

**The Ancient Mother Church of Brighton,
St Nicholas of Myra
Sunday Next Before Lent, 15th February 2026**



Welcome. St Nicholas' is the original church of Brightelmston village, and the Ancient Mother Church of Brighton: a haven of peace and prayerfulness in the heart of our city. We celebrate diversity and believe that God's unconditional love is for all. Children are very welcome here.

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Parking is available at St Paul's School on St Nicholas' Road, for the 10.30am Parish Eucharist, from 8.45a.m. until 1.00pm. If you would like to receive our **regular mailing**, please contact the Parish Office.

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Join us on **Zoom**: Meeting ID: 833 4639 2107 Passcode: 991506

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Sunday 15	SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT	8am Mass 10.30am Parish Eucharist
Monday 16	<i>Feria</i>	6.45-9pm Narcotics Anonymous 7-9pm Bell Ringers Practise
Tuesday 17	<i>Janani Luvum, Archbishop of Uganda, Martyr.</i>	6-7.30pm Gay Men's Chorus Rehearsal
Wednesday 18	ASH WEDNESDAY	No music recital today. 8pm Ash Wednesday Mass
Thursday 19	<i>Feria</i>	5.30pm Mass followed by silent prayer
Friday 20	<i>Feria</i>	
Saturday 21	<i>Feria</i>	5pm Friends of Saint Nicholas Quiz
Sunday 22	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	10.30am Parish Eucharist

THE EUCHARIST

Today we warmly welcome Archdeacon Martin as our celebrant and preacher.

The Ministry of Healing will be offered today during communion in the Lady Chapel. All are welcome to partake.

Before the Eucharist begins, we keep silence and pray together

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

We stand when the bell rings, to sing the hymn.

**Alleluia, sing to Jesus,
his the sceptre, his the throne;**

Celebrant: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The celebrant introduces the liturgy, and we confess our sins.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you,
through our own fault,
in thought, and word, and deed,
and in what we have left undone.
We are heartily sorry, and repent of all our sins.
For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*The celebrant says the prayer of absolution and all respond: **Amen.***

We sing the Kyrie eleison (Lord, have mercy):

Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy. Christ have mercy. Christ have mercy. Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.

We sing the Gloria in excelsis:

Glory, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.
peace to his people on earth, peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Glory, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.
peace to his people on earth, peace to his people on earth.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
for you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer, receive our prayer, receive our prayer.

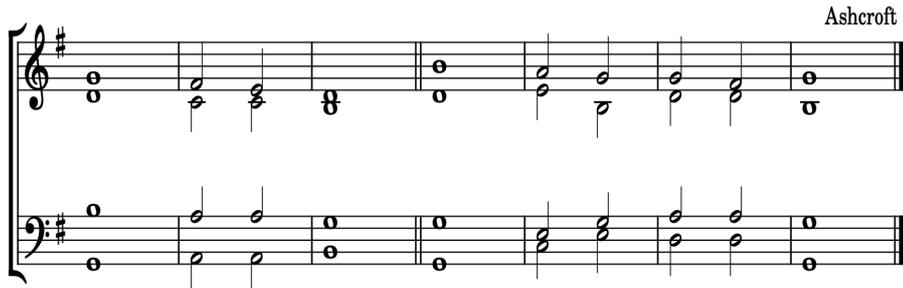
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory, the glory, the glory of God the Father.

Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

*The celebrant prays the Collect and we respond: **Amen***

*We sit for the Scripture readings. At the end of the reading (Exodus 24.12-18) read by Trevor Loveday we respond: **Thanks be to God.***

We remain seated to sing Psalm 2 led by Vivienne McKay.



Psalm 2

1 Why are the • nations • in • tumult,
and why do the • peoples • de•vise a • vain • plot?

2 **The kings of the earth rise up, and the rulers take • counsel • to•gether,
against the • Lord and • a•gainst his • an•ointed:**

3 'Let us break their • bonds • as•under
and cast a•way • their • cords • from • us.'

4 **He who dwells in heaven shall • laugh them • to • scorn;
the Lord shall • have • them • in • der•ision.**

5 Then shall he speak to • them in • his • wrath
and terri•fy • them • in • his • fury:

6 **'Yet have I • set • my • king
upon my • hol•y • hill • of • Zion.'**

7 I will proclaim the de•cree of • the • Lord;
he said to me: 'You are my Son; this • day • have • I • be•gotten you.

8 **'Ask of me and I will give you the nations for your in•her•it•ance
and the ends of the • earth • for • your • pos•session.**

9 'You shall break them with a • rod • of • iron
and dash them in pieces • like • a • pot•ter's • vessel.'

10 **Now therefore be • wise, • O • kings;
be prudent, you • judg•es • of • the • earth.**

11 Serve the Lord with fear, and with trembling • kiss • his • feet, lest he be angry and you
perish from the way, for his • wrath • is • quick•ly • kindled.

12 **Happy • are • all • they
who • take • re•fuge • in • him**

We stand, joining in the acclamation to herald the gospel (Matthew 17.1-9)

Alleluia alleluia alleluia alleluia ... **Alleluia alleluia alleluia alleluia.**

Reader: Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.

People: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the end:

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

We sit to hear the homily.

We stand together to declare our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

We sit or stand for the prayers of intercession, led by Jo Baker, and respond:

Lord, have mercy, **Christ, have mercy** *or:*

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer** *or:* Lord hear us, **Lord, graciously hear us.**

At the end: Merciful Father, **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

We stand for the Peace.

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Donations are collected for the work of St Nicholas'. *Contactless donations can be made after the Eucharist at the door, or you can donate online using the QR code. If you would like to make a regular donation, please pick up a standing order form from the cupboard by the main door and return it to the parish priest, or Churchwarden.*



As the Offerings are brought to the altar we stand to sing:

**King of glory, King of peace,
I will love thee;**

*We stand as the celebrant says the Prayer over the Offerings and respond: **Amen.***

We remain standing for the Eucharistic Prayer.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

The celebrant praises God and we sing:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and God of might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest.**

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

**Blessed is he, blessed is he, blessed is he who comes in the name,
He who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.**

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

The celebrant recalls the Last Supper.

Let us proclaim the myst'ry of faith.

Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

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The celebrant continues the prayer and we respond:

Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

People: **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the Kingdom,
the power and the glory,
For ever and ever. Amen.**

As the bread is broken, we sing:

**Jesus, Lamb of God, Jesus Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Lamb of God, Jesus Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Lamb of God, Jesus Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace; grant us peace.**

Celebrant: Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

People: **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

All who are baptised and normally receive Communion are welcome to do so here. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please come forward with this service booklet in your hands. If you are unable to stand, please let a Churchwarden or sidesperson know, and Communion will be brought to you.

Communion Anthem: Come Christ's Beloved – James Walsh

We remain seated to sing.

**Sweet sacrament divine,
hid in thy earthly home,**

*We stand for the Post-Communion Prayer and respond: **Amen***

We sit for notices.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

*People: **And also with you.***

*The celebrant gives the blessing and we respond: **Amen.***

Celebrant: Go in the peace of Christ.

*People: **Thanks be to God.***

We remain standing to sing:

**Praise to the Lord,
the Almighty, the King of creation;**

All are most welcome to stay after the Eucharist for refreshments.