

**Sunday 12 January 2025,**

## **The Baptism of the Lord**

### **Entrance Antiphon**

**After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.**

### **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**

Almighty ever-living God, who, when Christ had been baptized in the River Jordan and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him, solemnly declared him your beloved Son, grant that your children by adoption, reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, may always be well pleasing to you. 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: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11**

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' Go on up to a high mountain, O Sion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not;

say to the cities of Judah, 'Behold your God!'

Behold, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him;

behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm Response**

**Bless the Lord, O my soul!**

**My God, how great you are!**

### **Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7**

Beloved: The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness, and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Saviour appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Saviour, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

**He who is mightier than I is coming, said John. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.**

**Alleluia.**

### **Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22**

At that time: As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, John answered them all, saying, 'I baptise you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.'

Now when all the people were baptised by John the Baptist and when Jesus also had been baptised and was praying, the heavens were opened, and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, 'You

are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'

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**

Accept, O Lord, the offerings we have brought to honour the revealing of your beloved Son, so that the oblation of your faithful may be transformed into the sacrifice of him who willed in his compassion to wash away the sins of the world. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen**

### **Communion Antiphon**

**Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.**

### **Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray. Nourished with these sacred gifts, we humbly entreat your mercy, O Lord, that, faithfully listening to your Only Begotten Son, we may be your children in name and in truth.

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's, St Peter's

Canon Colin Wolczak, Dom Rod Jones OSB, Canon David Parmiter

**Sunday 12th January, Baptism of The Lord, Year C, Weekdays: Ordinary time Year 1**

### **Canon Colin Writes:**

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord.

This feast brings to an end the season of Christmas and Ordinary Time begins and lasts from the day after this feast to the Tuesday before Lent.

The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan. Jesus descended into the River to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to create sons and daughters of God. The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes.

Many of the incidents which accompanied Christ's baptism are symbolical of what happened at our Baptism. At Christ's baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our Baptism the Trinity entered our souls. At His baptism Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father; at our Baptism we became the adopted sons and daughters of God. At Christ's baptism the heavens were opened; at our Baptism heaven was opened to us.

In the mystery of Christ's Baptism in the Jordan River, we again encounter and represent the truth of the Lord's incarnation and His manifestation as the Christ. Jesus' Baptism is in fact His definitive manifestation as the Messiah or Christ to Israel, and as the Son of the Father to the entire world.

**On behalf of the cluster priests, I thank you for your generosity in the Christmas offertory collection, the beautiful cards and gifts.**

### **Update on our New Parish**

The next stage begins when the Deanery clergy meet on 11th February 2025 to discuss and establish the processes and decision-making bodies that the new parish will need to run. Once the bishop gives his assent to the plans, he will hold a celebration for the Inauguration of the new Parish and the Installation of the moderator and clergy team. We expect the communities within our new parish to continue to operate as they do now, although there will be changes to come. The changes we will need to make to implement the Pastoral Plan will evolve through the processes of consultation and consensus which we will establish together in the coming months.

### **Coffee**

**Sacred Heart** coffee is 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.

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**St Georges**, Court Farm Road, BN3 7QR and **St Theresa's**, Old Shoreham Road, BN42 4RY, 01273 708227 [www.brightondeanerywest.org.uk](http://www.brightondeanerywest.org.uk) [westhove@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:westhove@abdiocese.org.uk)

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

### **Mass Schedule**

<b>Sat 11th</b>	<b>Jan</b>	
6.00pm †	SH	John Thomas RIP & Maud
6.00	SP	John Lloyd RIP
6.30	SG	<i>Polish Mass</i>
<b>Sun 12th</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Baptism of The Lord</b>
8.30 am	SP	Mari Bahnam RIP
9.00	ST	
9.30	SMM	
9.30	SH	People of the Parish
10.00	SP	Margaret Heffernan RIP
11.00	SG	
11.00	SMM	
11.30	SH	John Creaklock RIP
11.30	SP	Ignacy Mackowiak RIP
5.00 pm	SP	
5.00	SMM	
<b>Mon 13th</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>St Hilary</b>
10.00 am †	SH	Holy Souls
<b>Tue 14th</b>	<b>Jan</b>	
10.00 am	SG	
10.00 am †	SH	Private Intention
10.00am	SP	Sophie Johnstone RIP
<b>Wed 15th</b>	<b>Jan</b>	
8.00am	SH	Vocations to the Priesthood
10.00am	SP	Funeral of Pearl Hazeldene
<b>Thu 16th</b>	<b>Jan</b>	
10.00	SP	Angela Fitzgerald RIP
10.00 am	SG	
12 noon †	SH	Anthony John Reynolds RIP
<b>Fri 17th</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>St Anthony, Abbot</b>
8.00 am	SH	George Lindsay Good RIP
10.00	SP	Sarah B Fitzgerald RIP
<b>Sat 18th</b>	<b>Jan</b>	
6.00pm †	SH	Winifred Donaghy RIP
6.00	SP	All parishioners
6.30	SG	<i>Polish Mass</i>
<b>Sun 19th</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Second Sunday in Ordinary</b>
8.30 am	SP	All parishioners
9.00	ST	
9.30	SMM	
9.30	SH	Brendan Seligson RIP & David
10.00	SP	Vera Lucia De Abreu RIP
11.00	SG	
11.00	SMM	
11.30	SH	People of the Parish
11.30	SP	Jean Margaret Henry
5.00 pm	SP	Brazilian Mass
5.00	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

**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.

**Masses at St Theresa & St George's**  
While Fr Tony is away, Masses at St George's will usually be celebrated by Fr Paul and those at St Theresa's by Fr Celestine. However, as Fr Celestine is away for January, the Sunday Mass at St Theresa's will be celebrated by Fr Aiden, or Fr Gabriel, from the Benedictine community in East Brighton. There will be no weekday Masses at St Theresa's in January. Evening Masses Tuesday to Friday at St Theresa's will resume on 5<sup>th</sup> February. There will not be a Friday morning Mass.

For any parish business, contact the parish office as normal: 01273 708227, [westhove@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:westhove@abdiocese.org.uk). Please keep Fr Tony in your prayers. He promises to keep you in his.

### Missionaries of Africa UK Appeal St Theresa's & St George's Sunday 19th January 2025

Missionaries of Africa (aka The White Fathers), are an international team of priests, brothers and lay associates from Africa, Britain, and many countries around the world. Any ministry which has a real relationship with Africa, no matter in what part of the world it may be, is considered by the Missionaries of Africa to be within the scope of the apostolate. Through parish work, building up small Christian communities, working with the media, involvement in justice and peace, agriculture, seminary training, education and social welfare the Missionaries of Africa aim to work in partnership with the Church in Africa...and above all else to help build up the leadership of the Churches. To donate online here is our website:

[www.missionariesofafrica.org.uk/](http://www.missionariesofafrica.org.uk/)  
donations or transfer directly to our bank account:  
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Account number: 82296731  
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### Funerals at St Peter's

**Funeral of Pearl Violet Hazeldine** will take place here on Wednesday 15 January at 10am.

### St Peter's Social Club

The club meets this week on Friday at 1:30pm in the hall.

### Sacred Heart Film Club

Save the date for the next Film Club on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2025 from 12:30pm after Mass.

### 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, this list if for all our churches.

### SVP Social Group

For all parishioners, (run by the Sacred Heart SVP). Soup, sandwiches, tea, and cakes. Entertainment- quizzes etc. Next dates are 16th and 30th January. All Welcome.

### 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

St MM'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.



### 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](mailto: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.

### Brazilian Mass

**5pm every Sunday at St Peter's.** If you would like to attend, please join them.

### 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](mailto:simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk)

### Children's Liturgy at St Peter's

Is looking for more help. If you would like to volunteer, please do not 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 do not come forward, then the liturgy will not be able to take place.

### 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.

### The Union of Catholic Mothers

return to their meetings from the Christmas break on Tuesday 14th January, 2-4pm in St Peter's hall for tea, biscuits a chat, and presenting the new programme.

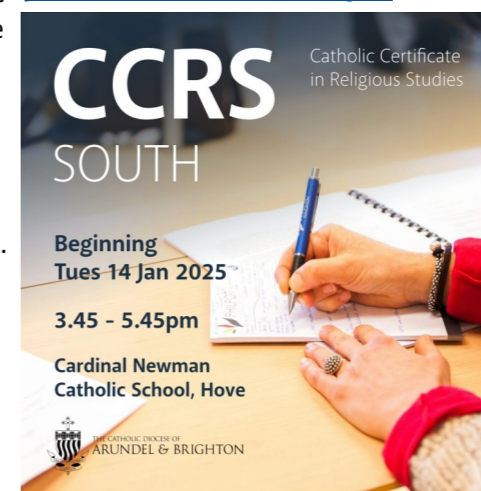
### Message from Books Alive

Dear Friends, I really want to thank you all for your support in 2024 - it was a good year for Books Alive, with many new customers and increased custom from those who have known us for longer. With the closure of so many Christian Bookshops we are often asked whether we will keep going... it seems to us at the moment that God clearly wants us to continue our work here! We have started our traditional January sale - lots of books reduced, many at half price or less, so well worth

a visit. This year, in addition to books set aside for the sale, we are offering a 'treasure hunt' - if you find a book anywhere downstairs with a pink, green or yellow price label, we will sell it to you for half price! Will you take up the challenge? Do please pass this information to others. The offer will run until the end of January, while stocks last. Every blessing for the new year. Gillian Carr (Books Alive).

### 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](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events)

### 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, Lucy, Margaret Guy, Noah Baker, Rebecca O'Brien, Sally Harvey, Lucy, Rex Curd, Suzanne Grassie, and Tom Piggins.**

Please also pray for all the sick and/or housebound members of our parishes, and all who have died recently, especially **Michael Dixon**.

Please tell your parish office if you would like to add someone to this list.