



St Joseph's & St John the Baptist

CATHOLIC PARISH EAST BRIGHTON

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

Pentecost (B) 23rd May 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 www.eastbrightoncatholic.org.uk for more opportunities.

Message from Fr Sebastian

Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you."



He breathes the Holy Spirit upon the disciples and sends them to continue his work. Jesus' act of breathing the Holy Spirit upon the apostles mirrors God's act of breathing life into Adam. Pentecost is also about courage. The Spirit gives Christians the strength and courage to bear witness to Christ in the world and to proclaim the good news of salvation.

Let us be reminded of our Christian mandate during the first Pentecost - to be as courageous as Christ was and make a commitment to serve all people without condition and regardless of who they are. This is our mission in this world.

On the occasion of Pentecost Sunday, I wish that we are all blessed with holy powers. Wisdom and understanding, peace and happiness are what I wish for you on this special day - Pentecost Sunday.

Thank you from our Parish Food Bank!

A big, big thank you to all the parishioners who brought over 50 loaves of bread, milk, fresh and tinned fruit and vegetables last Sunday. It was greatly appreciated. This week no bread (as we have many loaves stored in the freezer), but please bring milk and anything else that you can!

thank you!

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SOME CHANGES TO COMING TO CHURCH

Further to last week's newsletter and email we have had new guidance from the Bishops Conference of England and Wales, and from the Diocese.

We are now allowed to reintroduce the following:

- Incense
- The Prayers of the Faithful,
- The Offertory Procession
- At Communion the Priests will now be able to announce "The Body of Christ".
- Votive Candles
- The Offertory Procession

Please note some restrictions will remain in place:

- You will still need to either sign in or scan the QR Code
- You will still need to wear a mask - unless exempt
- You should still sit in family groups or bubbles
- There is still no Sign of Peace
- You will still need to use hand sanitiser on arrival
- You should still sit in family groups or bubbles
- There is still no congregational singing allowed

All places of worship are also being asked to always consider the prevailing local conditions for the virus - we are monitoring this closely.

Please continue to follow the directions of our Welcomers as we take this next step safely.

Thank you as always for your support!

The Wednesday Takeaway Community Cafe has reopened!!

The Real Junk Food Project Brighton's Community Cafe has reopened for takeaways every Wednesday lunchtime from 12.30 - 14.00 at St John the Baptist parish hall. Every Wednesday you will be able to collect a delicious takeaway lunch made from food that would otherwise go to landfill on a "pay as you feel" basis. Pay as you feel means that you pay what you can afford or what you think the meal is worth and it encourages people to think about what that plate of food means to them. It helps to end the segregation of people based on financial circumstances in a way that does not patronise those who need it and those who want to support it. Those in need are not degraded or shamed for taking a free or cheap meal, likewise those who can afford it are not pestered into more and more donations. Everyone is equal in getting fed, it is up to the individual to pay what they feel.

You are encouraged to eat your takeaway in the church courtyard or on the green opposite the Fitzherbert Centre, which has recently been beautifully landscaped by Brighton Table Tennis Club as the first stage of the Fitzherbert Community Hub Community Garden programme. This will not only give you the opportunity to meet members of our wider East Brighton community but the chance to try your hand at table tennis after lunch if you fancy giving it a go!

Next steps in MasterPlan of delivering the Fitzherbert Community Hub

This week, the design was completed and tender documents sent out to 4 contractors who will price it by the end of next month and start on site a couple of months later, assuming we raise 90% of the cost. Please see our latest blogs and videos of progress, including an image of the proposed courtyard [here https://fitzherbertcommunityhub.org.uk/innovative-building-innovative-design/](https://fitzherbertcommunityhub.org.uk/innovative-building-innovative-design/)

Next week we will explain how to contribute to the project through our crowdfunding appeal!

Altar Servers

We are pleased to inform you all that we are making a new group of servers in our parish. If you served before lockdowns and you would like to come back, please do it ASAP. If you haven't been a server yet but you would like to join us and you are after First Holy Communion, please do it ASAP too. **There will be a meeting for all our altar servers and candidates on 11th June (Friday) at 7.00pm at St John the Baptist church.** Please do come along with your parents as we would like to introduce and discuss new formation plan that will begin this year.

For more information, please contact Fr Sebastian directly: sebastian.kijak@abdiocese.org.uk

Confirmation 2021 - For Candidates and their parents

As lockdown's restrictions ease, we are able to meet together soon and start the Confirmation programme 2021 off. The introductory meeting with candidates and their parents/guardians will be held on Sunday 4th July at St Joseph's Church, after the evening Mass (approx. 6.30pm). The course will begin in September 2021 and is for the candidates already registered only. The Confirmation Mass for this group will take place in November.

YOUNG ADULTS/STUDENTS

Any young adults are welcome to join us on Sundays for socials after the 11:30am mass.

For information about the latest young adults events and activities please see our Facebook group. www.facebook.com/groups/deepwatersbrighton.

Students - find out more about the Universities' Catholic Chaplaincy at www.catholicstudents.org and www.facebook.com/groups/catholicchaplaincy. You can get in touch with Claire, the Chaplain for Brighton at claireosullivan@brighton.ac.uk

Join The Wellspring Community For a Year

Every year we welcome new members to come and walk alongside our community for a year to explore their faith. We offer faith formation based on the Benedictine tradition as well as mission opportunities with young adults. Starts end of August 2021. If you think you or someone you know would be interested please [click here for more info](#) or email admin@wellspringbrighton.org.uk.

GROUPS / MEETINGS

The Monday Zoom Rosary Group

We will recommence on 7th June at 4pm. All welcome to join. Please contact the parish office for more info. The group have been joining the daily 5pm live broadcast of the recitation of the Holy Rosary during the month of May. It link-ups with 30 Marian shrines around the world, as part of a marathon of prayer called by Pope Francis for the end of the pandemic. Follow the Vatican link to access the site. <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/epg.html>

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.

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: <https://zoom.us/j/96161676521> ID: 961 6167 6521

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 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". LINK: <https://zoom.us/j/92452001507> ID: 924 5200 1507

Padre Pio Group

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

There will be Adoration at St Josephs after 6pm mass on Fridays (from 6:30pm-8:00pm)

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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. LINK: <https://zoom.us/j/9232797736> ID: 923 2797 7736

"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. [Click here for more info](#) LINK:<https://zoom.us/j/97896232496> ID: 978 9623 2496

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.

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MASS TIMES

Saturday 22nd May		
St John the Baptist	6:00pm First Mass of Sunday	Bernard Cunningham (<i>Margaret</i>)
Sunday 23rd May	PENTECOST	
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass	Jose Fernandes & Joanita Fernandes Intentions
St Joseph's	11:30 Mass (click here to watch)	Josephine Thomas (<i>Celia Webster</i>)
St Joseph's	5:30 Mass	People of the Parish
Monday 24th May	Mary, Mother of the Church	
St John the Baptist	10:00 Mass (click here to watch)	Brian Bonner RIP (<i>Toni Bonner</i>)
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Diane Christelle RIP (<i>Ruth Mouvogny</i>)
Tuesday 25th May	St Bede the Venerable	
St John the Baptist	10:00am Mass	Helen Ferrers RIP (<i>Foundation</i>)
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Henryk Kartowicz RIP
Wednesday 26th May	St Philip Neri	
St John the Baptist	10:00am Mass (click here to watch)	Mission of the Parish
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Henryk Kartowicz RIP
Thursday 27th May	Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest	
St John the Baptist	11:00am Requiem Mass <i>Not open to the Public</i>	John Walsh RIP
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Henryk Kartowicz RIP
Friday 28th May		
St John the Baptist	10:00am Mass (click here to watch)	Theresa Creffield
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Henryk Kartowicz RIP
St Joseph's	6:30pm - 8:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Saturday 29th May		
St John the Baptist	10:00am Mass (click here to watch)	Henryk Kartowicz RIP
St Joseph's	11:00am—11:45am Confessions	
St John the Baptist	6:00pm First Mass of Sunday	People of the Parish
Sunday 30th May	THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass	All Saints & Angels (<i>Jason & Alisha Fernandes</i>)
St Joseph's	11:30am Mass (click here to watch)	The living and the dead of the Mashalo Family
St Joseph's	5:30pm Mass	Henryk Kartowicz RIP

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 John Joseph Walsh, 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.