

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 Parish Priest.

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Mass Schedule

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

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.

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