



St Joseph's & St John the Baptist

CATHOLIC PARISH EAST BRIGHTON

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

Sixth Sunday of OT (B) 14th 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 Sebastian

This 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time portrays Christ as a man of authority and love. He has authority to cure and forgive. Today's readings point to the loving compassion of God, which is revealed in the way Jesus always responds to the plight of those around him. We see how Jesus responds to the desperate plea of the leper – with merciful, physical contact – resulting in the person being restored not only to health, but also to a rightful place within the community. There is a further, ironic consequence to this response, with Jesus becoming an outcast, now having to stay in places where nobody lives.

My dear friends, as Lent is approaching, we are so happy that both our church will open on Ash Wednesday. After a few weeks of closure, like the leper we want to open ourselves, our hearts and minds before God, knowing that only in Him is our refuge. May this time left to Ash Wednesday (and also Lent 2021) be for us all the time of renewing our zeal of faith in God. With hope and deep faith let's return to our churches that we all, united by the same faith in God, may worship Him, being thankful for his grace and love and hope.

My friends, let's wake up from sleep, let the dawn of Hope that is Jesus Christ come into this world.

Have a blessed and peaceful week!



You, are Invited

Momentum is building towards *Invited*, the Diocesan Mission. Hundreds of people are signing up for the Diocesan conversations, and many others are looking forward to exploring the materials in already established Parish groups. See inside for details of how to join in!

www.eastbrightoncatholic.org.uk

COMING TO CHURCH - OR STAYING HOME..

The Parish Team have made the decision to return to public masses from Ash Wednesday—17th February. This is based on the lower infection rate in Brighton and Hove, along with the declining number of cases in the RSCH.

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.
- It is equally important that we come together as a community - particularly where the lockdown leads to isolation or difficulties in getting supplies. We hope to offer support with essential shopping and a "befriending" service by phone to stay in contact where people feel isolated. If you feel you could benefit from these services, or if you wish to be involved in providing these, please contact the Parish Office.
- 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.

The Diocesan Formation Team is hosting a mission for you this Lent. It will be the first of five seasons of mission, helping you to explore God's *Invitation* to live your life with him.

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

Getting involved and signing up:

- There are 4 options:
- Join the Diocese Programme for Thursday evenings
 - One of our two parish groups - on Tuesday evening, or Thursday morning,
 - Young adults we will have our own Thursday evening 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 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.

You, are invited.

YOUNG ADULTS/STUDENTS



Join us for virtual Deep Waters on Thursday evenings from 8-8:45pm on Zoom.

We will start at 8pm with Adoration and praise and worship, before breaking into small groups for lectio and a catch up. We will then all come back together to finish off our evening with night prayer.

[Click here to check out our Facebook group for more information.](#)

GROUPS / MEETINGS

Stations of the Cross

Join us at 6:30pm every Friday in Lent for Stations of the Cross - see www.eastbrightoncatholic.org.uk/news

Monday Rosary

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

Tuesday Evenings

Why not join other parishioners on Zoom as we explore and share together a series on the Holy Spirit entitled The Gift, continues this Tuesday at 7.30pm – 9.00pm. A time of discussion and sharing will follow. The teachings are relaxed, personal and informative, rooted in the Bible, the Catechism, Evangelii Gaudium (The Joy of the Gospel) and reflections on the Holy Spirit from Pope Francis.

The trailer for the series is at <https://vimeo.com/116194708> and further information is on our website - [click here](#).

Alpha - New course starts late February

At this strange time why not take the opportunity to build your faith, explore your faith, or learn more about faith, life, and God from home. We have run two very successful Alphas online, after many in person series, with a mixture of parishioners and people new to our church. We are half way through our third Alpha online AND ARE NOW TAKING NAMES FOR OUR NEXT ONE starting early Lent . Just get in touch and we will answer questions and give you full details <http://eastbrightoncatholic.org.uk/alpha>

"An Evening with Friends" - Wednesday 8pm-9pm

Join David Miller every Wednesday evening at 8pm for an hour on Zoom. David will ensure that there is an opportunity to talk to each other, and do some fun things together. The zoom link will be on the website.

Thursday mornings

Thursdays 10am. Join us for a friendly social session of chat and discussion around a topic of our faith.

More information at <http://www.eastbrightoncatholic.org.uk/news>

NEW! 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.

SCHOOLS

St Joseph's School

Once again, we would like to thank all our parents for all that you are doing to support your children. We would like to reiterate our thanks to the school staff and to you all for your unwavering support during this very difficult time. The positive messages give school staff a huge lift! I still have no information about the potential re-opening of schools from March 8th but, as soon as I do, I will share this with you. We are really looking forward to welcoming all the children back to school. This possibility, combined with the introduction of the vaccine and longer, brighter days is making us all feel more hopeful.

I wish you all a very relaxing half term. Please take care of yourselves and each other.

God Bless, Mrs Gill Foan, Acting Headteacher

St John the Baptist School

Wishing all of our families a very happy half term break. Hopefully the weather will get better, and you will be able to forget home-schooling for a while and enjoy some fun time with your children. School will re-open on Monday 22nd February for the children of our key workers families only.

With best wishes, Carmel Hughes, headteacher

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MASS TIMES

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

Saturday 13th February		
10:00am Mass	Barry Underwood RIP	
Sunday 14th February		
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
11:30am Mass (click here to watch)	Val & John Pullen RIP (P & M Fenwick)	
Private Mass	People of the Parish	
Monday 15th February		
10:00am Mass (click here to watch)	Michael McCann's Intentions	
Tuesday 16th February		
10:00am Mass (click here to watch)	Audrey Rue RIP (P&M Fenwick)	
Private Mass	Celebrant's Intentions	
Wednesday 17th February		
ASH WEDNESDAY		
St John the Baptist	10:00am Mass (click here to watch)	Barbara Sambucci RIP (<i>J Sambucci</i>)
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Mission of the Parish
Thursday 18th February		
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Celebrant's Intentions
Friday 19th February		
St John the Baptist	10:00am Mass (click here to watch)	Celebrant's Intentions
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Eric Addelsee RIP
Saturday 20th February		
St John the Baptist	10:00am Mass (click here to watch)	Fanny Scott RIP (<i>Foundation</i>)
St Joseph's	11:00am - 11:45am - Confessions	
Sunday 21st February		
First Sunday of Lent		
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass	Health & God's blessing for Janina and Ewa
St Joseph's	11:30am Mass (click here to watch)	People of the Parish

Mass Intentions

Mass Intentions can be dropped to SJB Presbytery, or can call or email the office with your request. *Thank you!*

Parish Office

The Parish Office will be closed next week and AnnMarie will respond to any emails or voice messages the following week. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this time!

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 especially Barry Underwood, Tony Freed, and Audrey Rue 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.