



St Joseph's & St John the Baptist

CATHOLIC PARISH EAST BRIGHTON

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

Fourth 'Good Shepherd' Sunday of Easter (B) 25th April 2021

Psalter week 4

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 fourth Sunday of Easter is usually referred to as "Good Shepherd" Sunday for obvious reasons when you read the Gospel set for this Sunday. On this day are we bidden to think of the Ministry of the Church and to pray for vocations to the priesthood. Where do we find new shepherds to pastor the flock? Where will your next priest come from? When did our parish last raise up a priest?

Jesus knows each of us personally and intimately we are not all the same to him. He calls each of us personally by our name and says to us; 'if you want to be follower, take up your cross and follow me.' This is what the voice of the shepherd says to each of us today. This is the generous and free invitation Jesus offers us; it is up to us whether or not we accept this invitation and follow Jesus the Shepherd. On this Good Shepherd Sunday, may we open our hearts and lives to the voice and call Jesus who continually says to us; I call you by your name, you are precious in my eyes and I love you. (Is. 43.1).

My dear parishioners. Please do pray for priests and for new vocations to the priesthood. We need your prayers.

Alpha - continues this Thursday.

See inside for more information about our latest opportunity to find out what Alpha is all about,



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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!

CAFOD - Climate Change Petition:

This year, the UK will host the largest gathering of world leaders ever to take place on British soil: the 'COP26' climate talks in Glasgow in November. As Prime Minister, Boris Johnson must push world leaders to show the ambition we need to keep temperature rises below the disastrous 1.5-degree threshold. This means that all countries must play their part. With the eyes of the world on the UK, we must urge the Prime Minister to make sure communities hardest hit by the climate emergency are listened to at COP26. Please sign our petition at [//cafod.org.uk/reclaim](https://cafod.org.uk/reclaim) Thank you.

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 - send an email (eastbrighton@abdiocese.org.uk) or give the office a call to discuss.

GIFT AID

Gift Aid Envelopes are now at the back of each church for collection—any queries, please contact the Parish Office. **If you are a UK Tax Payer and don't currently Gift Aid your donation - please consider signing up. For every £1 donated we can claim 25p from HMRC - and this costs you nothing! Forms are at the back of the church, or contact the Parish Office for more information. Thank you!**

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.

Check out the Facebook group for more information <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.

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. There will be pauses during the film for discussion. Come along to session one on Tuesday entitled 'Building Welcoming Communities'. 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....check our website, and come along yourself to try the first session or two. You will be most welcome. Virtually every participant in previous courses has really enjoyed the experience.

Also, please have a think about who you could invite....a family member?, a work colleague?, a friend who has perhaps shown an interest in the Christian faith?. This is an opportunity for guests to explore and ask questions in a relaxed informal way from the comfort of their own home!

Contact: 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

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

"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

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 - Saturday 22nd May

Join us for Prayer, Adoration and Worship on Saturday the 22nd May 7-9pm in St Joseph's Church. All are welcome

My Benedictine Journey



This Sunday, 25th April at 8pm Bishop Richard will be giving a talk about his Benedictine journey. Since Bishop Richard was a seminarian, he has been an oblate of Pluscarden Abbey.

This talk is part of a series hosted by the Lay Community of St Benedict which is celebrating 50 years since its foundation by the monks of Worth Abbey in 1971.

You are welcome to join the livestream on Youtube at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfRiPXjTi5GGa6gl4UfYQ/>. If you want further information, please email lcsb50.2021@gmail.com or you can visit www.laybenedictines.org.

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MASS TIMES

Saturday 24th April		
St John the Baptist	6:00pm First Mass of Sunday	People of the Parish
Sunday 25th April		
Fourth 'Good Shepherd' Sunday of Easter		
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass	Celebrant's Intentions
St Joseph's	11:30 Mass (click here to watch)	John Smith
St Joseph's	5:30 Mass	Maureen Trezona RIP
Monday 26th April		
St John the Baptist	10:00 Mass (click here to watch)	Breda Galwey
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Private Intention
Tuesday 27th April		
St John the Baptist	10:00am Mass (click here to watch)	Rita RIP
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	M Tierney RIP (<i>Foundation</i>)
Wednesday 28th April		
St John the Baptist	10:00am Mass (click here to watch)	Teresa Pires
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Mission of the Parish
Thursday 29th April		
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass (click here to watch)	Celebrant's Intentions
Friday 30th April		
St John the Baptist	10:00am Mass (click here to watch)	Sr Peter (<i>Margaret Lester</i>)
St Joseph's	11:00am Funeral Service	Nathan Boughton RIP
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Private Intention
Saturday 1st May		
St John the Baptist	10:00am Mass (click here to watch)	Francis Crilly RIP (<i>Denise Crilly</i>)
St Joseph's	11:00am—11:45am Confessions	
St John the Baptist	6:00pm First Mass of Sunday	Maria Johns Rip & Bridget Whelan RIP (<i>Maria</i>)
Sunday 2nd May		
Fifth Sunday of Easter		
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass	People of the Parish
St Joseph's	11:30am Mass (click here to watch)	John Browder RIP (<i>Maureen Reilly</i>)
St Joseph's	5:30pm Mass	Mary Davenport—Get Well.

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, Sylvia Ronga and Christopher Browne.

Those who have died recently especially Patrick John Murray, Nathan Broughton 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.