

**Sunday 5 January 2025,
The Epiphany of the Lord**

Entrance Antiphon

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

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 on this day revealed your Only Begotten Son to the nations by the guidance of a star, grant in your mercy, that we, who know you already by faith, may be brought to behold the beauty of your sublime glory.

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 Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

Lift up your eyes all round, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried on the hip. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult, because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the Lord. The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm Response

All the nations on earth shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Brothers and sisters: I assume that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy Apostles and prophets by the Spirit. This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship the Lord. Alleluia.

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, 'Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.' When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

“And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.”

Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.' After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshipped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way. 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

Look with favour, Lord, we pray, on these gifts of your Church, in which are offered now not gold or frankincense or myrrh, but he who by them is proclaimed, sacrificed and received, Jesus Christ. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Communion Antiphon

We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Go before us with heavenly light, O Lord, always and everywhere, that we may perceive with clear sight and revere with true affection the mystery in which you have willed us to participate. 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, Dom Rod Jones OSB, Canon David Parmiter

Sunday 5th January, Epiphany of The Lord, Year C, Weekdays:

Canon David Writes:

The turn of the year brings to most people the sense of a fresh start and maybe a small seed of hope that the coming year will see us make some progress with the difficulties we are experiencing. I am not advocating New Year's resolutions though, as we have enough burdens and expectations placed on our shoulders as it is and we don't need anymore. The message of Christmas is quite different as it invites us to focus our attention on what God the Father is doing in Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit. This is the journey we see taken by the wise men and women from the east who follow the star.

Today we can pray for the wisdom to follow Jesus, to make those journeys that will enable him to reveal to us more deeply his presence in our lives. These are the journey to prayer, the journey to Mass, the journey to our neighbour in need. We will all need wisdom for the journey that Bishop Richard is asking us to make of becoming one Parish with a missionary outreach to those Jesus himself would be concerned about. Many years ago in a previous parish I offered a couple of workmen who had turned out very late at night to deal with a flood, a tip, as I felt they had gone above and beyond the call of duty. They refused, wanting only to know the answer to the question 'was it all true?' Is Jesus alive here and now?

The answer to this question is revealed to all today. There is a longing in many hearts to know that the Christian story is true. Something each of us is invited to not only experience more profoundly but also to reveal to others. This is the real fresh start the Church offers and a beautiful seed of hope in this Jubilee year of being 'pilgrims of hope!'

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.

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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 westhove@abdiocese.org.uk
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For any other contact information, including Safeguarding, please see the relevant parish

Mass Schedule

Time	Day	Location
Sat 4th	Jan	
12 noon	SH	Holy Souls
6.00 pm †	SH	People of the Parish
6.00	SP	John Lloyd RIP
6.30	SG	Polish Mass
Sun 5th	Jan	Epiphany of The Lord
8.30 am	SP	All Parishioners
9.00	ST	People of the Parish
9:30	SMM	
9.30	SH	Ellen & John Francis Lynch
10.00	SP	Michael Dickson RIP
11.00	SG	
11.00	SMM	
11.30	SH	Brendan Mullee RIP
11.30	SP	Jean Margaret Henry
5.00 pm	SP	
5.30	SMM	
Mon 6th	Jan	
10.00 am †	SH	Terence Shrieves RIP
Tue 7th	Jan	
10.00 am	SG	Cosme Rodrigues RIP
10.00 am †	SH	Kate Emily Garvin RIP
9.30am	SP	All Parishioners
Wed 8th	Jan	
8.00am	SH	Alfred Perry RIP
10.00am	SP	Francis Raimondo RIP
Thu 9	Jan	
10.00	SP	Joe Savage RIP
11.00 am	ST	Funeral Mass of Michael Dixon
12 noon †	SH	John Nicholas Crowe Parents &
Fri 10th	Jan	
8.00 am	SH	Vocations to the Priesthood
10.00	SP	All Parishioners
Sat 11th	Jan	
6.00 pm	SH	John Thomas RIP & Maud
6.00	SP	All Parishioners
6.30	SG	Polish Mass
Sun 12th	Jan	Baptism of The Lord
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	
5.30	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.

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 5th 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

Please keep Fr Tony in your prayers. He promises to keep you in his.

Funeral of Michael Dixon

As many already know, Mike Dixon, a stalwart of Our Lady Star of the Sea and of St Theresa's, and a regular on the pilgrimage to Lourdes, died just before Christmas. His funeral will take place on Thursday 9th January, 11am, at St Theresa's, followed by cremation at Worthing at 12:30. The Crematorium service will be live streamed. To access go to watch.obitus.com and enter username: bovi4980 and password 995339

The family would like to invite all afterwards to: Southwick Community Centre The Barn 24 Southwick street, BN42 4TE, for refreshments to celebrate Dads love for life, and share memories of how he shared his love with everyone he met. Please no

flowers. If you wish to make a donation in Mike's memory, go to www.hdtribe.co.uk and click the 'donations' tab.

Funerals at St Peter's

We have a few funerals coming up, please remember them and their families in your prayers.

Funeral of Alan Sillence His funeral will take place here at St Peter's on Tuesday 7 January 2025 at 11.00am.

Funeral of Maria Harvey will take place here at St Peter's on Friday 10 January at 2pm.

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

Please pray for Fr Jerry's brother and sister Tom & Ann who have both died recently. Please also pray for Mary Ann Nicholson who died recently.

Margaret Guy

(St Theresa's) is now in the Victoria Chartwell Care Home, 81 Dyke Rd Ave, Hove, BN3 6DA, recovering from hip replacement surgery, if anyone would like to visit her.

St Peter's Social Club

The club reconvenes Friday January 10th at 1.30pm in the hall, its Bingo week.

Sacred Heart Film Club

Save the date for the next Film Club on 1st 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 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). Has moved to **Thursdays**. Soup, sandwiches, tea, and cakes. Entertainment- quizzes etc. 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.

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

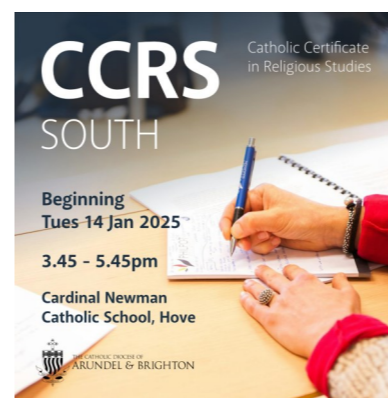
Envelope Users From April next year we are aiming to move away from envelopes to a standing order payment system only for our scheme, please could any envelope users contact the office for further information. Alternatively, offerings may be made by using our Dona machine or in the offertory plate.

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



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/



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, 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.