoldrick RIP
5.00 pm	SP	Brazilian Mass
5.30	SMM	
<b>Mon 2nd</b>	<b>Dec</b>	
10:00am+	SH	Desmond Gripper RIP
<b>Tue 3rd</b>	<b>Dec</b>	
10.00 am	SG	All Parishioners
10.00+	SH	John Mason RIP
10.00	SP	Kate Henderson RIP (Fr Celestine)
7.00 pm	ST	
<b>Wed 4th</b>	<b>Dec</b>	
8.00 am	SH	Alfred Hodgson RIP
7:00am	SP	Deceased Members of the Chritides & Hearnis
7.00 pm	ST	
<b>Thu 5th</b>	<b>Dec</b>	
10.00 am+	SG	
10.00	SP	For the unity of Nicholas, his wife & children
12 noon+	SH	Bob & Elena's Intentions (Fr Celestine)
7.00 pm	ST	
<b>Fri 6th</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>St Nicholas</b>
8.00 am	SH	Frank McHugh RIP
10.00	SP	Giuseppe Sassi RIP
10.00+	ST	
7.00 pm	ST	(Fr Celestine)
<b>Sat 7th</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>St Ambrose</b>
12 noon	SH	Alice Lima RIP
6.00 pm+	SH	Robert Koenig RIP 1st Anniversary
6.00	SP	Don Gatward
6.30	SG	Polish Mass
<b>Sun 8th</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>2nd Sunday of Advent</b>
8.30 am	SP	Jean Margaret Henry
9.00	ST	
9:30	SMM	Polish Mass
9.30	SH	Kayla Cavzeves RIP
10.00	SP	James Lee RIP
11.00	SG	Deceased Members of the Alphonso Family RIP
11.00	SMM	
11.30	SH	People of the Parish
11.30	SP	Basil Reynauld RIP
5.00 pm	SP	Brazilian Mass
5.30	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

## Benedictine Introductions to Advent

### Worth Abbey 7th December

We hope you can join us for this enriching opportunity to engage with the insights of our monastic community. On Saturday, 7th December, Fr David Jarmy will present "Longing for God," focusing on deepening our awareness of our unity with God in Christ through Scripture and the writings of Christian mystics. We begin with registration and refreshments at 10:30am in the Abbey Church. After the talk, you are warmly invited to stay and attend Midday Prayer at 1pm, with the Monastic Community, followed by a light lunch. Please RSVP if you would like to join us, indicating whether you would like to stay for lunch, which will incur a small charge of £5.



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## Prepare a Way for the Lord

### Saturday 7th December, 10am to 4pm.

An Advent retreat at St John the Baptist's, Kempton, BN2 1AP. Before you get too immersed in preparations for Christmas, we invite you to spend some time in prayer and reflection, preparing to welcome Christ more fully into your lives. Please bring your own lunch. Teas and Coffees provided. Book your place via [brightonmonks@worth.org.uk](mailto:brightonmonks@worth.org.uk) or phone 07444 802368.



[www.monksinthecity.uk](http://www.monksinthecity.uk)

## Sussex Voiceworks Presents

### A JAZZY LITTLE CHRISTMAS

Featuring Bob Chilcott's 'A Little Jazz Mass' and a selection of traditional carols, 5pm, Sunday 8th December St Theresa of Lisieux Church. Adults £12, Children under 16 Free. Tickets online (see poster or fliers in church); from Fr Paul; or on the door.

### St Mary's School Advent Service

Wednesday 11th December, 6:30pm, St Theresa's church, Southwick.

### Carols and Mince Pies

Saturday 21st December, 2pm, at St George's.

### Crib Blessing & Decorating of Trees

Sunday 22nd December, 9am at St Theresa's, and 11am at St George's Children and their families will be invited to help put the figures in the cribs during Mass, and to decorate the trees after Mass.

### Advent Penitential Service

Sunday 22nd December, 3pm, at St Theresa's. A short service followed by adoration and the opportunity for individual Confessions.

### St Peter's Carol Concert

Sunday 22nd December at 6:30pm with a reception in the hall afterwards, please do come and join us.

### Advent weekday Mass at St Peter's

(Candlelight) 7am, Wednesday 4th/11th/18th December. Please note these Masses will replace the usual 10am Mass on that day.

### Christmas Eve Masses

10:00am, Sacred Heart  
17:30pm Vigil, St Theresa's  
18:00pm Vigil, Sacred Heart  
18:00pm Vigil, St Peter's  
21:30pm, St Mary Mags (Polish Mass)  
Midnight Mass, (with Carols from 11:30pm), Sacred Heart  
Midnight Mass, St Peter's

### Christmas Day Masses

08:30am, St Peter's  
09:00am, St Theresa's  
09:30am, Sacred Heart  
10:00am, St Peter's  
11:00am, St George's  
11:30am, Sacred Heart  
11:30am, St Peter's

## Boxing Day Masses

10:00am, St George's  
12:00noon, Sacred Heart

## Special Collections 2024

### During the Christmas Season

Catholic Children's Society  
**The Christmas Offering** is your gift to your Parish Priest. It is also one of his principal sources of personal income, so please be generous if you can! It can be Gift-Aided in the normal way.

### St Mary's school Admissions Consultation

St Mary's school are making some small adjustments to their admissions policy, and are required to consult all interested parties, which of course includes the parishes. For more details go to: [www.stmarys.brighton-hove.sch.uk/admissions/](http://www.stmarys.brighton-hove.sch.uk/admissions/)

**SVP Social Group** for all parishioners, (run by the Sacred Heart SVP). Has moved to Thursdays. Next one is 12th December 12.30 to 2:30pm, which will be the Christmas one. The following date is 2nd January and every fortnight thereafter. Soup, sandwiches, tea, and cakes. Entertainment- quizzes etc. All Welcome.



## Confessions at St Peter's

Saturdays from 5:15 to 5:45pm followed by Mass at 6pm.

## Children's Liturgy at St Peter's

is looking for more help. If you would like to volunteer, please don't hesitate to contact the office. A quick reminder that Children's liturgy takes place on a term time only basis. 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 don't come forward then the liturgy will not be able to take place.

**Hugh Gibbons** we have heard the sad news of one of St Peter's parishioners Hugh Gibbons, who died recently. His funeral will take place on Friday 6th December at 1pm, with reception of the body to St Peter's church on Thurs at 4pm. Please pray for Hugh, Roy and his family at this sad time.

**Michael Dixon** (St Theresa's) is very unwell and is now in Romans care home, Southwick, should anyone want to visit him.

**Margaret Guy** (who used to attend St Theresa's Saturday evening Mass) is in the Princess Royal Hospital in Haywards Heath. She will probably be in there for the next five weeks to recover from hip replacement surgery. If anyone would like to visit her, please call Twineham Ward on 01444 448735 beforehand, to check she is well enough for visitors, we are sure she would appreciate anyone who would like to visit.

## Food Bank Hangleton and West Blatchington

If you would like to donate this week we would be very grateful for:

- Disposable Razors
- Orange Squash
- Chocolate Cereal
- 6 packs of Crisps or other snacks
- Sweet Snacks
- Chocolate Spread.

We have more than enough baked beans, pasta and tea, so please do not bring us any more of these. Donations may be left at any of our churches. Thank you for your generosity.



## Brazilian Mass

5pm every Sunday at St Peter's

If you would like to attend, please join them.

## Confirmation Programme 2025

Registration forms are available at <http://www.stpeters-hove.org.uk/sacramental/confirmation/>

Completed forms to the parish office by the 10th December please.

**Coffee** available after 10:00 Mass at St Peter's on 2nd and 4th Sundays (8th and 22nd December). Coffee is available after 11.30 Mass every week, in the hall. Everyone is welcome. If you are new or unsure, please ask any of the organisers, who will be happy to introduce you to some new friends.

## St Peter's Volunteers lunch

This Sunday (1st December) after the 11:30am Mass.

## St Peter's Social Club Christmas Party Friday 13 December 1:30 -3pm

All welcome for some festive cheer in the parish hall.

## St Peter's parish website

We are experiencing technical difficulties with our website so are unable to upload the parish newsletter. Please email the parish office if you would like to receive a copy by email. E [hovestpeters@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:hovestpeters@abdiocese.org.uk) Alternatively, you can find it on the websites of the other churches!

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

## Lourdes Pilgrimage

Cardinal Newman Catholic Secondary School is very keen to send a group of students on our annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes next Summer. This is an amazing opportunity and often a life-changing experience for young people in Years 10/11 to join as 'Redshirts', or Years 12/13, as 'Purple shirts' in a week of fun, friendship, service and faith. It is a really incredible experience. We have several Cardinal Newman students in our parish and we would love to encourage and support them. If you have a child that wishes to take part please see the links and sign up to express your interest. For further information: [www.abdiocese.org.uk/lourdes/redshirts](http://www.abdiocese.org.uk/lourdes/redshirts).



## Dates for your diary

**SH 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 SH.

**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.

## 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.

## Eucharistic Healing Service

**St Mary Magdalen - Sunday 8th December 3pm - 4:15pm**

A time of prayer, reflection, and music. This is a moment to come before the Lord praying for the healing of our families, for those we know in need and for ourselves. All welcome. (Parking available behind the school - access off Spring Street).

## CCRS South

**14 January onwards, 3.45-5:45pm**

Cardinal Newman School, Hove. The two-year Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies will run on Tuesdays with five session modules delivered over a term. Teachers, TAs, catechists and anyone wishing to develop their understanding of the Faith are welcome. To book: [abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events](http://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events)

## Please Pray For...

**Julia Fleming, Bob & Elena White, Brenda Harle, Canon Colin, Cathy Howes, John Lloyd, Lucy, Margaret Guy, Michael Dixon, Noah Baker, Rebecca O'Brien, Sally Harvey, Suzanne Grassie, and Tom Piggins.**

Please also pray for the sick and/or housebound members of our parishes, and all who have died recently. Please tell your parish office if you know of anyone who needs to be added to this list.