



# St Joseph's & St John the Baptist

CATHOLIC PARISH EAST BRIGHTON

*Loving Jesus, living and sharing our Faith, welcoming all.*

## Second 'Transfiguration' Sunday of Lent (B) 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Psalter week 2

# WELCOME

Welcome to St Joseph's and St John the Baptist! We are a vibrant and welcoming Catholic community in Brighton, with a vision to form disciples of Jesus Christ, to love others, and to serve our city.

Everyone is welcome, and there are loads of ways you can get involved! See our website for more opportunities.

### Message from Fr Seb

The common theme of today's readings is metamorphosis or transformation. The readings invite us to cooperate with the grace of God with the assistance of the Holy Spirit to transform our lives, by renewing them during Lent and to radiate the grace of the transfigured Lord around us by our Spirit-filled lives. The Father's voice, affirms the status of Jesus: 'This is my Son, the Beloved', but goes on to add, 'Listen to him!' – listen, that is, to what he has been saying about going up to Jerusalem to suffer and die. Being God's 'beloved Son' does not exempt Jesus from suffering but in fact draws him to it as part of the divine plan of salvation. The disciples, and all of us, as we continue on our Lenten journey, are invited to enter ever more deeply into this mysterious blend of divine love and suffering that lies at the heart of the Paschal Mystery.

Don't be scared when suffering and problems come in to your life. Don't be scared listening to daily news about the virus. It is time for acting and for going deeper into the mysteries of God and His Church. You are all invited to this!

Let God work miracles in our daily lives. Our friends: do have a blessed week!



### You, are Invited

It's not too late to join the Diocesan Mission with one of our Parish Groups.

See inside for details of how to join in!

[www.eastbrightoncatholic.org.uk](http://www.eastbrightoncatholic.org.uk)

## COMING TO CHURCH - OR STAYING HOME..

From next weekend we will resume the evening masses at St John the Baptist (Saturday at 6pm) and St Josephs (Sunday at 5:30pm). If you can volunteer to welcome at any mass, please please let the Parish office know - we still need more people to make these masses happen in a safe way.

However, we still would urge you to take on board the Government's advice: "Places of worship play an important role in providing spiritual leadership for many individuals, and in bringing communities and generations together. However, their communal nature also makes them places that are particularly vulnerable to the spread of COVID-19."

*We would also like to remind everyone that during the pandemic there is no obligation for anyone to attend mass physically, so we do recommend that anyone in a vulnerable category stay at home.*

### Coming to Mass:

- Face masks/coverings are compulsory (unless you are exempt) and you must use hand sanitiser as you enter and leave the Church
- You must either scan the QR code, or leave you name and phone number.
- Stay 2 metres apart from people you do not live with where possible, or 1 metre with extra precautions in place.
- **You must not socialise with people from outside of your household or support bubble while you are indoors.**
- Your offertory remains as important as ever. We will have collections baskets at the back of the church, and also the option to pay by contactless payments. We have also added simple ways to give online and by phone - [click here to find out how to support us](#). Thank you for your support.

### Staying at Home

- Mass will be streamed daily, or more often when we can. Click here to go straight to our YouTube channel where all the masses will be streamed: <https://www.youtube.com/c/eastbrightoncatholicparish>
- There are opportunities for study and discussion during the week – see the next page.
- We will make sure up to date information is always available. We send an email every Friday, and our website and newsfeed are updated regularly - see : <https://www.facebook.com/eastbrightoncatholicnews/>

**Thank you as always for your support!**

### Invited. Lent 2021 – The Mission Begins.

Lent may have begun, but you have not missed the start of the Diocesan Mission *Invited*. The first film premiered on the Diocesan Website last Monday, and is still available for you to watch. A film will be released every Monday during Lent.

What is a mission? An opportunity for everyone in the parish to sit back and reflect on the content provided. Season one is a series of programmes that help us to understand exactly how much we are loved by God, and features guest speakers such as David Wells, Eleanor Oliver and David Beresford. You will then be able to join a virtual conversation to meet like minded people and discuss what you have learnt. Visit [www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited](http://www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited)

### Getting involved and signing up:

The Diocesan Discussion Groups are now full, but there are three other ways to join:

One of our two parish groups - on Tuesday evening, or Thursday morning, or join the young adults group on-Thursday evening at the Deep Waters group.

In each case a video will be released each Monday, and then discussed in the groups later in the week.

See [www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited](http://www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited) for more information and to sign up. You will notified of the video links - this will also give you the link to the Thursday evening meeting if you want to join that.

If you cannot watch or join online, scripts for the episodes and the reflection questions will be available to print if you email [invited@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:invited@abdiocese.org.uk).

**You, are invited.**

# YOUNG ADULTS/STUDENTS



## THE VIRTUAL EASTER RETREAT

"If anyone is in Christ, they are a new creation: The old has passed away, the new has come." 2 Cor 5:17



FOR YOUNG ADULTS | 1-4 APRIL 2021 |   
Intro, first talk and meeting small groups on Palm Sunday

Join The Wellspring Community, monks of Worth Abbey, and young people from across the country in this interactive online retreat over the Easter Triduum. With a mixture of prayer, small groups and talks there is a great opportunity to journey with others deeper into the mystery of Easter, the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Please pass this onto any young adults you know who might be interested. Since this is a virtual retreat they can be anywhere in the world!

## GROUPS / MEETINGS

### Diocesan mission - Invited Lent meetings

It's not too late to join the Diocesan Mission! During Lent we are joining in with the Diocese wide Invited mission. A video will be released each Monday in Lent, and then there will be a group opportunity to discuss it online. There will be parish groups on Tuesday evening and Thursday morning, and a Diocese wide meeting on Thursday evening.

The links to our parish discussion group opportunities are:

Tuesday evenings at 7:30 <https://zoom.us/j/96161676521> Meeting ID: 961 6167 6521

or Thursday mornings at 10am <https://zoom.us/j/92452001507> Meeting ID: 924 5200 1507

A separate Thursday evening group for young adults can be accessed through <https://www.facebook.com/groups/deepwatersbrighton/>

**Stations of the Cross. Every Friday in Lent at 6:30pm there is an opportunity to participate in our parish Stations of the Cross online. The joining link is <https://zoom.us/j/96302248948> Meeting ID: 963 0224 8948**

Alpha. We will be starting our next Alpha online shortly. It is a great opportunity to explore our faith further with like minded parishioners. To find out more go to <https://www.eastbrightoncatholic.org.uk/alpha-course-brighton>

### Monday Rosary

Our Rosary Group is meeting on Zoom every Monday at 4:30pm. Please contact the Parish Office for details.

### "An Evening with Friends" will be taking a break for a few weeks.

We will be taking a break for a few weeks—keep an eye here for details of when we will be back!

### Lectio Divina - Divine Reading - Fridays 8pm to 9pm Lectio Divina

An invitation to take part in an online Lectio Divina prayer group - from the Benedictine monks in Elm Grove. Lectio Divina, *Divine Reading*, is a form of praying with scripture, the Word of God, in which we allow the Word and the Spirit to speak to us, to enlighten us and to inspire us. See : <http://www.eastbrightoncatholic.org.uk/news>

### Mothers Prayers

We are a group of mothers who meet weekly to pray for our children & grandchildren . We have set up a Zoom meeting which enables us to be together spiritually in prayer. Contact Jill O'Rourke 01273 687642 for more info.

# CONTACT DETAILS

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## MASS TIMES

See below for links to the masses which will also streamed on our YouTube channel.

Sunday 28th February	SECOND 'TRANSFIGURATION' SUNDAY OF LENT	
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass	People of the Parish
St Joseph's	11:30 Mass <a href="#">(click here to watch)</a>	Celebrant's Intentions
Monday 1st March	St David	
St John the Baptist	10:00 Mass <a href="#">(click here to watch)</a>	Barry Underwood RIP ( <i>Simon Keane</i> )
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Michael Gerrard O'Sullivan RIP ( <i>Noreen O'Sullivan</i> )
Tuesday 2nd March		
St John the Baptist	<b>11:00am Mass</b> <a href="#">(click here to watch)</a>	Memorial Mass for Barry Underwood RIP
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Celebrant's Intentions
Wednesday 3rd March		
St John the Baptist	10:00am Mass <a href="#">(click here to watch)</a>	Celebrant's Intentions
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Mission of the Parish
Thursday 4th March		
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Celebrant's Intention
Friday 5th March		
St John the Baptist	10:00am Mass <a href="#">(click here to watch)</a>	Tony Freed RIP ( <i>Simon Keane</i> )
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Deceased members of the Gearrity Family
Saturday 6th March		
St John the Baptist	10:00am Mass <a href="#">(click here to watch)</a>	Celebrant's Intention
St Joseph's	11:00am—11:45am Confessions	
St John the Baptist	6:00pm Mass	Mary Thomas RIP
Sunday 7th March	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass	Anniversary of Wilfredo Villaluna & Grace Doroas
St Joseph's	11:30am Mass <a href="#">(click here to watch)</a>	People of the Parish
St Joseph's	5:30pm Mass	Mrs Christine Lewis RIP ( <i>Noreen O'Sullivan</i> )

### Brighton and Hove Deanery Bereavement Support - We're here to help.

For support from one of our trained bereavement volunteers, please contact [care4bereavement@gmail.com](mailto:care4bereavement@gmail.com)

### Please pray for the sick of our parish:

Leao Pires, Angela Bowler, Jose Cabanas, Vivien Appleby, Charles Appleby, Ella O'Driscoll, Clive Coates, Tommy Maher, Dermot O'Hara, Ian Brockwell, Angela Hubert, Maria Rigby, Frank Mansbridge, Patsy Regan, Ray Mason, Patrick Sweeney, Moira Hall, Margaret Lamb, Tony Wallace, Jean Ghazal, Mary Berry, Roy Dadswell, and Sylvia Ronga.

Those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

To be added to the sick list contact the Parish Office. Please contact Fr Kieron or Fr Sebastian if you are going into hospital.