



St Joseph's & St John the Baptist

CATHOLIC PARISH EAST BRIGHTON

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

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) 18th July 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 Kieron

Jesus took pity on the crowds because they were like sheep without a shepherd.

Abandoned sheep are needy and vulnerable. They can stray and get lost; they might get stuck in fences or ditches and they become easy prey for predators such as wolves.

We can be like those crowds. We can wander away from the path of truth and lose our sense of direction; we can get tangled up in the barbed wire of fractured relationships and broken promises and we can fall prey to the false prophets of doom who try to stifle our optimism and hope. Yet we have not been abandoned!

Jesus is there for us as he was there for the crowd. He seeks us out when we are lost and cannot see the way ahead, he heals our wounds and helps us to forget our bad memories and he will restore our hope in this life and the next.

We always need the guidance of the Good Shepherd as we navigate our way through life and now, more so than ever. Even when human authority and structures seem to fail us, the Good Shepherd remains true to his name.

BBC Songs of Praise from Arundel Cathedral

This week's Songs of Praise comes from Arundel Cathedral. It will be airing on **Sunday 18 July at 1.15pm on BBC One** and will be available to watch on the BBC iPlayer afterwards. We hope you enjoy the episode; we welcome feedback so please get in touch after the broadcast and let us know what you thought;

E: communications@abdiocese.org.uk

thank you!

Thank you from our Parish Food Bank!

It was another busy weekend in the Parish food bank. If you can, please bring fresh milk, fresh sliced bread, fresh fruit, veg and salad.

Thank you once again to everyone supporting our Food Bank.

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COMING TO CHURCH

Important info about Masses

We have just received guidance from the Diocese and the Conference of Bishops about how we will proceed to Step 4 from Monday, 19th July. The guidance we must follow is not just from the government, but also from our Diocesan Health and Safety team and The Catholic Insurance Service. As per the guidance, we will also be closely monitoring the rates of infection and hospitalisation in our city.

We will issue an update next week (keep an eye out for a midweek email next week!) – but for the moment we would ask you to continue to observe social distancing guidelines, and to wear a mask at Mass.

Also - if you can, please come to the 6:00pm Saturday Vigil Mass at SJB or the 5:30pm Sunday Evening Mass at St Joseph's as these masses are quieter.

A reminder of the guidance from the Bishops Conference of England and Wales, and from the Diocese.

Please note the following restrictions remain in place until further information is issued

- 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
- Please only attend one Sunday Mass—either Saturday evening or Sunday morning.
- 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
- There is still no Sign of Peace

Tea & Coffee after 11:30am mass at St Joseph's

We are once again trialling tea & coffee after the 11.30am Mass at St. Joseph's this week. Cyril and one or two others will serve on Sunday and it will be reviewed as to how it works and if it can continue safely. Drinks will be served outside and we are limited to serving 30 people. Please bring a cup if you want (to minimise handling, you can hold it while its been filled and the servers will add milk/sugar for you if required!)

The Wednesday Takeaway Community Cafe has reopened!!

Come and join The Real Junk Food Project Brighton's Community Cafe for takeaways every Wednesday lunchtime from 12.30 - 14.00 at St John the Baptist parish hall. Collect a delicious takeaway lunch made from food that would otherwise go to landfill on a "pay as you feel" basis.

The Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group in Crawley— Redundant iPads and Laptops

Redundant iPads and Laptops are desperately needed by the Gatwick Detainees' Welfare Group. An IT company has agreed to 'clean' devices to remove any data. These devices can enable a person whether in detention or after release, to help themselves; to access classes for speakers of other languages, to communicate with friends, family, our staff, their volunteer visitor and to access resources such as Food Banks and to join our post detention services.

Contact Josie at: josiewade@gdwg.org.uk. Thank you.

Hospitality Team Meeting - POSTPONED!

We decided to postpone the Hospitality Team meeting that was scheduled for tomorrow (Saturday) – we will reschedule this meeting for September. We will email the new guidance to our Welcoming Teams when we have reviewed the guidance – expect an email by next Wednesday.

As we move out of lockdown this important ministry the emphasis will move from stewarding, to hospitality – welcoming new people to our community and welcoming back people who perhaps haven't been to mass in 16 months. Please think about joining our Welcomers and Hospitality Team - we need a larger team as our numbers increase again. Contact the Parish Office for more information or if you have any queries.

Beginning Experience Weekend

If you are single again following divorce, separation or the death of your partner, a residential weekend to help you to heal will be held from 8th to 10th October 2021 at the Sion Community, Brentwood, Essex. If you would like more details, please ring Freda 01322-838415 or Maura 07795-498445 or email besouthofengland@gmail.com.

Parish Office

The Parish Office will be closed next Friday, 23rd July—the newsletter and email will be produced on Wednesday. If you have anything for the newsletter, please submit it by Tuesday evening. Thank you!

YOUNG ADULTS/STUDENTS

For info about the latest young adults events & activities see www.facebook.com/groups/deepwatersbrighton.

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

GROUPS / MEETINGS

The Monday Zoom Rosary Group

All welcome to join. Please contact the parish office for more info.

Tuesday Rosary - new time

The Tuesday Rosary at St Joseph's church will continue - we will now start at 06:00 and finishing at 06:40. Doors open at 05:45. It would be great if you can manage to join us - if only for one decade.

Tuesday evenings - Catholic Faith Exploration The Joy of Hope

On the Tuesday evenings in July we are running sessions on The Joy of Hope. The series offers an uplifting and practical insight into the joy of living now with hope in the future blessing of Eternal Life with God in Heaven. Just join in on Tuesdays at 7:30 by clicking this link <https://zoom.us/j/96161676521>

Alpha - continues this Thursday.

Our 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. 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.

Stations of the Light

As we have passed Pentecost, our Friday sessions on Stations of the Light have now finished. You can still watch previous weeks' on our youtube channel.

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/92327977736> ID: 923 2797 7736

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.

A note for Grandparents

You may be aware that next Sunday, 25 July will see the celebration of the First World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. The theme chosen by the Holy Father for this World Day is "I am with you always" (cf. Mt 28:20) which is a way of expressing the closeness of the Lord and the Church to every older person, especially in these challenging pandemic times. Pope Francis has written a beautiful letter which can be found here: [First World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, 2021: "I am with you always" | Francis \(vatican.va\)](https://www.vatican.va/holy_father/francis/messages/epistolae/2021/05/20210518_1st-world-day-for-grandparents-and-the-elderly_en.html) and there is also a beautiful prayer which has been written to commemorate the day - [click here for the prayer](#) or contact the Parish Office if you would like a copy.

CCRS - The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies

The CCRS is beginning again in our Diocese this September. The course is designed for teachers in Catholic schools, for Catechists and for anyone who would like to grow in understanding as they live their Catholic faith. The CCRS offers a very flexible and accessible way of learning, it includes some online content and is made up of eight modules: six core and two specialist modules. For more information or to register your place please [contact our Formation Adviser](#)

Creativity and Faith

[Click here to go to the Creativity and Faith page on our website](#), with images, prayers and poems by parishioners. We welcome all new submissions via the office – email eastbrighton@abdiocese.org.uk or give the office a call.

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MASS TIMES

Saturday 17th July		
St John the Baptist	6:00pm First Mass of Sunday	Alex Pires RIP (<i>Jennifer & Family</i>)
Sunday 18th July SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass	Frances Abwongo RIP (<i>Her Friends at SJB</i>)
St Joseph's	11:30 Mass (click here to watch)	Noel Dolan RIP (<i>The Family</i>)
St Joseph's	5:30 Mass	People of the Parish
Monday 19th July		
St John the Baptist	No Mass	
St Joseph's	6:00 Mass	Encarna Villar RIP
Tuesday 20th July		
St John the Baptist	No Mass	
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Agnes Desiree Donovan RIP (<i>Foundation</i>)
Wednesday 21st July		
St John the Baptist	10:00am Mass (click here to watch)	AH & F Meacock RIP (<i>Foundation</i>)
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Mission of the Parish
Thursday 22nd July St Mary Magdalene		
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	John Power RIP
Friday 23rd July St Bridget of Sweden, Patron of Europe		
St John the Baptist	10:00am Mass (click here to watch)	Peter Smith RIP Anniversary
St Joseph's	6:00pm Mass	Maureen Trezona RIP
Saturday 24th July		
St John the Baptist	No Mass	
St Joseph's	11:00am - 11:45am Confessions	
St John the Baptist	6:00pm First Mass of Sunday	Christine Ryan RIP
Sunday 25th July SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		
St John the Baptist	11:00am Mass	Dorothy Marcantonio Anniversary RIP (<i>Toni Bonner</i>)
St Joseph's	11:30am Mass (click here to watch)	People of the Parish
St Joseph's	5:30pm Mass	John Murray RIP (<i>Mary Murray</i>)

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, Roy Dadswell, and Christopher Browne.

Those who have died recently especially Frances Abwongo and Noel Dolan 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.