

Sunday 29 December 2024,
The Holy Family

Entrance Antiphon

The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

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.

Collect

O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practising the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards. 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: 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28

In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son, and she called his name Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked for him from the LORD.' The man Elkanah and all his house went up to offer to the LORD the yearly sacrifice and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, 'As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, so that he may appear in the presence of the LORD and dwell there for ever.' And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the house of the LORD at Shiloh. And the child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said, 'Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the LORD. For this child I prayed, and the LORD has granted me my petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the LORD. As long as he lives, he is lent to the LORD.' And he worshipped the LORD there. The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm Response

Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24

Beloved: See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. Open our hearts, O Lord, that we may pay attention to the words of your Son. Alleluia.

Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

The parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. After three days they found him in the Temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, 'Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress.' And he said to them, 'Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favour with God and 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, 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

We offer you, Lord, the sacrifice of conciliation, humbly asking that, through the intercession of the Virgin Mother of God and Saint Joseph, you may establish our families firmly in your grace and your peace. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Communion Antiphon

Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

Prayer after Communion

Bring those you refresh with this heavenly Sacrament, most merciful Father, to imitate constantly the example of the Holy Family, so that, after the trials of this world, we may share their company for ever. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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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 29th December 2024, Holy Family, Year C, Weekdays: Christmastide

Fr Tony Writes:

On behalf of myself and my fellow clergy, thank you for all your cards and gifts, and especially for your generosity with the Christmas collection. That provides a significant proportion of our annual income!



We hope you are still having a joyful Christmas. Remember, despite the fact that you will probably start to see Easter Eggs in the shops very soon, Christmas does not end on Boxing Day, and not even on the Twelfth Night. It ends with the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which this year in Sunday January 12th! So keep the celebration going!

Today we keep the feast of the Holy Family. It is often said that Christmas is a time for families. That can make it tough for those who have little or no family still alive, or are far from their family, or for whom family relationships are strained for one reason or another. But of course the Holy Family faced such things too. The birth of Jesus happened in Joseph's ancestral home. But they were far from their close family at that point, having traveled from Nazareth. Then shortly afterwards they had to flee to Egypt. Today's gospel also shows us that even the Holy Family had misunderstandings between them. And it would appear that Jesus and Mary suffered the loss of Joseph at some point before Jesus began his public ministry.

So the Holy Family are not some ideal that is far from our own experience. Rather it shows that in Jesus, God is very close to us, sharing in both the joys and sorrows of family life.

O Holy Family, bless and protect all the families of the world; safeguard their unity, fidelity, integrity and dignity. Enable them to live according to God's law that they may fulfil their sublime vocation. May their lives be a reflection of yours and may they enjoy your presence forever in heaven.

On my own behalf, thank you for your many words and messages of support as I take a break from the parish. I know Fr David, Fr Paul, Fr Celestine, and others from the deanery will look after you well in the coming months. Don't forget to look after them as well. We clergy are not always good at looking after ourselves!

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

Mass Schedule

Day	Time	Church	Notes
Sat 28th	6.00 pm †	SH	Holy Innocents Anna Domagala RIP
	6.00	SP	Jean Margaret Henry
	6.30	SG	Polish Mass
Sun 29th	8.30 am	SP	Holy Family All Parishioners
	9.00	ST	
	9.30	SMM	
	9.30	SH	Douglas Chamberlain Ints
	10.00	SP	Skyla Caceres RIP
	11.00	SG	
	11.00	SMM	
	11.30	SH	People of the Parish
	11.30	SP	Stanislaw Szczerbiak RIP
	5.00 pm	SP	All Parishioners
5.30	SMM		
Mon 30th	10.00 am †	SH	Members of the Capelli Family
Tue 31st	10.00 am	SG	Guilu Pires RIP
	10.00 am †	SH	Giulu Pires RIP
	10.00	SP	All Parishioners
	7:00 PM	ST	Fr Celestine
Wed 1st	8:00am	SH	Jan Mary Mother of God Keith Simpson RIP
	10:00am	SH	For a Fruitful 2025
	10:00am	SP	All Parishioners
Thu 2nd	7.00 pm	ST	
	10.00 am ‡	SG	
	10.00	SP	Vera Lucia De Abreu RIP
Fri 3rd	12 noon †	SH	Maria Tot RIP
	8.00 am	SH	Jan Audrey Yates & Family
	10.00	SP	All Parishioners
Sat 4th	12noon	SH	Jan Holy Souls
	6.00 pm	SH	People of the Parish
	6.00	SP	John Lloyd RIP
	6.30	SG	Polish Mass
	11.00	SMM	
Sun 5th	8.30 am	SP	Jan Epiphany of the Lord All Parishioners
	9.00	ST	
	9.30	SMM	
	9.30	SH	Ellen & John Francis RIP
	10.00	SP	All Parishioners
	11.00	SG	
	11.00	SMM	
	11.30	SH	Brendan Mullee RIP
11.30	SP	Jean Margaret Henry	
5.00 pm	SP	All Parishioners	
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

Coffee

Sacred Heart coffee available after all 9:30am Sunday Masses, in the Parish Rooms.

St George's & St Theresa's coffee is available after every Sunday Mass at both churches.

St Peter's coffee available after 10:00 Mass at on 4th Sunday. 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.

Dates for your diary

Sacred Heart 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 Sacred Heart & St Peter's Church.

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 to be added to the distribution list, this list if for all our churches.

SVP Social Group

For all parishioners, (run by the Sacred Heart SVP). Next one is Thursday 2nd January and every fortnight thereafter. Soup, sandwiches, tea, and cakes. Entertainment- quizzes etc. All Welcome.

Sacred Heart Film Club

Saturday 4th January 2025. Join us in the Parish Rooms at the Sacred Heart from 12:30pm for the showing of 'A Month in the Country' (starting 1pm) Starring Colin Firth, Kenneth Branagh and Natasha Richardson, about two WW1 Veterans working on the murals and archaeology of a rural Church; followed by 'The Murals of Challock' about the creations of murals in a remote Kent church around 1950/2000. Refreshments available. Contact Michael Rainbows on 07368 958076 or David O'Brien on 07741 416501.

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 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.

St Mary Magdalen's Catholic Primary School and Nursery

StMM's Catholic Primary School and Nursery is a vibrant, inclusive community school reflecting the beauty of our city and wider world. Our children and families come from a variety of backgrounds, faiths and abilities where everyone is celebrated, respected and nurtured. Why not join us for a tour and discover this hidden gem for yourself.



Are you interested in becoming a Foundation Governor?

Foundation Governors do not need to be education experts. The most effective governors listen, think and ask questions. There is no magic formula about what makes a perfect Foundation Governor, they come from all walks of life and all ages.

Foundation Governors play a very important role in Catholic Schools; the role is diverse, rewarding, challenging and fulfilling allowing post holders to share their time, skills and talents within a school setting. You will be encouraged to attend training sessions and will be supported in your role. The average Foundation Governor position will take up about 10 -12 hours per month though this can vary depending on the school calendar or events, such as Ofsted inspections. The time commitment includes the minimum requirement of attending three full governor meetings per year. There are currently vacancies on the

Governing Board for, **one Parent Governor** and, **two Foundation Governors**. If you are interested in becoming a school governor, please contact Michelle McCann, Clerk to Governors, for more information via: michellemccann@stmarymags.brighton-hove.sch.uk.



Michael Dixon RIP

Sadly, we have heard the sad news that Michael Dixon (*Our Lady Star of the Sea parish*) passed away on Saturday 21st December 2024. Details of his funeral will be published in due course. Please pray for Michael, and his family at this sad time.



St Peter's Parking

The space alongside the church in Shelley Road is church property and it can be used by those on parish business if they cannot find on street parking. Please respect this practice.

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.

St Peter's parish website

We are experiencing technical difficulties with our website so are unable to upload the parish newsletter. However, you can find it on the websites of the other churches!

St Peter's Archive

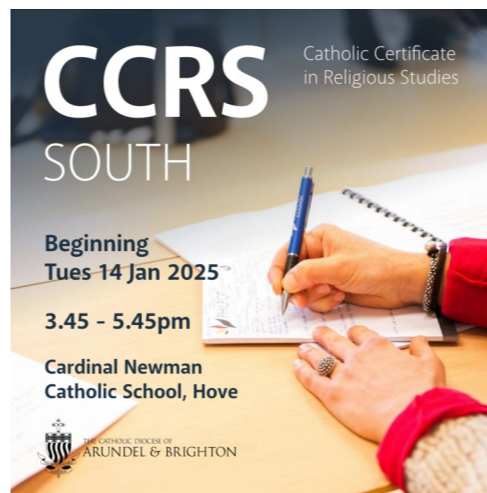
For baptism, or confirmation certificates, please contact the archive team by email: SaintPeterArchives@gmail.com.

St Peter's Gift Aid Envelope Users

From April next year we are aiming to move away from envelopes to a standing order payment system only for our scheme, please could any envelope users contact the office for further information. Alternatively, offerings may be made by using our Dona machine or in the offertory plate.

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, contact jon.harman@abdiocese.org.uk



CAFOD A Year of Hope: An introduction to the Jubilee Year

18th January 2025: 10:30am-12 noon. Join us for An introduction to the Jubilee Year with special guests Fr Jan Nowotnik, Director of Mission for the Catholic Bishop's Conference, Christine

Allen, CAFOD Director, and Kayode Akintola, CAFOD's Head of Africa Programmes. Hear how we're celebrating Jubilee as a global Church and how we can be tangible signs of hope, building a better world together throughout this holy year. Register at www.cafod.org.uk/news/events/a-year-of-hope-an-introduction-to-the-jubilee-year

Day of Reflection for Ministers of the Word

Saturday 25 January 11am-4pm at St Wilfrid's Parish Centre, Burgess Hill (no cost). Led by Bishop Richard. The day will include talks on the Scriptures, the Lectionary and its use in the Liturgy, the Liturgy of the Word, and preparing to minister as a reader. There will be a time of Lectio Divina, and the day will conclude with the celebration of Mass. Register your place here www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events

Rethinking Abortion

Saturday 8 February 10am-5pm at The St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley (no cost).

The Diocese is hosting an event organised by Rethinking Abortion, a national pro-life organisation. Rethinking Abortion will provide educational sessions looking at the lived experience and reality of women that lead them to choose abortion. The aim is to help build understanding and explore how to tactfully and empathetically talk about abortion with those around you in a meaningful way. Attendees will increase their understanding of the full reality of the pro-life agenda, becoming more articulate and effective in holding conversations with those considering this pathway. The day begins with Mass at 10am, followed by a programme of discussion and talks. Please bring a packed lunch. Register your place here: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events>. If you have questions about the event please contact Formation Adviser, tessa.ricketts@abdiocese.org.uk or simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk. You can find out more about the day here: www.marchforlife.co.uk/rethink-abortion/

Are you involved in Children's Liturgy

We are looking to build a network across the Diocese of those involved in this wonderful ministry to share learnings, ideas and support each other. To find out more details please contact our Marriage and Family Life Adviser Deacon Simon South simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk

Save The Date

Saturday 20 September 2025

Festival of Hope. Celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the Diocese and the Universal Jubilee Year with your family and friends this September.

We pray that this inspirational and uplifting event will ignite a spiritual renewal in our own lives and across our communities.

Put the date in your diary now, because tickets will be allocated to Parishes in the new year!

The event is taking place at Ardingly South of England Event Centre, tickets will be free of charge, with talks and activities suitable for all ages.



Please Pray For...

Bob & Elena White, Cathy Howes, John Lloyd, Margaret Guy, Noah Baker, Rebecca O'Brien, Sally Harvey, Lucy, Rex Curd, Suzanne Grassie, and Tom Piggins.

Please pray for all the sick and/or housebound members of our parishes.

Please pray for all who have died recently, especially **Michael Dixon (Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish)**.

Please tell your parish office if you know of anyone who needs to be added to this list.