



# St Joseph's & St John the Baptist

CATHOLIC PARISH EAST BRIGHTON

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

**Fifth Sunday of Easter (B) 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2021**

Psalter week 1

## 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 Kieron

Pruning is a paradox; at first it seems destructive, but then it brings forth new growth and fruitfulness. This is the image given to us by Jesus in the Gospel, just before those familiar words "I am the vine, you are the branches". In our own lives, we can relate to the idea of pruning when we have experienced something painful, but have grown through it and come out the other side stronger. This could be a bereavement, a broken relationship or the loss of a job or some other trauma. For many, the whole Covid experience will be one of "pruning" and perhaps we are still waiting to see if we will emerge from it stronger and more fruitful.

As Pope Francis says, *we never come out of a crisis the same as we go into it, we emerge either better or worse, but not the same*. Our real strength lies in what Jesus says about having been pruned already. The Word that Jesus speaks, when it infiltrates our hearts, transforms us into the best version of ourselves that we can be. These painful days will come to an end and let us pray that what has been an immensely destructive experience, will paradoxically, bear fruit for a better world.



**Alpha - continues this Thursday.**  
See inside for more information about our latest opportunity to find out what Alpha is all about,

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

## COMING TO CHURCH - OR STAYING HOME..

The Government's advice remains as follows: "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:

**The 11:00 mass at St John the Baptist and 11:30 mass at St Joseph's are close to capacity, so please arrive early, as once capacity is reached we have to turn people away.**

**Local authorities are checking the safe compliance of places of worship, and we cannot risk having to stop attendance at mass.**

### You may want to consider the evening masses, which have more capacity.

- 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!**

### Creativity and Faith

We have added a new page to the website, with images, prayers and poems by parishioners. See <https://www.eastbrightoncatholic.org.uk/resources/creativity>  
We welcome all new submissions via the office - email [eastbrighton@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:eastbrighton@abdiocese.org.uk) or give the office a call.

## SCHOOLS

### St Joseph's School

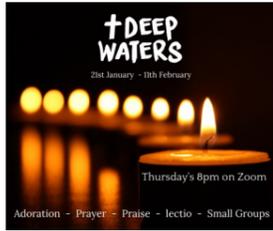
Our children told us they had a lovely Easter break and happy to be able to meet up with friends in the parks or gardens...oh and eat lots of chocolate! It has been wonderful to start enjoying warmer weather and sunshine. We have had a busy first few weeks back, launching new topics, reopening afterschool clubs.

This Friday we have taken on the Captain Tom 100 Challenge "tomorrow will be a good day"! See school website <https://www.st-josephs.brighton-hove.sch.uk/news>

And, our school RE Council are excitedly arranging a procession for the crowning of Mary during this special month of May.

Gill Foan, Acting Headteacher

# 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.

See our Facebook group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/deepwatersbrighton>.

## GROUPS / MEETINGS

### Stations of the Light

Join us at 6:30pm on Friday for an opportunity to participate in our parish Stations of the Light online. The joining link is <https://zoom.us/j/96302248948> Meeting ID: 963 0224 8948.

### NEW! The Rosary - Tuesdays in May

We will be praying The Rosary on Tuesdays in St Joseph's Church in May 06:00 - 06:40 (doors open from 5.50am). We will unite ourselves in prayer with Pope Francis, who has invited Catholics across the world to pray The Rosary in May for deliverance from COVID-19. It would be great if you can join us - even if only for the last decade.

### Tuesday Night Group - 7.30 - 9.00pm on Zoom. All welcome.

Our exciting new course entitled: 'BELONG & BELIEVE. How our Celtic past can help us today.' continues this Tuesday.

Each of the stand-alone sessions include beautiful on-location filming from Lindisfarne, Iona and St.David's and in-depth interviews from Celtic experts. Link will be posted on our website.

### Alpha - continues this Thursday.

Our new Alpha course continues on **Thursday from 7.30 - 9.00pm**. If you are curious as to what Alpha is all about....come join us - you will be most welcome. Virtually every participant in previous courses has really enjoyed the experience. Contact: [alpha@eastbrightoncatholic.org.uk](mailto:alpha@eastbrightoncatholic.org.uk) or 01273 655554

### Thursday mornings

Join us from 10am—12pm for a friendly social session of chat and discussion around a topic of our faith. We will be focussing on the Pope's latest publication "Fratelli Tutti". Do join us. See: [www.eastbrightoncatholic.org.uk/news](http://www.eastbrightoncatholic.org.uk/news)

### Padre Pio Group

Join us at 7pm on Thursday evenings at St Joseph's for Rosary and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

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

### "An Evening with Friends" Sunday Evenings

An Evening with Friends will continue this Sunday 7:30. Join David for chat and time to be together as a community. For more info see [www.eastbrightoncatholic.org.uk/news](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.

## Pentecost Prayer Vigil - St Josephs Church, Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 7-9pm



**You are all warmly invited to join us for an evening of Adoration, Praise and Reflection.**

As we wait for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit as the disciples did at Pentecost we invite you all to come and pray with us for a renewed filling of the Holy Spirit upon ourselves, our Parish, our Church and the world at this time.

If you would like to come for prayer ministry there will be the opportunity to be prayed with for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit with one of our prayer ministry couples.

**Everyone is welcome to join us in the church - we look forward to praying with you. Come Holy Spirit!**

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## MASS TIMES

<b>Saturday 1st May</b>		
St John the Baptist	6:00pm First Mass of Sunday	Maria Johns RIP & Bridget Whelan RIP ( <i>Maria</i> )
<b>Sunday 2nd May</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>	
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass	People of the Parish
St Joseph's	11:30 Mass <a href="#">(click here to watch)</a>	John Browder RIP ( <i>Maureen Reilly</i> )
St Joseph's	5:30 Mass	Mary Davenport—Get Well.
<b>Monday 3rd May</b>	<b>Saints Philip and James</b>	
St John the Baptist	10:00 Mass <a href="#">(click here to watch)</a>	Ciss Moran RIP
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Anthony McGee RIP - Anniversary
<b>Tuesday 4th May</b>	<b>The English Martyrs</b>	
St John the Baptist	10:00am Mass <a href="#">(click here to watch)</a>	Helen Ferrers RIP ( <i>Foundation</i> )
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Maureen Trezona RIP
<b>Wednesday 5th May</b>		
St John the Baptist	10:00am Mass <a href="#">(click here to watch)</a>	Dennis Creffield RIP ( <i>Theresa Creffield</i> )
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Mission of the Parish
<b>Thursday 6th May</b>		
St Joseph's	11:00am Requiem Mass - Not Open to the Public	Patrick (John) Murray RIP
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass <a href="#">(click here to watch)</a>	Roland Tierney RIP ( <i>Foundation</i> )
<b>Friday 7th May</b>		
St John the Baptist	10:00am Mass <a href="#">(click here to watch)</a>	Frances Ellis RIP ( <i>Foundation</i> )
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Private Intention
<b>Saturday 8th May</b>		
St John the Baptist	10:00am Mass <a href="#">(click here to watch)</a>	Marie McManus RIP
St Joseph's	11:00am—11:45am Confessions	
St John the Baptist	6:00pm First Mass of Sunday	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 9th May</b>	<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>	
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass	Alfonso Schiavone & Lucia D'Ademo RIP ( <i>Enza Casula</i> )
St Joseph's	11:30am Mass <a href="#">(click here to watch)</a>	Rita Gomez RIP ( <i>Celia Webster</i> )
St Joseph's	5:30pm Mass	Celebrant's Intentions

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

Leao Pires, 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 Christopher Browne.

Those who have died recently especially Patrick John Murray, 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.*

### Are you struggling with bereavement or loss? Would it help to have someone to talk to?

Our Deanery has a team of trained Catholic Bereavement Supporters available to listen and support people experiencing bereavement and loss. Please contact your Parish Priest if you would like to speak to one of our team.